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### MINUTES

DATE/TIME: December 11, 2019 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Clay Uzell, President  
Mel Baher, Vice President  
Christopher Grau, Secretary  
Frank Pocci, Commissioner  
Bob Potts, Commissioner  
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary  
Feronne Williams, Administrative Coordinator  
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor  
Terrance Ness, Veterans Service Officer

EXCUSED: Jon Reiss, Executive Director

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Clay Uzell 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 Consent Agenda and to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Action Items – Update:

- 1) **Employee Overpayments** – Ms. Smith continues to make payments on time.
- 2) **Dental Trial Program** – Work in progress.
- 3) **Smart Board** – The Smart Board has been ordered and should arrive shortly.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Assistant County Prosecutor Brian Gutkoski mentioned that he and his brass band will be playing at the West Side Market on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to go into Executive Session to hear four (4) client cases and appeals.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:36 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:16 a.m.

The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeals that were discussed in Executive Session, are attached.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

  
Clay Uzell, President

  
Chris Grau, Secretary

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