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RE: Ethics Board Opinions

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- 1.) The County Board of Ethics is only authorized to render advisory opinions with respect to Article 18 of the General Municipal Law and the Warren County Code of Ethics. Therefore, we don't feel that we have the authority to review the complaint against the Sheriff's Office. The decision may rest with a higher authority.
- 2.) After review of the Warren County Ethics & Disclosure Law and the opinion rendered by the Warren County Attorney dated March 28, 2018, we agree with the opinion rendered by the County Attorney that there was no conflict of interest when Supervisor Sokol voted in favor of Resolution No. 133 of 2018. However, in the future, in an abundance of caution we recommend that Supervisor Sokol abstain from any votes related to funding of the Regional Planning Board.
- 3.) Regarding the complaint made against Gail Seaman, we do not have the authority to review this complaint. The Warren County Ethics & Disclosure Law only applies to officers and employees of Warren County and Mrs. Seaman is neither.