

**MINUTES OF THE
MACOMB COUNTY ETHICS BOARD**

Thursday, September 20, 2012

A meeting of the Macomb County Ethics Board was held Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., in the Board's Conference Room, on the 10th Floor of the County Building, Mount Clemens, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Amboyer called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Dr. Donald J. Amboyer, Anthony J. Bellanca, Karen Smith, Gregory G. Bauer & Rev. John L. Mack

Assistant Corporation Counsel, Jill Smith was also present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Anthony Bellanca, supported by Rev. Mack, to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Vote: 5 – 0. **The Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 8/16/12

MOTION

A motion was made by Gregory Bauer, supported by Karen Smith to approve the Minutes of August 16, 2012 as presented.

Vote: 5 – 0. **The Motion Carried.**

Operational Updates

Chair Amboyer discussed maintaining Board Agenda, Meeting Minutes and complaints in Ethics Board Office. Binders and office supplies have been received for office.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rev. Mack, supported by Anthony Bellanca to close discussion on Operational Updates.

Vote: 5 – 0. **The Motion Carried.**

PERSONAL DISCLOSURE FOR PUBLIC SERVANTS

The Personal Disclosure Form is required by the County Charter and distributed by Human Resources for County employees to sign. The Clerks Office keeps the signed forms and they are posted on the County website. Chair Amboyer discussed confidentiality concerns he received over signature showing on Internet. I.T. can block out signature according to Jill Smith. Vendor Disclosure Forms also discussed.

EDUCATION PLAN OF ACTION

Human Resources contacted the Ethics Board to develop a plan for future training. Karen Smith followed up by phone with Karlyn Semlow, Service Director, Human Resources and Labor Relations. They discussed new hire orientation which is done every two weeks and supervisory training which is done quarterly. Public education and tools for public education such as a video and website with a Frequently Asked Questions area and ITUNES were discussed. Karen Smith and Gregory Bauer to discuss plan prior to next meeting.

RULES OF PROCEDURE, FIRST REVISION (09-05-12), TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair Amboyer distributed a chronological summary to Board Members. Anthony Bellanca discussed revisions and changes. Rules of Procedure Draft document was passed out along with e-mail request for revisions. Ten request / suggestions were submitted by Kathy Vosburg, Chair, Board of Commissioners to the Ethics Board for consideration. Gregory Bauer noted he doesn't care for the document. Gregory Bauer stated the Ethics Board changed the first revision in good faith and now they receive a distinctly different list of 10 changes. All the changes need to stop along with all the going back and forth. Gregory Bauer stated he believes all citizens would agree that the Ethics Board is working hard with due diligence and is against all these revisions. Rev. Mack and Karen Smith agreed. Rev. Mack is also concerned that all these changes will stop the process. Chair Amboyer understands concerns over third attempt to propose a Rules of Procedure and believes the Board of Commissioners heart is in the right place and wants a good document. Chair Amboyer discussed a few alternatives if the Rules of Procedure are not adopted by Board of Commissioners.

MOTION

A motion was made by Chair Amboyer supported by Anthony Bellanca to submit the second revision of the Rules of Procedure to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for approval on September 21, 2012.

Vote: 5 -0. **The Motion Carried.**

CASE REVIEW

None.

OTHER BUSINESS

Anthony Bellanca questioned Corporation Counsel to see if supporting documents of Meeting Minutes are required. Jill Smith said they are not required, but recommended they be on file and available.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Commissioner Fred Miller

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Anthony Bellanca, supported by Rev. Mack, to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m.


Vote: 5-0. **The Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted:



Anthony J. Bellanca, Esq.
Secretary

Approved:



Donald J. Amboyer, Ph.D.
Chair