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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING March 10, 2022

At 2:23 p.m., the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss the review of minutes for prior closed sessions, in accordance with Sections 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A. Review of the January 27, 2022, Regular Meeting Closed Minutes The Board reviewed a draft of the closed meeting minutes for the January 27, 2022, regular meeting and determined there was one typographical error to be corrected.
- B. Review of the 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

C. Proposed Amendments to Ethics Procedural Rules – Update

Section 8.1 Excess Contributions

Deputy King inquired if the Board wanted to keep the changes made to Section 2-585 of the ethics ordinance. Chair Szromba stated that he does not have an issue with imposing the requirement on elected officials. Director Baker stated that her concern is that imposing such requirements may be outside of the Commission's authority. Chair Szromba responded that he is comfortable with making the argument that enforcing the requirement is within the Commission's authority. Director Baker confirmed that staff will enforce the requirement.

Section 9.10 Dual Employment

Director Baker stated reported that the dual employment rules will apply to all county offices, not just the offices under the President.

D. D2 Audit Status

Deputy Director J. King inquired from the board, if the two contributions should be considered violations. The Board agreed that the two contributions would not be considered violations.

E. Notice of Determination

i. 20201001

Chair Szromba indicated that the notice is ready to be finalized pending edits.

ii. 20211005

Director Baker reported that the Commissioner has refused to follow the Inspector's General recommendation to terminate her relative. Deputy Director King confirmed that a notice of investigation was issued requesting the board to find a violation.

F. Advisory Opinions – Board Review and Approval

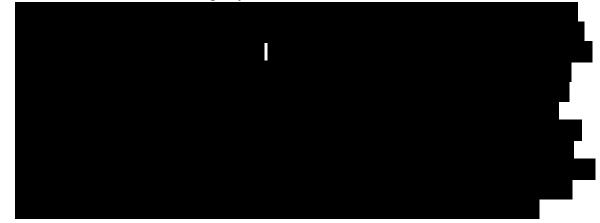
i. 2022A002

Deputy Director King reported that the request for a formal advisory opinion was received from the Bureau of Administration regarding the use of county funds to design flyers that would be printed to their social media websites promoting a rabies and microchip clinic. Deputy Director King noted that this would not be considered a violation if the flyers do not include a photo of a commissioner during an election period.





G. Review of Ethics Case Pending Report



At 4:00 p.m., the Board reconvened into open session to continue with the agenda. *Minutes Submitted by Board Staff*