

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

**MINUTES OF September 26, 2005**

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

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

**Others Present:** Heidi Dudderar, Assistant County Attorney  
Jack Russell, Candidate for President, Board of Commissioners, St.  
Mary's County  
Vicki Volk Russell

**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 October 3, 2005.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of September 12, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes as written.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

Review of Statements. Two FDS statement were reviewed. One statement was returned for insufficient information.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

In early September, a request for an advisory opinion was received from Mr. Jack Russell, a candidate for election to the Board of County Commissioners, concerning a possible conflict of interest between his employment by a nonprofit organization that, among other things, serves children in the St. Mary's County Public Schools with educational trips aboard its skipjack "Dee of St. Mary's," whose captain is Mr. Russell. Commission members received the request at the September 12 meeting. After opening remarks by Mr. Deaderick, Mr. Russell presented a brief synopsis of his responsibilities in re the Chesapeake Bay Field Lab and environmental tours aboard "The Dee" and outlined the relationship between the Field Lab and the St. Mary's County Public Schools. Assistant County Attorney Heidi Dudderar addressed issues raised by the request. After hearing all testimony and discussing the matter, the Ethics Commission ruled that

there was no conflict of interest so long as Mr. Russell, should he be elected to the Board of County Commissioners, decline participation in matters concerning the particulars of the Board of Education budget pertaining to these trips. Mr. Baroniak will draft an advisory opinion for consideration at the October 3 meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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