

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION

April 28, 2008

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on April 28, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., as set and posted on the notice boards.

Administrator Rob Sarro explained that this is not intended to be a formal Board meeting; it is for informational purposes only to provide information and answer Commissioner’s questions about the Emergency Operations Plan and Guide for the County. There is a possibility of a quorum being in attendance, so the Clerk will be taking minutes. However, Emergency Operations Plans are considered sensitive and the information presented is for background use only; not for distribution.

The following Commissioners were present:

DIST # 1	TERRY BURNS [left 11:30 a.m.]	DIST # 7	DON BLACK
DIST # 2	STEVE McNEAL	DIST # 8	TOM JESSUP
DIST # 3	PAUL VanECK	DIST # 9	FRITZ SPREITZER
DIST # 4	MARK DeYOUNG [arr: 10:00 A.M.]	DIST #10	JON CAMPBELL
DIST # 5	DEAN KAPENGA	DIST #11	LARRY JONES [arr: 9:48 a.m.]
DIST # 6	MAX THIELE		

Scott Corbin, Emergency Management Director – Informational Session on Emergency Management Plan

2/ Scott reviewed the authority to develop and coordinate the county emergency operations plan and emergency action guide, gave information about the history of how the county plan developed over the years and explained the pressures which affect the plan. He stated that the plan has been approved by the State, and that he will be seeking accreditation for the new County plan.

Call to Order – Roll Call

3/ Vice Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and asked the Clerk to call the roll and those present are noted above. He explained that the meeting will remain in open session until such time as sensitive information is considered.

Scott continued to outline the contents of the plan and address the questions of the individual members. The Chairman is to sign the plan on behalf of the Board, but the plan must be approved by the Board, so Commissioners should have an understanding of what is contained in the plan and how it was developed.

Discrepancies – How to Correct if Corrections are Needed

4/ Commissioner Thiele called to Scott’s attention the discrepancies he found when he began to read the plan. There were questions as what must be changed to clarify the concerns brought to his attention and which things are unnecessary and which might prolong the final approval.

Rob recommended that the Board authorize a meeting to have himself, Max , Scott and the Undersheriff go through the plan to catch the problems and discuss what is needed. The rest of the Board can attend if they wish, but this should be done. Scott stated that this needs to be

done promptly because the Advisory Council needs to meet, approve the plan and get it to the State to see if these entities are comfortable with the changes.

Scott suggested that we approve the plan currently before the Board and identify any items that need to be change before the next annual update. Rob asked that the group could make whatever changes they can during May, and the Board can pass what we have at the May 22, 2008 session.

Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Spreitzer to authorize the Administrator and Scott to meet with Commissioner Thiele and Undersheriff Hull to review the plan and make any changes they can before the worksession on May 15, 2008 so that the final product can be adopted at the May 22, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn until May 1, 2008 at 9:30 A.M.

5/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to adjourn until May 1, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 11:55 a.m.


Clerk/Registrar