MINUTES OF THE
MACOMB COUNTY ETHICS BOARD

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

A meeting of the Macomb County Ethics Board was held Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 8:45 a.m., in the Committee Room, on the Ninth Floor of the Macomb County Administration Building, One South Main Street, Mount Clemens, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice - Chair McGrail called the meeting to order at 8:57 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Members were present:

    James McGrail, Paddy Laske, Dorie Vazquez-Nolan and Brian Gabriel

    Don Amboyer – Absent and Excused

Michelle LaBelle, Macomb County Finance – Risk & Insurance, prepared/reported the Minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION
A motion was made by Brian Gabriel, supported by Dorie Vazquez-Nolan, to adopt the Agenda as presented. The Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION
A motion was made by Paddy Laske, supported by Brian Gabriel, to approve the Minutes of February 15, 2017. The Motion Carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Keys - BOC

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence that was received two days prior to this meeting will be discussed at next month's meeting. Two FOIA requests were also submitted.
POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO ETHICS ORDINANCE

Jim McGrail and Brian Gabriel met with Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Mijac to discuss concerns with the new ordinance, such as the 60 day time frame limits, the need for subcommittees to investigate complaints and the need to keep complainants anonymous. The Commissioners were open to the concerns and would like the Ethics Board to create a red-line draft of the amendments that the Ethics Board would recommend and keep it within Article 5; which deals with the procedures.

DISCUSSION REGARDING OUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INQUIRIES

Dorie Vazquez-Nolan discussed the role and responsibilities with public inquiries not pertaining to the Ethics Board. Brian Gabriel suggested to have employees contact Human Resources. Jim McGrail suggested creating form letters.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

CASE REVIEW

Two pending cases will be discussed at the April meeting.

NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING: APRIL 19, 2017 - 8:45 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Dorie Vazquez-Nolan, supported by Brian Gabriel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 a.m. The Motion Carried.

Approved:

Jim McGrail, Vice - Chair

Dorie Vazquez-Nolan, Secretary