SECOND ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

The Commission on Ethics has received a request for an extension of time to file a CE Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests, on behalf of the above-referenced individual who, as a Supervisor of the Marion Soil & Water Conservation District-Board of Supervisors-Seat 3, is required to file a 2018 CE Form 1 no later than the expiration of the grace period, which was September 3, 2019. The extension request indicates that Mr. Steele will need additional time because he is still in recovery after suffering stroke and being hospitalized. Based on the request, the Chair previously granted an initial 45-day extension through October 18, 2019.

Section 112.3151, Florida Statutes, allows the Commission to grant, for good cause, an extension of time for filing disclosure. Good cause having been shown, the request is hereby GRANTED, and Mr. Steele shall have until and including March 31, 2020, to file his 2018 CE Form 1. Should Mr. Steele require another extension, he should notify the Commission prior to Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

DONE AND ORDERED this 25th day of October 2019, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

_________________________________________
Date

Kimberly B. Rezanka
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

cc: Mr. Bill Steele, Supervisor of the Marion Soil & Water Conservation District-Board of Supervisors-Seat 3
Ms. Ann Bishop Marion Soil & Water Conservation District
Ms. Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Coordinator
BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

In re Bill Steele. Extension Request 19-10

ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION BY THE CHAIR

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The Commission has delegated to its chair the authority to grant an extension of up to the statutory maximum of 45 days. Therefore, without a vote of the entire Commission, extensions granted for good cause shown pursuant to Section 112.3151, Florida Statutes, may not exceed 45 days.

Good cause having been shown, the request is hereby GRANTED, and Mr. Steele shall have an extension until and including October 18, 2019, which is 45 days from September 3, 2019. Should Mr. Steele require another extension, he should notify the Commission prior to Monday, October 7, 2019.
DONE AND ORDERED this 27th day of August, 2019, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Date

Kimberly B. Resanka
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

cc: Mr. Bill Steele, Supervisor of the Marion Soil & Water Conservation District-Board of Supervisors-Seat 3
Ms. Ann Bishop Marion Soil & Water Conservation District
Ms. Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Coordinator
Rahming, Deanna

From: Kimberly Rezanka <kim@cfglawoffice.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:05 PM
To: Rahming, Deanna
Subject: RE: Disclosure Extension - Steele

Granted.

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From: Rahming, Deanna <RAHMING.DEANNA@leg.state.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:01 PM
To: Kimberly Rezanka <kim@cfglawoffice.com>
Subject: Re: Disclosure Extension

Good afternoon, Madam Chair:

Please find attached a financial disclosure extension request and proposed order for your review and consideration, and kindly respond with your feedback.

Thank you,
Deanna E. Rahming
Attorney

Florida Commission on Ethics
(850) 488-7864
From: Bishop, Ann - NRCS, Ocala, FL <Ann.Bishop@fl.nacdneta.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 2:18 PM
To: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
CC: holdyourhorses.steele@gmail.com; Kim Hankemeyer <KHankemeyer@VoteMarion.com>
Subject: Disclosure Extension

Chairperson of the Commission,

I am writing this email on behalf of Bill Steele, Supervisor of Marion Soil and Water Conservation District Board. I was notified yesterday evening that he is currently in the hospital. I contacted the Elections Office to see if he has completed his disclosure and was informed he still has not. At this time, I do not know when he will be released, so I am requesting an extension on his behalf. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ann Bishop, CAP-OM
Executive Administrator

Marion Soil and Water Conservation District
2441 NE 3 Street, Suite 204-2
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From: Rahming, Deanna <RAHMING.DEANNA@leg.state.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 2:09 PM
To: Bishop, Ann - NRCS, Ocala, FL <Ann.Bishop@fl.nacdneta.net>
CC: Prine.Emily <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Disclosure reminders

Good afternoon, Ann:
The Chairperson of the Commission has the authority to grant an extension of up to the statutory maximum of 45 days (from September 3, 2019) for good cause shown. To have the medical extension request considered, you may submit the request on Mr. Steele's behalf by sending an email to:

disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

The request may be included in the body of the email or you may send an attachment containing the specific reason(s) for the request and the amount of time being requested. Should Mr. Steele require an extension beyond the 45 days, please include this information in the email request, as such a request must go before the entire Commission for consideration for a vote.

Please know that such a request needs to be submitted immediately, as the deadline to avoid being fined is September 3, 2019.

Thank you,

Deanna E. Rahming
Attorney

Florida Commission on Ethics
(850) 488-7864

From: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Bishop, Ann - NRCS, Ocala, FL <Ann.Bishop@fl.nacdn.net>
Cc: Rahming, Deanna <RAHMING.DEANNA@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Disclosure reminders

Deanna,

Would you answer the period on medical extension?

Sincerely,
Emily E. Prine
Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure
850-488-7864
Florida Commission on Ethics
Post Office Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709

From: Bishop, Ann - NRCS, Ocala, FL <Ann.Bishop@fl.nacdn.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:30 AM
To: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Disclosure reminders
How do request a medical extension for Bill Steele, since we do not know when he will be released from the hospital?

Thanks.

Ann

From: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 9:13 AM
To: Bishop, Ann - NRCS, Ocala, FL <Ann.Bishop@fl.nacdnnet.net>
Subject: RE: Disclosure reminders

If needed you can request a medical extension on filer’s behalf to avoid him being fined if you do not think he can make the September 3 deadline.

The request needs to be submitted as soon as possible.

Send the request to disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

I looked online this morning and Mr. Steele’s form has not been recorded.

Sincerely,
Emily E. Prine
Program Specialist/Financial Disclosure
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From: Bishop, Ann - NRCS, Ocala, FL <Ann.Bishop@fl.nacdnnet.net>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:20 PM
To: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Disclosure reminders

Good Afternoon,

I am not sure if Bill Steele filed, but I was informed today that he is in the hospital.

Ann

From: Bishop, Ann - NRCS, Ocala, FL
Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 10:36 AM
To: holdyourhorses.steele@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Disclosure reminders

Bill,

Please remember to file your disclosure, so you do not get fined.
Dear Colleague,

Our records indicate that one or more people from your organization still have not filed their annual financial disclosure. Annual financial disclosure must be filed or postmarked no later than September 3, 2019, to avoid automatic fines of $25 per day. The fines continue to accrue until the official either files the form, or the fine reaches $1,500—whichever comes first. Failure to file can even result in removal from office or employment!

The Commission on Ethics wants people to file their disclosure forms on time and thus avoid being fined, and we’d appreciate your help in that effort. You can see a list of all persons required to file in your organization by going to our website at: www.ethics.state.fl.us. Click on the “Financial Disclosure” tab, then click “View Filers by Organization.” Find your organization and click on it. Those who have not yet filed will have a red “X” and a notation that their form has not been received. If you could contact those individuals and encourage them to file, you might save them from a fine!

The $25/day penalty will begin accruing on September 4! If you have any questions, please call our Financial Disclosure Program Administrator, Kim Holmes, at (850) 488-7864, or email her at holmes.kim@leg.state.fl.us.

Thanks so much for your help!

C. Christopher “Chris” Anderson, III
Executive Director
Florida Commission on Ethics