

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF October 4, 2004**

St. Mary's County Governmental Center, Rm. 14

Members Present: **David Deaderick, Chair**
 George Baroniak, Vice Chair
 Joseph B. Bush, Member
 Viola Gardner, Member
 Zora Siemasko, Member
 Arthur Goeller, Alternate Member
 Shirley Baldwin, Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2004.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of September 13, 2004. Mr. Bush noted on page 3 under New Business, next to last line, the word "own" should be deleted. The motion was made by Ms Gardner, seconded by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

FDS Status: There are two outstanding Financial Disclosure Statements and two in administrative review.

Review Session: No Financial Disclosure Statements to approve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revisions to Ethics Ordinance Mr. Norris provided corrected copies of the Ethics Ordinance with the revisions which were made by the Commission for additional review.

Advisory Opinions (Independent Consultant)

The independent consultant whose letter was reviewed at the previous Ethics Commission meeting answered questions regarding her request for an advisory opinion on three issues related to her secondary employment. After question and discussion among the Commission, the Requester, and the County Attorney, the motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to issue an advisory opinion stating that the situations she raised as presented contained no conflict of interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bush and approved without objection. Mr. Bush volunteered to draft an Advisory Opinion for all three questions.

Advisory Opinion (Commissioner Jarboe) Following consideration of a letter from Commissioner Jarboe at the previous meeting of the Ethics Commission, Mr. Baroniak presented a draft of the Advisory Opinion. The Commission will consider the final draft at the meeting on October 18.

Advisory Opinion (Commissioners McKay and Raley). Following consideration of a memorandum from Mr. Norris, County Attorney, on behalf of Commissioners McKay and Raley at the previous meeting of the Ethics Commission, Mr. Deaderick presented a draft of the Advisory Opinion. The Commission will consider the final draft at the meeting on October 18.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorandum from Assistant County Attorney Requesting Ethics Opinion A memorandum was received from Heidi E. Dudderar requesting an opinion regarding possible appointment of Deputy William Raddatz, President of the Fraternal Order of Police to the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Board of Trustees. The Chair will seek the advice of the State Ethics Commission regarding whether the issue is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting on October 18.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Siemasko moved to adjourn at 3:25 p.m., seconded by Ms. Gardner