

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

**MINUTES OF October 16, 2006**

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Ms. Wolfe was unable to attend the meeting.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on November 6, 2006.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of October 8, 2006. A motion was made by Mr. Bush to accept the minutes with one editorial correction. The motion was seconded and carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

Three statements were reviewed.

Members began their discussion of possible revisions to the Financial Disclosure Statement form and cover letter for the 2006 calendar year. Further discussion will take place at the next few meetings

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Revised Ethics Ordinance; Preparation for Public Hearing. Mr. Deaderick previewed his remarks to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the public hearing. Members discussed the issue of solicitation and acceptance of gifts in preparation for the hearing. They agreed that the current revision to the county Ethics Ordinance conforms to the state Ethics Ordinance and the direction of the state commission's General Counsel. Mr. Baroniak told members that any member not having a copy will receive the current Maryland Public Ethics Law for their files.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Deaderick met informally with Robert Hahn, General Counsel, Maryland State Ethics Commission, at a recent ethics training program for St. Mary's College employees. Mr. Hahn complimented the work and dedication of the St. Mary's County Ethics Commission. He said the state Commission would be interested in a tri-county area training session and urged the St. Mary's commission to plan it with his office. Mr. Baroniak will contact representatives from the Charles County and Calvert County ethics commissions to discuss this matter.

Members also agreed that briefings should be provided to any newly elected county officials, most likely at the "Get to Know Your Government" sessions in January, as well as to the next school board briefing. The PowerPoint training slides will be updated prior to those sessions. Notes are included with the slides to allow any member to make future presentations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Deaderick to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.

A celebration was held in honor of Ms. Gardner's 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.