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COMMISSION ON ETHICS

BEFORE THE  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS

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In re DOUG UNDERHILL, )  
 )  
 Respondent. )  
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Complaint No. 20-073

DETERMINATION OF INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION  
AND ORDER TO INVESTIGATE

UPON REVIEW of this complaint, I find as follows:

1. This complaint was filed by Joe Ward, of Pensacola, Florida.
2. The Respondent, Doug Underhill, allegedly serves as a County Commissioner for Escambia County.
3. The complaint alleges that the Respondent publicly shared and/or published the transcripts of five meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The complaint states the meetings concerned an active court case about a water/sewer system and were not open to the public. The complaint alleges the Board had not authorized the public release of the transcripts at the time that the Respondent shared and/or published them. These allegations indicate possible violations of Sections 112.313(6) and 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, by the Respondent.

WHEREFORE, staff of the Commission on Ethics shall conduct a preliminary investigation of this complaint for a probable cause determination of whether the Respondent has

violated Sections 112.313(6) and 112.313(8), Florida Statutes, as set forth in paragraph 3, above.

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