

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES OF November 7, 2005**

**St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Room 14**

**Members Present:** David S. Deaderick, Chair  
George Baroniak, Vice Chair  
Joseph B. Bush, Member  
Warren Kunz, Member  
Viola M. Gardner, Alternate Member  
Susan J. Wolfe, Executive Secretary

**Also Present:** John Norris, III, County Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Deaderick at 2:00 p.m

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mr. Goeller was unable to attend the meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 21, 2005.

Celebration. A surprise celebration was held honoring Viola Gardner's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Mr. Deaderick presented a birthday proclamation signed by the Board of County Commissioners. Three of Ms. Gardner's friends were in attendance.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of October 17, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Advisory Opinion 2005-04. Mr. Deaderick introduced the County Attorney, John Norris, III, who discussed why he submitted a request for an Advisory Opinion concerning whether an ex-officio, non-voting member of a County commission can be excused from filing a Financial Disclosure Statement. After discussion with Mr. Norris, Commission members reviewed his comments and the request for an Advisory Opinion. Two further pieces of information are necessary for the Commission to make its decision and Mr. Baroniak offered to acquire that information. The request will be considered further at the next meeting of the Commission.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Bush moved to adjourn at 2:40 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried