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MINUTES

DATE: November 19, 2008 9:33 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocchi, President
Bob Potts, Vice President
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Daniel Weist, Commissioner
Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director
Tom O'Donnell, Asst. County Prosecutor

ABSENT: Thomas Zung, Secretary

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Frank Pocchi followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of November 5, 2008 and to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocchi. **NAYS:** None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Level III Board Appeals meeting of November 5, 2008 and to accept the minutes with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocchi. **NAYS:** None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to dispense with the reading of the correspondence since we have a Consent Agenda, with the exception of those items set aside, to be addressed during the regular order of business, and with any corrections and/or additions. (No items were set aside.)

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocchi. **NAYS:** None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to accept cases approved on the Consent Agenda for the month of October 2008. Discussion took place concerning the use of the client's full social security number as the identification number. At the advice of Tom O'Donnell, special council, the Board instructed the Executive Director to resubmit the report at the next

meeting using only the last four digits of the client's social security number as the I.D. number. The motion to accept cases approved on the Consent Agenda was withdrawn by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts.

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to accept cases denied on the Consent Agenda for the month of October 2008. (The last four digits of the client's social security number were used as the I.D. number.)

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to accept indigent burials approved for October 2008 as listed on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of those set aside, to be addressed in Executive Session. (None were set aside.)

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

REPORT:

Agenda Item E1. State of the Commission and Finance Report (Attached)

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to accept the report of the Executive Director as submitted.

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Agenda Item F1. "Guideline for Assisting Students"

The "Guideline for Assisting Students" will be revised to allow for a more judicious and liberal interpretation of the guideline and presented to the Board for signature at the next Board meeting.

Agenda Item F2. "Guideline for Definition of an Unexpected Hardship"

No changes were made to the guideline.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Mel Baher to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate, bus ticket transportation, and the social worker position.

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:55 a.m.)

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business.

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (11:22 a.m.)

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director for the social worker position.

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

No other action was taken by the Board as a result of discussion in Executive Session.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

AYES: Potts, Baher, Weist, Pocci. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Frank Pocci
President

Bob Potts
Secretary Pro Tem

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Commissioners: Lorri Slivka, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2646)