

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

**MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2004**

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

**Members Present:** M. Martha Neal, Ph.D., Chair  
David Deaderick, Vice Chair  
George Baroniak, Member  
Viola Gardner, Member  
Shirley Baldwin, Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:** Zora Siemasko, Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Neal at 2:10 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The May 17, 2004 meeting will be held in Room 14.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES**

Minutes of April 19, 2004 The motion was made by Mr. Deaderick to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Ms. Gardner. The motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes #1 of April 19, 2004. Ms. Gardner made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Deaderick. The motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes #2 of April 19, 2004. Mr. Baroniak made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Gardner. The motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes #3 of April 19, 2004. Mr. Baroniak made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Deaderick. The motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes #4 of April 19, 2004. Mr. Baroniak made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Deaderick. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS**

Status of 2003 Outstanding It was noted that 246 statements have been mailed. There are 17 ready for Commission review with 12 outstanding.

Cease & Desist Letters: The regular Cease & Desist letter was sent to County Attorney John Norris for input regarding sending the letter to those persons who are no longer serving. Our recourse would be to go to the Circuit Court. Dr. Neal pointed out the Commissioners have demonstrated they will take action on those persons who are serving and have not filed a financial disclosure statement. A discussion took place regarding sending a strong letter to those who are no longer serving pointing out that they are obligated to file for the period that they served and failure to do so may put at risk some actions taken by that commission/board when they were serving. A letter will be drafted and sent to

those four who are no longer serving and the regular cease and desist letter is ready for mailing today to the eight individuals who are still serving.

Review Session 16 Financial Disclosure Statements were approved with additional information being required on one.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2005 Budget** Last year's budget showed \$8889 and the 2005 budget was approved for the same amount. The current year-to-date report was reviewed. No problems are envisioned with the 2005 budget amount.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Baroniak made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:26 p.m., seconded by Ms. Gardner. Motion carried.