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January 3, 2008 Session

**JANUARY 3, 2008 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Commissioners' Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on January 3, 2008, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of December 27, 2007, and rules of this Board; Joyce A. Watts, County Clerk and Register of Deeds presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #8 Commissioner Jessup.

The County Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1	TERRY BURNS	DIST #7	DON BLACK
DIST #2	STEVE McNEAL	DIST #8	TOM JESSUP
DIST #3	PAUL VanECK	DIST #9	FRITZ SPREITZER
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG	DIST #10	JON CAMPBELL
DIST #5	DEAN KAPENGA	DIST #11	LARRY JONES
DIST #6	MAX THIELE		

**ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN**

2/ The Clerk called for nominations for the position of Temporary Chairman. Commissioner VanEck nominated Commissioner Campbell as Temporary Chairman for this meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Black to close the nominations and instruct the Clerk to cast a unanimous ballot for the election of Jon Campbell as Temporary Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

**PERMANENT CHAIRMAN FOR 2008 - NOMINATIONS**

3/ Temporary Chairman Campbell called for nominations for the Permanent Chairman for 2008.

Commissioner Spreitzer nominated Commissioner Jones.

Commissioner Burns nominated Commissioner McNeal.

There were no other nominations.

**SECRET BALLOT - TO BE USED FOR ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

4/ Moved by Commissioner Jessup, seconded by Commissioner Spreitzer to vote by secret ballot as allowed by law. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS - OATH OF OFFICE**

5/ Temporary Chairman Campbell appointed Commissioners VanEck and Spreitzer to act as tellers for this election and the Clerk administered the Oath of Office.

Commissioners were instructed to write only the name of the person he wishes to be elected on the ballot and surrender the ballot to one of the tellers for tally.

**RESULTS OF THE BALLOTING - COMMISSIONER McNEAL ELECTED CHAIRMAN**

6/ The tellers reported the following vote totals:

Commissioner McNeal	7 votes
Commissioner Jones	4 votes

Temporary Chairman Campbell congratulated Commissioner McNeal on his election as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2008 and turned the meeting over to him.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN - BY SIGNED BALLOT**

7/ Chairman McNeal opened the nominations for election of Vice-Chairman for 2008.

Commissioner DeYoung nominated Commissioner Jones.  
Commissioner Thiele nominated Commissioner Black.

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to close the nominations and proceed to elect the Vice-Chairman with a signed ballot. Motion carried.

The tellers reported the following results:

Commissioner Jones	7 votes
Commissioner Black	4 votes.

Chairman McNeal declared Commissioner Jones duly elected as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for 2008 and requested him to move to the seat at his right hand.

**RECESS - 9:52 A.M.**

8/ Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to recess to permit pictures of the 2008 Board of Commissioners. Motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 9:52 A.M.

Upon reconvening at 10:00 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - none.

**BOARD RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE - TO GOVERN ALL MEETINGS**

9/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to utilize the Board Rules of Organization and Procedure to govern all meetings and those situations which may arise which are not addressed by the rules as adopted shall be determined on the basis of Robert's Rules of Order.

**REVIEW BOARD RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE - REQUIREMENT TO GO THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SPEAK WITH DEPARTMENT HEADS**

10/ Administrator Sarro listed some of the items which had been brought up in 2007 which impact the Board Rules and asked what the pleasure of the Board was.

Moved by Commissioner Spreitzer, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to amend the Board rules and remove the rule requiring Commissioners to go through the Administrator in order to speak with Department Heads. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 11 votes. Nays - 0 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - MOVE TO BEGINNING OF ALL MEETINGS**

11/ Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Black amend the Board Rules to add Public Participation to all meetings prior to the approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

**ANNUAL BOARD MEETING - SET FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY IN SEPTEMBER**

12/ Rob Sarro read the statute that prescribes the timing of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners; after September 14, but before October 16 of each year.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Campbell to amend the Board Rules to set the Annual Meeting for the Board of Commissioners for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in September with the understanding that it will be in the evening. Motion carried.

**PER-DIEM & MILEAGE - PAY FOR ATTENDING DEPARTMENT HEAD'S MEETING**

13/ Moved by Commissioner Jessup, seconded by Commissioner Burns to pay Commissioners per-diem and mileage for attending the County-wide Department Head's Meetings held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 6 votes. Nays - 5 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

Y	TERRY BURNS	N	DON BLACK
Y	STEVE McNEAL	Y	TOM JESSUP
N	PAUL VanECK	Y	FRITZ SPREITZER
N	MARK DeYOUNG	N	JON CAMPBELL
Y	DEAN KAPENGA	Y	LARRY JONES
N	MAX THIELE		

**CHAIRMAN RESPONSIBILITIES - NEGOTIATIONS**

14/ Moved by Commissioner Jessup to amend board rules to not allow the Chairman to be involved in any negotiations; there was no second and the motion was set aside.

Moved by Commissioner Spreitzer, seconded by Commissioner Black to approve the Rules of Organization and Procedure for the Board of Commissioners as amended at this meeting. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 10 votes. Nays - 1 vote. Absent - 0 votes.

Y	TERRY BURNS	Y	DON BLACK
Y	STEVE McNEAL	Y	TOM JESSUP
Y	PAUL VanECK	Y	FRITZ SPREITZER
Y	MARK DeYOUNG	N	JON CAMPBELL
Y	DEAN KAPENGA	Y	LARRY JONES
Y	MAX THIELE		

**BREAK - 11:05 A.M.**

15/ Upon reconvening at 11:15 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - none.

**CODE OF ETHICS - RENEWED**

16/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Jones to renew the code of ethics. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 8 votes. Nays - 3 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

Y	TERRY BURNS	Y	DON BLACK
Y	STEVE McNEAL	N	TOM JESSUP
Y	PAUL VanECK	N	FRITZ SPREITZER
Y	MARK DeYOUNG	Y	JON CAMPBELL
Y	DEAN KAPENGA	Y	LARRY JONES
N	MAX THIELE		

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - SET ON THE JANUARY 10, 2008 AGENDA

17/ Chairman McNeal requested that appointments to the Standing Committees of the Board be set on the January 10, 2008 agenda. There were no objections.

JULY 2008 MEETINGS - CLARIFICATION OF DATES

18/ Commissioner DeYoung explained that previous discussion were held to move the July 3, 2008 meeting to July 31, 2008 so as not to interfere with any holiday plans.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Burns to move the July 3, 2008 Planning Session to July 31, 2008. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JANUARY 10, 2008 AT 1:00 P.M.

19/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adjourn until January 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

  
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