

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2004

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

Members Present: David Deaderick, Chair
George Baroniak, Vice Chair
Viola Gardner, Member
Zora Siemasko, Member
John Norris, III, County Attorney
Shirley Baldwin, Executive Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Deaderick at 2:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next meeting is scheduled for Aug. 2, 2004. Secretarial assistance will be provided by BOCC office.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of July 12, 2004. The motion was made by Mr. Baroniak and seconded by Ms. Gardner to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Status of 2003 Outstanding. There are still four members who have not filed. Two received since last meeting; however, one needs to be returned to be notarized. Mr. Norris advised of one which should be received soon as well as new appointees who are required to file.

Review Session: One Financial Disclosure Statement was reviewed and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revisions to Ethics Ordinance: At the July 12 meeting, a draft of the Ethics Ordinance with proposed revisions was distributed. Mr. Norris walked the Ethics Commission through the proposed revisions, some of which were formatting and administrative changes and others involved substantial changes to the Ethics Ordinance. Following a discussion of these proposed revisions, it was agreed to postpone a decision on the revisions today to allow time for further review. They will be put on the agenda for August 2. Mr. Norris will not be available for that meeting; however, Heidi Dudderar will attend in his place. Mr. Norris will make some additional revisions and provide alternative language for Section 9 "Enforcement" and will survey some other jurisdictions to find out how they handle this. He will have an update for the Aug. 2 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ethics Ordinance Educational Presentation Mr. Deaderick updated the Educational Presentation on the Ethics Ordinance. Mr. Deaderick walked the Commission members through the presentation and noted changes which were made. Some administrative changes were noted. The presentation will be made Tuesday evening to the Democratic Club of St. Mary's Nicoletti's Pizza at 7:00 p.m. All Ethics Commission members were invited to attend and participate in the presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Siemasko moved to adjourn at 3:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Baroniak. Motion carried.