Public Comment

Received from: Tony Frizzo, Waukegan, IL Representing myself Received Monday, July 13 at 10:27 p.m.

I read in the Chicago Tribune that the Lake County Taxpayers are on the hook to pay thousands of dollars in a settlement for gross misconduct by the Vice Chair of the County Board, Mary Ross Cunningham.

This is a travesty. If Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham wishes to use her position to threaten taxpayers, why then are the taxpayers responsible to pay for her mistakes?

The gentleman she threatened, with her position as County Board Vice Chair, is a minority who served our great country. Why isn't she responsible to pay the damages by herself?

Did Mary Ross Cunningham, Vice Chair of the Lake County Board, wish to see him homeless, because he shared a Facebook post depicting her, and her son, Sam Cunningham, Mayor of Waukegan, with devil horns?

Is the Lake County Board endorsing the behavior of Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham?

Does the Lake County Board think it is OK for an elected official to threaten a taxpayer of the County, for their own political gain?

I've seen Chairwoman of the County Board, Sandy Hart, talk about her leadership of the Board, and her transparency... But where was she when this deal was negotiated? Why didn't the Board get a chance to vote on this settlement?

Was Chair Sandy Hart aware of this settlement?

Did she help negotiate this deal to protect Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham?

Why isn't the Vice Chair of the Lake County Board responsible to pay the settlement?

Who is responsible to pay the legal fees associated with this case? Are the taxpayers also responsible to pay the legal fees?

I've seen nothing but politicians protecting other politicians on this Board. You represent all that is bad in Illinois politics.

I would like to know how I can file an ethics complaint against Vice Chair Mary Ross Cunningham for her abuse of power, to intimidate and silence the law abiding, tax paying citizens of the public.

You should all be ashamed of yourself.

How did Ms. Cunningham get her position as Vice Chair? Was she elected to that position by the public? Did the Board elect her? Is she nominated? I want to know who voted for her to be the Vice Chair of the Board.

Please respond with the process for filing an ethics complaint and please let me know when the ethics board meets, so I can be present.

Thank you for your time, Tony Frizzo Lake County Resident