

CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Third Quarterly 2022, Meeting Minutes

Date: July 28, 2022

Meeting Location: Cherokee County Business Center at The Bluffs

Board Directors:

Stephen Divine, Director	Present	Carolyn Kissiah, Director	Present
Phil Dodge, Director	Absent	Larry Mrozinski, Chair	Present
Natalie Green Hosea, Vice-Chair	Absent	Mark Rosenhaft, Director	Present
Gil Howard, Director	Present		

Others Present:

Phillip Beggs, CCBBoE Attorney of Record
Elizabeth Madson, CCBBoE Secretary

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- **Chair Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**
 - **According to our bylaws, Pledge of Allegiance**
 - **Public Hearing of Ethics Complaints**
Chair Mrozinski opened the floor for public hearing/discussion. No issues were brought forward, and no one present had been made aware of any ethics complaints. Floor closed for ethics complaints.
 - **Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2022**
Director Divine made a motion to accept the minutes as they stood, seconded by Director Howard. Motion passed unanimously.
 - **Swearing In-Oath of New BOE Director Mark Rosenhaft**
Chair Mrozinski swore in Director Rosenhaft with State of Georgia 2010 Title 45.
 - **Discussion Item: Assistance to Henry County attempting to create a Standing BOE Board**
Chair Mrozinski informed the Board that an individual from Henry County contacted him, as directed by the state, to discuss creating a stand-up board similar to the Cherokee County Board of Ethics in their county. Chair Mrozinski received authority through the County, i.e. the County Clerk, to provide information to Henry County which was provided through electronic means. The CCBBoE's Attorney was copied onto all electronic communications and the CCBBoE's Secretary was made aware of said communications.
 - **Discussion Item: Website updates: Phone Numbers & Steps for Filing a Proper Ethics Complaint**
The County Clerk, Christy Black, removed all directors' personal phone numbers from the CCBBoE webpage. After review of the CCBBoE's handbook and webpage, a minor update was made to the webpage link "Steps for Filing a Proper Ethics Complaint" to ensure the handbook and website are identical.

- **Discussion Item: Update to Agenda**

The County Clerk provided the CCBBoE's Secretary with an Agenda template that includes the specific location for meetings to better help visitors and/or guests find the location of the meetings.

- **New Business:**

Director Howard revisited the discussion relating to Henry County and inquired as to whether they understand that the Cherokee County Board of Ethics was created by a legislative action. Chair Mrozinski confirmed that Henry County understands and that they have a charter that states they have a place for such board in their literature. Chair Mrozinski noted that he did provide Henry County with an electronic copy of the Cherokee County Board of Ethics 1994 municipal code.

Chair Mrozinski also stated that it is unknown whether Henry County currently has legislation passed creating the Henry Board of Ethics. At the conclusion of the discussion, it was decided that Henry County may be missing a precursor step, and that the CCBBoE's attorney may send an addendum to Chair Mrozinski's electronic communications to Henry County ensuring they are aware of the need for legislation.

Chair Mrozinski addressed the current and unknown-future state of the COVID-19 virus and variations and stated that all Directors, visitors and guests are encouraged to attend any and all meetings as they feel comfortable, whether they choose to wear a mask or not.

- **Next Meeting:**

The 4th Quarterly Meeting of 2022 will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 6:00p.m. at the Cherokee County Business Center at the Bluffs.

- Director Divine made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Director Kissiah. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.