

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

**MINUTES OF June 20, 2005**

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

**Members Present:** Davis S. Deaderick, Chair  
George Baroniak, Vice Chair  
Joseph B. Bush, Member  
Arthur F. Goeller, Member  
Zora M. Siemasko, Member  
Susan J. Wolfe, Executive Secretary

**Members Absent:** Viola M. Gardner, Alternate Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Gardner was unable to attend the meeting. Due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, the next Commission meeting will be held on Monday, July 11, 2005.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of June 6, 2005. A motion was made by Ms. Siemasko to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

FDS Status: 237 FDS statements for calendar year 2004 were sent. Five statements remain outstanding. 230 statements have been reviewed by Ethics Commission members. The commission is awaiting additional information from two individuals. On June 10, certified letters were sent to those individuals who have not submitted their reports; the letters requested that statements be submitted no later than June 20, 2005. Commission members agreed to send cease and desist letters to the five individuals.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Revision of Ethics Ordinance. The public hearing regarding Revision of the Ethics Ordinance is scheduled for June 28, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 14 of the Governmental Center. Mr. Deaderick urged all members to attend the hearing.

Briefing for Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Baroniak reported that he offered a briefing by the Ethics Commission to the county Chamber of Commerce. The request was well received by the Chamber and a date for the briefing will be proposed.

Solicitation of Gifts. Members reviewed the email communication sent by the Assistant County Attorney to Tom Tucker, Washington Gas Light. They agreed with her advice to Mr. Tucker. An advisory opinion will be prepared to record the background and advice regarding this issue.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Baroniak moved to adjourn at 2:38 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.