

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

**MINUTES OF April 2, 2007**

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

**Members Present: George E. Baroniak, Chair**

**Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair**

**Arthur E. Goeller, Member**

**Terri Holder, Member**

**Warren Kunz, Member**

**Viola Gardner, Alternate**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Baroniak at 2:16 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on April 16, 2007

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of March 19, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Goeller to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Members reviewed and approved the memorandum from Mr. Baroniak to Walter Burch, citizen, indicating that the Commission will solicit a Financial Disclosure Statement for calendar year 2006 from each of the persons appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to the Rural Preservation District Task Force. The memorandum will be sent to Mr. Burch.

A request was received at the last meeting from the Chief Financial Officer, St. Mary's County Public Schools, concerning non-receipt of a Financial Disclosure Statement from the former Director of Maintenance. Mr. Baroniak contacted that individual to discuss his non-filing. Mr. Baroniak will contact him again to further discuss the matter.

Mr. Baroniak reported that he spoke with Robert Hahn, General Counsel, Maryland State Ethics Commission, about proposed ethics training for the southern Maryland counties. Mr. Hahn indicated significant changes are being proposed in the General Assembly to the lobbying section of the State Ethics Ordinance. As soon as decisions have been made and the Ethics Ordinance is

revised, training can be scheduled. All members agreed that the state lobbying changes will be reviewed as soon as approved vis-à-vis the county Ethics Ordinance.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

Nine statements were reviewed. Second notice letters will be sent to those individuals who have not yet filed CY 2006 forms.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr Bush to adjourn the meeting at 2:54 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.