

COUNTY OF CALHOUN
ELECTION COMMISSION



IN RE: Petition to Recall Adam Heikkila
Bedford Charter Township Supervisor

DETERMINATION OF ELECTION COMMISSION

A Petition was filed with the Calhoun County Clerk seeking the recall of Bedford Charter Township Supervisor, Adam Heikkila. The Election Commission met in public session on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. and took comments and arguments on the clarity and factual nature of the petition language.

The Commission is charged with determining whether each reason stated in the petition is based upon conduct occurring during the official's current term of office, and whether each reason, "is factual and of sufficient clarity to enable the officer whose recall is sought and the electors to identify the course of conduct that is the basis for the recall."

The language filed is as follows:

- 1) Adam Heikkila has consistently failed to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of Supervisor of Bedford Charter Township. Adam Heikkila refuses to keep business hours at the Township Office and is not available for residents to walk in and speak with him.
- 2) Adam Heikkila's actions as Bedford Township Supervisor make him unfit to hold such office. Upon being elected into office as the Township Supervisor, Adam Heikkila told Township employees to dismiss an ordinance violation case pending against him.
- 3) On January 12, 2017, Adam Heikkila was threatened with being arrested by the Battle Creek Police at the Township offices due to his disorderly conduct towards Township employees. On February 22, 2018, a police report was made documenting Adam Heikkila's belligerent language against a Township trustee and veiled threats of, "You will or else" and "I'll sit by your desk and watch every move you make."
- 4) Adam Heikkila has established a pattern of intimidating and threatening behavior which has created a hostile environment for both Township employees and residents."

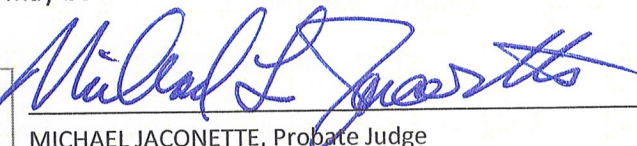
The Election Commission is charged as follows:

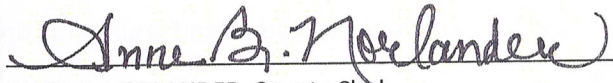
" ... shall meet and shall determine whether each reason for the recall stated in the petition is factual and of sufficient clarity to enable the officer whose recall is sought and the electors to identify the course of conduct that is the basis for the recall. If any reason for the recall is not factual or of sufficient clarity, the entire recall petition shall be rejected." MCL 168.952


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The Election Commission determines by a vote of 3 Approved and 0 Rejected that the reasons for recall stated in the petition are factual in nature and of sufficient clarity to enable the officer whose recall is sought and the electors to identify the course of conduct that is the basis for the recall.

Appeals to this determination may be made to the Circuit Court of Calhoun County no later than APRIL 19, 2018.

Dated: 4-9-18 Approved
 Rejected 
MICHAEL JACONETTE, Probate Judge

Dated: 4-9-18 Approved
 Rejected 
ANNE B. NORLANDER, County Clerk

Dated: 4/9/18 Approved
 Rejected 
BRIAN WENSAUER, County Treasurer