

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2004**

**Library, St. Mary's County Governmental Center**

**Members Present:** David Deaderick, Vice Chair  
George Baroniak, Member  
Viola Gardner, Member  
Zora Siemasko, Member  
Shirley Baldwin, Executive Secretary  
Heidi Duddera, Assistant County Attorney

**Absent:** M. Martha Neal, Ph.D., Chair

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next meeting of the Ethics Commission will be April 5, 2004.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES**

Minutes of March 1, 2004 The motion was made by Ms. Siemasko to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mr. Baroniak. The motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes of March 1, 2004. The minutes of the Executive Session were distributed for review. Two minor changes were made to the minutes upon which Mr. Baroniak made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Siemasko. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

- Status 2003 Outstanding. It was noted that there are 76 FDS's ready for review at today's meeting. Mr. Deaderick postponed the review session until later in today's meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- E-Mail from Walter Burch regarding Development Review Forum (DRF) Mr. Deaderick reported on a meeting with the President of the BOCC in which, among other items, the matter of the activities of the DRF was briefly discussed. He advised Mr. McKay that he would be bringing this to the attention of the County Attorney and offered to present the educational presentation to the DRF upon invitation to do so. In a later telephone call to the County Attorney, Mr. Deaderick relayed the same concern. A letter will be drafted by Mr. Deaderick advising Mr. Burch that the Ethics Commission does not have the authority to pursue boards or commissions whose activities appear to fall outside the scope of their authority but that communications have been made to those in County Government who do have such authority.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to enter into Executive Session under 4-210(a)(8) of the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act at 2:14 p.m., seconded by Ms. Gardiner. Motion carried.

The Commission returned to regular session at 2:40 p.m.

#### **FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

- Review Session

The Commission reviewed 76 Financial Disclosure Statements, of which 73 were approved. Three required additional information, which Shirley Baldwin will obtain by phone.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Siemasko made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m., seconded by Mr. Baroniak. Motion carried.