

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

**MINUTES OF May 1, 2006**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2006.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of April 24, 2006. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

Four statements were reviewed. To date, 238 calendar year 2005 statements have been reviewed. For those individuals who have not filed their 2005 statements, cease and desist letters will be prepared for review by the members at the May 15 meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Discussion with Chair, Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board. Mr. Deaderick reported he spoke with Mr. Rivers and conveyed the advice of the commission that it would be prudent if his employers did not bid on removal of scrap metal after the demolition of the Golf Course clubhouse.

Discussion with Member of Plumbing Board. Mr. Deaderick followed up on the telephone conversation between Mr. Goeller and Mr. Bryson, Plumbing Board, through contact with Adam Knight, Department of Land Use & Growth Management, who will, in turn, discuss the matter with Mr. Bryson.

Revised Ethics Ordinance; Maryland State Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion Re Acceptance of Tickets to College and Professional Sporting Events. The County Attorney is reviewing the draft. The revised Ordinance will then be sent to the State Ethics Commission for review of the specific language regarding acceptance of tickets to collegiate and professional sporting events.

After approval by the State Ethics Commission, the Ordinance will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners and then proceed through the public hearing process.

Request for an Advisory Opinion from St. Mary's County Employees Association. At the request of commission members, Ms. Chesser will review this issue and provide her advice as soon as possible.

Request for Information as to Whether a County Commissioner Who (1) is a Member of a County Volunteer Fire Department May Vote on Budget Matters Pertaining to the Fire Department and (2) Receives a Length of Service Retirement Stipend from the Department, Should Discuss and/or Vote on these Matters. In response to Commissioner Mattingly's requests, an advisory memorandum concerning request (1) will be prepared by Mr. Bush and presented to the members for review at the May 15 meeting. An advisory opinion regarding request (2) was approved by the members and will be signed at the May 15 meeting.

Ethics Commission Brochure. Mrs. Wolfe briefly discussed the proposed brochure and provided members with suggestions for possible format. She will present the brochure to the members at the second meeting in June.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Goeller moved to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried