



TO: Management Services Committee

FROM: John W. Labaj, Deputy County Administrator

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SUBJECT: McHenry County Ethics Commission

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The Illinois General Assembly enacted the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act in 2003 (hereinafter "Ethics Act") which required all units of local government to adopt ordinances or resolutions regulating the political activities of, and the solicitation and acceptance of gifts by, officers and employees of units of local government. The County's Management Services Committee was assigned the task to develop an Ordinance that would meet the requirements of the Ethics Act. The County Board did adopt an Ethics Ordinance that was recommended to it by the Management Services Committee on May 18, 2004.

Selection of members to the Ethics Commission has historically been made by the County Board Chairman with the consent of the County Board. Currently there are three members (Walter J. Packard, Robert Blaizer and Rev. Karen Stunkel) whose terms on the Ethics Commission have expired. New members proposed for appointment are:

Deborah Nier - Administrator City of Marengo

Major John Price - Salvation Army Crystal Lake

Robert Martens – Director Family Service & Community Mental Health Center

I'm available to address any questions you may have regarding the McHenry County Ethics Commission.