

**BEFORE THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION ON ETHICS**

In re **MATTHEW H. CALDWELL.**

Extension Request 21-03

SECOND ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

The Commission on Ethics has received a second request for an extension of time to file a CE Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests, on behalf of the above-referenced individual who, as the Lee County Property Appraiser, is required to file a 2020 CE Form 6. In his request, which was timely submitted, Mr. Caldwell asks for an additional extension because he is still waiting for his tax return to be finalized, which will contain information that will need to be reflected on his Form. Based on the request, the Chair previously granted an initial 45-day extension through August 16, 2021. Mr. Caldwell indicates the information necessary to complete his tax return will be shortly forthcoming.

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. Caldwell shall have until and including September 30, 2021, to file his 2020 CE Form 6. This extension will apply *nunc pro tunc* to and including August 17, 2021.

DONE AND ORDERED this 10th day of September 2021, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Date

JoAnne Leznoff
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

cc: Mr. Matthew H. Caldwell, Property Appraiser, Lee County
Ms. Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Coordinator

Schafer, Grayden

From: Schafer, Grayden
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Schafer, Grayden
Subject: FW: Matthew Caldwell - Form 6

From: Prine, Emily <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us>
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 9:47 AM
To: Honorable Matt Caldwell <CaldwellM@leepa.org>
Cc: Bahena, Rosa <RBahena@leegov.com>
Subject: RE: Matthew Caldwell - Form 6

Yes, the due date in 7/1/21 however there will be a grace period that extends until Sept. 1.

If you decide to move forward with an extension request please send to disclosure@leg.state.fl.us

Thank you!

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

From: Honorable Matt Caldwell <CaldwellM@leepa.org>
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2021 10:16 AM
To: disclosure <disclosure@leg.state.fl.us>
Cc: Bahena, Rosa <RBahena@leegov.com>; Prine, Emily <PRINE.EMILY@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Matthew Caldwell - Form 6

As a precaution, I am formally requesting an extension of the submission deadline for my 2020 Form 6, as I plan to file my tax return in lieu and it may not be finalized prior to July 1.

Matt Caldwell
Lee County Property Appraiser
2480 Thompson Street, 4th Floor
Fort Myers, Florida 33901
(888) 721-0510

From: Schafer, Grayden
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:34 AM

To: 'JoAnne Leznoff' <joanneleznoff@gmail.com>
Subject: Another Disclosure Extension Request

Chair:

Copied below is another extension request, this time on a Form 6. The request is dated June 4. We tried emailing Mr. Caldwell to clarify the time length for his extension, but received no response. I spoke on the phone with him this morning, and he requested a 45-day extension beginning on July 2. I've prepared a draft extension order for your review and have attached it to this email. Let me know what you think. Thanks!

Gray

From: JoAnne Leznoff <joanneleznoff@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Schafer, Grayden <SCHAFER.GRAYDEN@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: Re: Another Disclosure Extension Request

Yes, I approve. Though I want to disclose to you that I know Matt Caldwell, though my former professional relationship has no bearing on this decision.

From: Schafer, Grayden
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2021 1:16 PM
To: 'CaldwellM@leepa.org' <CaldwellM@leepa.org>
Subject: Financial Disclosure Extension

Mr. Caldwell:

Our Commission Chair has approved an extension on your 2020 CE Form 6 until and including August 16, 2021. A copy of the extension order will be sent to you shortly. Thank you, and let me know if you have further questions.

Gray Schafer
Senior Attorney
Florida Commission on Ethics
(850)-488-7864

From: Honorable Matt Caldwell <CaldwellM@leepa.org>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Schafer, Grayden <SCHAFER.GRAYDEN@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: Re: Financial Disclosure Extension

Mr. Schafer-

I am still awaiting completion of my 2020 tax return. It was held up by misfilings on one of my LLCs having to be corrected. That has been completed and I expect my personal return should be sorted out very soon. An additional extension would be much appreciated. Thank you.

From: Schafer, Grayden
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:10 PM
To: 'Honorable Matt Caldwell' <CaldwellM@leepa.org>
Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure Extension

Mr. Caldwell:

Because any additional time will be beyond the 45-day extension that our Chair can grant on her own, I will have to take any request for additional time before the full Commission for its review/approval. Do you know how much more time you will need?

From: Honorable Matt Caldwell <CaldwellM@leepa.org>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 4:54 PM
To: Schafer, Grayden <SCHAFER.GRAYDEN@leg.state.fl.us>
Subject: Re: Financial Disclosure Extension

I hope not longer than the end of August.

From: Schafer, Grayden
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 10:35 AM
To: 'Honorable Matt Caldwell' <CaldwellM@leepa.org>
Subject: RE: Financial Disclosure Extension

Thank you. I will prepare a draft second extension order to be placed on the Commission's public agenda at its next meeting, which is on September 10, 2021. Assuming that the Commission approves the second extension, it will be backdated to August 17, 2021.

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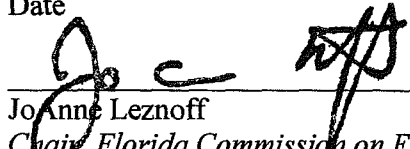
ORDER ON REQUEST FOR EXTENSION BY THE CHAIR

The Commission on Ethics has received a request for an extension of time to file a CE Form 6, Full and Public Disclosure of Financial Interests, on behalf of the above-referenced individual who, as the Lee County Property Appraiser, is required to file a 2020 CE Form 6 by July 1, 2021. In his request, which was timely submitted on June 4, 2021, Mr. Caldwell indicates he requires additional time to file as his tax return, which contains information that needs to be reflected on his Form, will not be finalized prior to July 1.

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 pursuant to Section 112.3151, Florida Statutes, may not exceed 45 days.

Good cause having been shown, the request is hereby GRANTED, and Mr. Caldwell shall have an extension until and including August 16, 2021.¹ *Should Mr. Caldwell require another extension, he should notify the Commission prior to the end of the extension period noted above.*

DONE AND ORDERED this 28th day of June, 2021, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

June 28, 2021
Date


JoAnne Leznoff
Chair, Florida Commission on Ethics

cc: Mr. Matthew H. Caldwell, Property Appraiser, Lee County
Ms. Kimberly Holmes, Financial Disclosure Coordinator

¹ Since the 45-day extension period ends on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the deadline is set for the following business day pursuant to operational law.