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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

MINUTES

DATE/TIME: November 16, 2022 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocci, President
Bob Potts, Vice President
Mel Baher, Secretary
Christopher Grau, Commissioner
James Riley, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary
Matt Convery, Assistant County Prosecutor

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Frank Pocci, President.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau 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).

STATE OF THE COMMISSION AND FINANCE REPORT (Attached)

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to accept the report of the Executive Director with the necessary corrections and/or additions.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There has been no update on the new building. The project has not gone out for bid yet.

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to go out of the regular order of business to discuss a client case and appeal.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to go into Executive Session to discuss a client case and appeal.

YES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:08 a.m.)

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

A motion was made by Chris Grau and seconded by Mel Baher to return to the regular order of business and discuss Old Business.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

The Mission and Vision statements have been updated. The website and Facebook will be updated, and the statements will be distributed to all staff members.

Executive Director Reiss reviewed reported boot and shoe inventory.

NEW BUSINESS:

Multiple employee policies were presented to the Board and discussed.

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to adopt all policies that were discussed and updated with the necessary corrections and/or additions.

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

The Executive Director presented a Veterans Leadership Program that he would like to attend at the George Bush Institute. The program is designed for leaders of veteran's programs. The Board authorized the director to submit an application.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Chris Grau to go into Executive Session to discuss matters to be kept confidential – compensation (retention/market correction).

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (11:28 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 12:20 p.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed market correction and compensation. Discussions will resume when official word from the county is received.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

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



Frank Pocci, President



Mel Baher, Secretary

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