

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF November 15, 2004

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

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

Members Absent: Viola Gardner, Member

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2004.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of November 1, 2004. The motion was made by Mr. Baroniak to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

FDS Status: Mr. Deaderick has spoken to Mr. Savich regarding the two members of the Economic Development Commission who have failed to file. Mr. Savich will follow up on this and if they have not filed prior to the next Ethics Commission meeting, a Cease and Desist Order will be issued.

Review Session: No Financial Disclosure Statement received for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revisions to Ethics Ordinance Mr. Deaderick advised he is awaiting approval from the State Ethics Commission prior to submitting them to the County Commissioners for enactment.

Financial Disclosure Statement for 2004. The Financial Disclosure Statement for 2003 was distributed for review at the previous meeting. Mr. Deaderick distributed a revised copy with his suggested changes for 2004 which were reviewed. Consideration was given to creating a form for re-certifying the Statement which would be sent to persons required to file that if there are no changes to the previously filed Statement, they do not have to re-file the entire Statement. Mr. Deaderick will make the necessary changes to the Statement and have it available for the next

meeting. The Statement must be updated annually and placed on the website for usage by first-time applicants. A form must be devised which could be used to follow-up for those individuals who have no changes to the previously filed form. Mr. Baroniak volunteered to draft a form for this purpose and report back at the next meeting. These proposed changes will be reviewed with the County Attorney's office and the State Ethics Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

2005 Budget The instructions for the 2005 budget were received from the Department of Finance. Mr. Deaderick will look it over and report back.

Ethics Commission Membership Mr. Deaderick said he had a conversation with Mrs. Gardner who indicated she would like to move her membership to the alternate position and have Mr. Goeller serve as the member. Mr. Deaderick will send a letter to the BOCC requesting this action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bush moved to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. Motion seconded and carried