

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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April 10, 2008 Session

APRIL 10, 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 April 10, 2008, at 1:00 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of March 27, 2008, and rules of this Board; Chairman McNeal presiding.

The invocation was offered by District 1 Commissioner Burns.

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 [ARR-1:33 PM]
DIST #5	- EXCUSED -	DIST #11	LARRY JONES
DIST #6	MAX THIELE		

MARCH 13, 2008 SESSION MINUTES - APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

2/ Moved by Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to approve the March 13, 2008 session minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

3/ Chairman McNeal opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:

1. Spencer Moore, Leighton Township Supervisor and Candidate for the House of Representatives, 88th District, addressed the topics he feels are the main issues facing the state.
2. Bob Genetski, teaches at-risk children and is also a candidate for the 88th District House seat.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS

4/ Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the agenda as distributed. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION - 57TH DISTRICT COURT

5/ Linda Lenahan, District Court Administrator addressed the changes she is seeing in the cases being filed. Civil filings are increasing [30%] and similar findings are shown across the state. Credit Card and collections cases make up the majority of the increase. Criminal and Felony cases appear to be dropping, and civil infractions are also decreasing.

Judge Skocelas addressed the Domestic Violence Diversion programs, the 7411 [substance abuse] and MIP [minor in possession] Diversion programs and outlined the success of the Court in School program. He addressed the new initiatives; Community Service and the Sobriety Court programs. The Community Service program can be offered in lieu of jail to be offered to individuals who cannot pay fines and he hopes to have this program up and running this summer. The Sobriety Court is needed in the county to deal with repeat drunk drivers. The program would be available only to repeat offenders who agree to the program in lieu of the mandatory jail sentence and is intensive probationary program and offender reporting is increased. He is asking the Board to consider the additional funding for a dedicated probation officer to oversee the program. He showed a short video which outlined what is involved in providing a Sobriety Court program.

BREAK - 2:17 P.M.

6/ Upon reconvening at 2:30 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Commissioner Kapenga.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

7/ Administrator, Rob Sarro reported that he has met with Mr. & Mrs. Bud Moore with the Al-Van Humane Society regarding the Animal Shelter Building, and asked the Clerk to read the letter they sent regarding the services they provide and their willingness to share information that might be helpful to the Animal Shelter Task Force.

He reported on the progress the Jail Professional Services Committee is making on drafting the RFPs for the jail. He reported on the applications received for the Director for Senior Services position. There will be a tour of the animal shelter at 8:00 a.m. next Thursday before the 9:30 a.m. Board Planning session. He asked for those interested in a tour of the Old Jail Museum to let him know and suggested a tour at 3:00 p.m., April 24, 2008 since the Board Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

8/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to adopt the reports of claims for March 28, 2008 and April 4, 2008 as approved. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 10 votes. Nays - 0 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGAN COUNTY,

Your committee on Finance has authorized the following claims for March 28, 2008. The following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board. Said claims are listed in the 2008 Claims Report, Liber ____, and Commissioners' Record of Claims

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund	69,258.18	69,258.18	0.00
Parks & Recreation Fund	258.22	258.22	0.00

CENTRAL DISPATCH/E911 FUND	37,400.00	37,400.00	0.00
Health Department Fund*	4,963.43	4,963.43	0.00
Transportation Grant	14,363.19	14,363.19	0.00
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Justice Training Fund—P.A. 302, 1982	1,330.00	1,330.00	0.00
Law Library Fund	1,241.80	1,241.80	0.00
Grants	103.41	103.41	0.00
Laketown Contract	154.00	154.00	0.00
Salem/Leighton/ Dorr-C.O P.S. Grant	308.00	308.00	0.00
Social Welfare Fund	15,385.70	15,385.70	0.00
Child Care-Circuit/ Family	10,794.02	10,794.02	0.00
Veteran's Trust Fund	879.42	879.42	0.00
Senior Millage	40,086.69	40,086.69	0.00
Building Authority Construct.-Health	14,151.57	14,151.57	0.00
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund	3,790.93	3,790.93	0.00
Drain Funds	2,757.84	2,757.84	0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	267,226.40	267,226.40	0.00

**Includes amounts previously submitted and disallowed on 2/22/08; \$1,485.10 released on 3/28/08
Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGAN COUNTY,

Your committee on Finance has authorized the following claims for April 4, 2008. The following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board. Said claims are listed in the 2008 Claims Report, Liber ____, and Commissioners' Record of Claims.

