

ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION

St. Mary's County Governmental Center

MINUTES OF:

August 6, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: George E. Baroniak, Chair

Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair

Arthur E. Goeller, Member

Warren Kunz, Member

Robert W. Denning, Alternate Member

Susan J. Wolfe, Executive Secretary (retiring)

Darlene F. Jones, Executive Secretary

Members Not Present: Terri Holder, Member

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2007. Ms. Holder will not be able to attend that meeting. Mr. Baroniak introduced the new Alternate Member, Robert W. Denning, and the new Executive Secretary, Darlene F. Jones. Ms. Wolfe will meet with Ms. Jones to provide a smooth transition, including attendance at the August 20 meeting.

REVIEW/APPROVE MINUTES:

Minutes of August 6, 2007. A motion was made by Mr. Bush to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CY2006 Annual Report: The report was approved and signed and it will be submitted to the Public Information Office and the IT Help Desk for posting on the Commission website.

Lobbying: Mr. Goeller completed his review of the new State lobbying regulations. The regulations will next be reviewed by Ms. Holder.

Senior Property Tax Review Committee: Mr. Baroniak reported that he attended the organizational meeting of the Senior Property Tax Review Committee this date. He briefed members on the Ethics Ordinance and explained why the Ethics Commission advised that all members of the Committee must complete Financial Disclosure Statements. After a review of the Ordinances creating the Senior Property Tax Credit as well as the Committee, it was determined that the Committee will be appointed for one term only (for a period of no more than 30 days), meet during a short period of time and present their recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners. The Committee will not meet again for three years. As a result, the Ethics Commission members determined that the Committee members will only have to file Calendar Year 2006 and 2007 forms. All but one Calendar Year 2006 form was received from the Committee members.

Ethics Training: Mr. Baroniak is working on a draft agenda and introductory remarks for the Ethics training to be held after September 19. It will include representatives from the Ethics Commissions from St. Mary's, Calvert, Charles, and Anne Arundel counties. Ms. Wolfe will prepare a draft table of contents and notebook covers for participant training materials.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:

Six Financial Disclosure Statements were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Goeller to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.