

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

**MINUTES OF May 15, 2006**

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

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

**Also Present:** Christy Holt Chesser, County Attorney

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Baroniak at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Deaderick and Ms. Wolfe were unable to attend the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2006.

**REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:**

Minutes of May 1, 2006. A motion was made by Joseph Bush to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

Four statements were reviewed. Cease and desist letters were approved and will be mailed after the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Revised Ethics Ordinance; Maryland State Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion Re Acceptance of Tickets to College and Professional Sporting Events. Christy Chesser is reviewing the language in the revised Ethics Ordinance.

Request for an Advisory Opinion from St. Mary's County Employees Association. Commission members briefly discussed the issue. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Request for Information as to Whether a County Commissioner Who (1) is a Member of a County Volunteer Fire Department May Vote on Budget Matters Pertaining to the Fire Department and (2) Receives a Length of Service Retirement Stipend from the Department, Should Discuss and/or Vote on these Matters. Commission members continued discussion on these two issues. The advisory opinion and advisory memorandum will be presented at the next meeting.

Review of Commission Bylaws. The proposed bylaws changes were reviewed. They will be voted upon at the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Ms. Gardner moved to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.