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund	63,292.19	63,292.19	0.00
CENTRAL DISPATCH/E911 FUND	5,492.02	5,492.02	0.00
Health Department Fund	6,829.13	6,829.13	0.00
Transportation Grant	15,629.10	15,629.10	0.00
Public Improvement Fund	5,570.37	5,570.37	0.00
Public Improvement-Jail	8,365.93	8,365.93	0.00
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	9,779.88	9,779.88	0.00
Justice Training Fund—P.A. 302, 1982	1,195.60	1,195.60	0.00
Grants	109.98	109.98	0.00
Social Welfare Fund	17,842.12	17,842.12	0.00
Child Care-Circuit/ Family	15,733.06	15,733.06	0.00
Senior Millage	1,088.03	1,088.03	0.00
Farmland Preservation	95.00	95.00	0.00
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund	5,558.01	5,558.01	0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	31.25	31.25	0.00
Drain Funds	297.05	297.05	0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	156,908.72	156,908.72	0.00

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM—AWARD SILVER CREEK AND LITTLEJOHN LAKE PARKS MASTER PLANNING SERVICES BID

9/ **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the request from the Parks Department to award the bid for an amount not to exceed \$15,100 for Master Planning services for Silver Creek and Littlejohn Lake Parks to M.C. Smith Associates and Architectural Group, Inc. of 529 Greenwood Ave. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chairman and the County Administrator are authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the County and that the Budget and Finance Director is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 9 votes. Nays - 1 vote. Absent - 1 vote.

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS
DISCUSSION ON DISCUSSIONS**

10/ Administrator Sarro stated that few Commissioners sent him comments on this issue. There did not appear to be concerns sufficient to change what is currently being done, but if someone is not comfortable with any discussion or the number of times a Commissioner chooses to address an issue, he should offer a motion or ask a question. Rob also explained that it is very helpful if serious questions are presented to him prior to the meeting to allow him time to prepare and address the concerns and provide information to all of the Commissioners before the start of a meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

11/ Rob stated that it is unfortunate that the Emergency Management Director is absent and unable to address the plan; he has to deal with the emergency situations that developed earlier this week. He suggested that this be left on the discussion agenda for the next meeting and he hopes that Scott Corbin would be available to discuss it and encouraged Commissioners to contact Scott and/or the Sheriff if they have questions.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - WORK PLAN AND POLICY STATEMENT

12/ The Administrator stated that applications can't be accepted until a plan has been approved and he outlined what remains to be done. Chairman McNeal stated that an attorney has reviewed the document, made some suggestions for changes which have been incorporated in this document.

Approval of the plan will permit the board to consider applications. This is not meant to supersede any local area's Brownfield Development Authority. Commissioner Jones asked that the municipalities which have a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority be identified. Denise will find the listing and get it to Commissioners; in general the list will contain names of most of the cities.

Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to set this issue on the April 24, 2008 agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

13/ Chairman McNeal opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he declared the meeting closed to public participation.

RECESS AND CLOSED SESSION

14/ Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Campbell to take a 10 minute break and reconvene in Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 10 votes. Nays - 0 votes. Absent - 1 vote. The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m.

C L O S E D S E S S I O N**RECONVENE/ROLL CALL**

15/ Upon reconvening at 4:40 p.m., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Commissioner Kapenga.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL APRIL 24, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

16/ Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adjourn until April 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.


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