

**MINUTES OF THE  
AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP ETHICS ORDINANCE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011**

At a meeting of the **Ad Hoc Committee to Develop Ethics Ordinance**, held Thursday, September 15, 2011, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Miller-Chair, Gralewski, Mocerri, Smith and Vosburg.

**Other Commissioners Also Present:**

DiMaria, Flynn and Fraschetti.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Gralewski, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

**DISCUSSION ON DEVELOPMENT OF ETHICS ORDINANCE**

Chair Miller acknowledged Wayne County Commissioner Joan Gebhardt and indicated that Wayne County is in the process of updating their Ethics Ordinance and she is chairing the committee overseeing that.

Chair Miller stated that the draft ordinance that was reviewed at the last meeting was circulated to all county elected officials for their feedback. He reviewed the new draft document and summarized the changes.

Commissioner Smith felt that further consideration should be given to giving total authority to the Chair of the Ethics Board for dismissing frivolous complaints.

Chair Miller indicated that if committee approves this draft, it will be forwarded to the Board Operations Committee and that issue can be further reviewed.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Vosburg, supported by Smith, to adopt the draft Ethics Ordinance and forward it to the Board Operations Committee.

Commissioner Vosburg felt the following issues should be further reviewed: Section 1.2, E, "subject to law", and whether it should also read "subject to ordinance;" Section 1.3, Definitions, G, and whether it should be age 18 and not 21 and Section 2.8, A, reference to county vehicles, and whether this should include any other county-owned equipment.

Commissioner Frascchetti felt the ordinance should be broadened to include cronyism and stated that public officials should not be able to seek county employment for five years after their term of office ends, whether a newly created position or existing position. He further spoke about judges being excluded and whether employees would be subject to this ordinance.

Commissioner DiMaria asked if the charter requires that county-wide elected officials be included and Chair Miller replied yes.

Chair Miller called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Gralewski, to direct the Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee to forward the draft Ethics Ordinance (revised September 14, 2011) to the following entities for review for legality and clarity: Board of Commissioners' Independent Counsel, Prosecutor's Office - Appellate Division and Office of County Executive, requesting that they provide an opinion for the October 11, 2011 Board Operations Committee meeting.

Commissioner Frascchetti asked that his comments also be forwarded.

Chair Miller called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Gralewski, to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m. **The Motion Carried.**