

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF July 11, 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
 Viola M. Gardner, Alternate Member
 Susan J. Wolfe, Executive Secretary

Others Present: **Susan L. Sabo, Director of Human Resources**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Deaderick announced that, due to family commitments, Ms. Siemasko has not sought reappointment to the Commission for another three-year term. He will send a memorandum to the Public Information Office regarding this resignation. Mr. Deaderick and Mr. Baroniak were reelected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the 2005-2006 year. Further Commission membership business is discussed under **NEW BUSINESS**.

Mr. Deaderick introduced Susan L. Sabo, the newly appointed Director of Human Resources for St. Mary's County. An informal briefing on the responsibilities of the Ethics Commission was presented by the members.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of June 20, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes as written, with one editorial correction. The motion was seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

FDS Status: 238 FDS statements for calendar year 2004 were sent. Four statements remain outstanding. 230 statements have been reviewed by Ethics Commission members. As a result of non-compliance by four individuals, a letter to the county commissioners requesting that they enforce compliance with the Ethics Ordinance will be sent on July 18, 2005.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revision of Ethics Ordinance. The public hearing regarding Revision of the Ethics Ordinance was held on June 28, 2005. At the hearing, the Assistant County Attorney advised the county commissioners that the Maryland State Ethics Commission is currently reviewing the state

ordinance vis-à-vis tickets to professional and collegiate sporting events. She and Mr. Deaderick advised the commissioners that they could approve the revised county Ethics Ordinance without change or wait until the state commission issues its decision. The commissioners are holding the revision.

Briefing for Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Baroniak announced that the briefing by the Ethics Commission to the county Chamber of Commerce will be held on Wednesday, July 28, at 7:30 a.m., at the Chamber's new office at the St. Mary's County Airport. Mr. Deaderick urged all members to attend.

Solicitation of Gifts. Members approved an Advisory Memorandum on the solicitation of gifts (attached).

NEW BUSINESS:

Commission Membership. In light of the vacancy on the Commission, a roster of those county residents interested in serving on the Ethics Commission will be requested immediately from the Public Information Office for the purpose of making a recommendation for a fifth member to the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on July 19.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Deaderick advised that the meeting scheduled for July 18, 2005, will be held only if the commission receives copies of forms from individuals interested in serving on the commission prior to that date.

Mr. Bush moved to adjourn at 3:01 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.