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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
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Ms. Caviglia,

You have inquired whether there are any likely conflicts of interest that may confront appointees to a Task Force being assembled by the County Commission, the Court Capital Infrastructure Task Force. This group is being charged with reviewing the state and condition of the existing infrastructure of County court facilities, identifying needed repairs and recommending needed expansion of facilities as well as possible financing mechanisms. It is my understanding that the group will not be making specific recommendations regarding the hiring of any private firms to work on the facilities. The task force will include individuals both within County government and from the private sector.

Under the existing scope of the Task Force anticipated duties, I do not foresee any likelihood that there will be significant conflicts of interest raised for the members of the task force, which is to provide general public policy information and advice to County decision-makers, which is not expected to include action or recommendations directed toward specific private business interests. However, as with any County advisory board, there may be unanticipated occasions when a discussion or recommendation may have ramifications that could affect a member's private interests. Section 2-11.1(v) of the County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, which provides that no member of an advisory board "shall vote on any matter . . . if the board member will be directly affected by the action of the board on which the member serves, and the board member has any of the following relationships with any of the persons or entities appearing before the board: (i) officer, director, partner, of counsel, consultant, employee, fiduciary or beneficiary; or (ii) stockholder, bondholder, debtor or creditor."

In the event that any member of the Task Force should feel that he or she may have a possible conflict of interest under the latter provision, it would be appropriate for that person to seek an ethics opinion from this agency.

Sincerely,

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