

NARRATIVE SUPPLEMENT

Case No. 2018-001Original Report Date 04/16/2018Supplement Date N/ATime 1115 Hrs.

An allegation was brought to the attention of the McHenry County State's Attorney's (MCSA) Office about official misconduct conducted by Robert Miller while he was sitting as Algonquin Township Highway Commissioner. Specifically that Miller was involved in the inappropriate conduct while holding the office of Highway Commissioner for Algonquin Township. MCSA is investigating this matter at the request of the Illinois State Police.

On 04/16/2018, at approximately 0830 hours, I spoke with Melissa Fischer via telephone (630-808-9182) reference this investigation. The following is a summary and not a verbatim transcription of the conversation I had with Fischer.

I began the interview by asking Fischer for details about her employment with Algonquin Township. She stated she was a trustee for one four year term from 2013-2017. I asked her about any agreement or restrictions that she might have been aware of related to the use of the township credit card by Robert Miller. Fischer stated she was not aware of any agreement or restrictions but stated the trustees would regularly review the purchases and question any items that they thought might not be related to business purchases. She stated that Miller always had a justification and she did not recall any time any spending was questioned that was not justified. I asked if she recalled any specific instance when they questioned a purchase that needed to be justified by Miller. She stated she recalled a purchase of a bag. She stated that when Miller was questioned he stated that bag was needed to transport and keep business documents for meetings and other business purposes. Miller answered questions and the board accepted his justification of spending.

I asked if Fischer was aware of a clothing allowance for Robert or Anna May Miller and she stated not specifically but she always saw them in polo shirts and other clothing that identified them as Road District employees and she knows that was covered by the budget. Fischer was asked about any time when Miller might have used the credit card for personal items and reimbursed the township via personal check and Fischer could not recall any such instance.

I asked Fischer about winter shift differential pay and she stated she did not have any details on that. She stated Miller submitted his budget and it was approved. **She does remember some discussion about raises vs. bonuses but does not recall the details. She stated Miller would have the authority to give bonuses instead of raises as long as he was working within his approved budget.** She stated she would like to have seen something like that brought to the board for approval, but that she believed it was within his authority to make those decisions without consulting with the board.

I asked Fischer if she had any suspicion of any wrongdoing by Miller while he was Road Commissioner for Algonquin Township. She stated sometimes constituents would criticize the way he did things or his spending but the board was reviewing spending in detail so she felt that things were always answered for. She stated she always knew Miller to provide reasonable answers when allegations were brought forward and she was satisfied with his explanations as a trustee. The interview concluded at approximately 0845 hours. End of report.

Reporting Officer Signature: _____

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