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MAY, 2008 Session

MAY 22, 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 May 22, 2008, at 1:00 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 8, 2008, and rules of this Board; Chairman McNeal presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #10 Commissioner Jon Campbell.

The Chief Deputy 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	<small>(EXCUSED 4 05 P.M.)</small>	DIST #7 DON BLACK
DIST #2 STEVE McNEAL		DIST #8 - EXCUSED -
DIST #3 PAUL VanECK		DIST #9 FRITZ SPREITZER
DIST #4 MARK DeYOUNG	<small>(EXCUSED 4 05 P.M.)</small>	DIST #10 JON CAMPBELL
DIST #5 DEAN KAPENGA		DIST #11 LARRY JONES
DIST #6 MAX THIELE		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

2/ Chairman McNeal opened the meeting to public participation and the following individual offered comments:

1. Russ Cronberg, Cheshire Township, stated that this was their 24th year in attendance at the commission meetings. He commented on the jail situation with regards to the 9 to 2 vote of the commission to locate the jail at Dumont and wants to talk with the 9 who voted to build here rather than downtown where the jail is now.

MEETING AGENDA - ADDITIONS

3/ Commissioner Campbell asked to add, under discussion, a potential joint meeting with the city and township regarding issues they are working on together.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Spreitzer to approve the addition to the agenda. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 9 votes. Nays - 1 vote. Absent - 1 vote.

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

MEETING AGENDA - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

4/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adopt the meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION - MIKE DAY-CIRCUIT COURT/FRIEND OF THE COURT AND STEVE WERDON - CIRCUIT COURT PROBATION

5/ Mike Day, Court Administrator, gave a presentation regarding the courts. He introduced Ann Marie Briggs, a community probation officer, who explained how they have been using a new tool, the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI), to evaluate a youth's background and recommend a course of action that would be in their best interest.

Mike Day highlighted a few of the items presented in the 2007 annual report, such as the case load dispositions. We were without a circuit judge for several months, and with the help of the other judges, the cases were taken care of timely. He reported on the success of the GED program which graduated 19 youths, the settlement of 1/3 of the court cases using the Alternative Dispute Resolution program and spoke about costs of using private sector verses the public sector for youth services, stating that the costs for using the private sector have increased significantly.

Steve Werdon, Circuit Court Probation, stopped by to introduce himself, along with Shannon Seckler, and gave a brief description of the job duties that he and his staff do on behalf of the county.

PRESENTATION - LEIN - BLAINE KOOPS

6/ Sheriff Blaine Koops reported on the CJIS system and how it has become an invaluable tool in sharing information for law enforcement and other related agencies. However, the funding for this system, which was formerly the LEIN system, has been steadily increasing over the past few years. When the system was first introduced, it was based in Lansing and the various law enforcement entities could access the information from their computer. In the last few years, counties have purchased their own equipment but the cost continues to escalate. The proposed fees for Allegan County for 2008 will be \$45,000 compared with \$13,179 for 2007.

BREAK - 2:16 P.M.

7/ Upon reconvening at 2:29 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Jessup.

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVAL

8/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adopt the consent agenda as set. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 10 votes. Nays - 0 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS**8.1/ HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGAN COUNTY,**

Your committee on Finance has authorized the following claims for May 9, 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	110,921.93	110,921.93	0.00
Parks & Recreation Fund	2,097.49	2,097.49	0.00
CENTRAL DISPATCH/E911 FUND	1,990.04	1,990.04	0.00
Health Department Fund	7,931.68	7,931.68	0.00
Transportation Grant	56,343.00	56,343.00	0.00
Public Improvement Fund	135.32	135.32	0.00

Register of Deeds Automation Fund	553.00	553.00	0.00
LocalCorrections Officers Training	615.00	615.00	0.00
Justice Training Fund—P.A. 302, 1982	2,717.57	2,717.57	0.00
Grants	8,124.87	8,124.87	0.00
Laketown Contract	64.50	64.50	0.00
Fillmore TWP	96.75	96.75	0.00
Lee TWP - C.O.P.S.	64.50	64.50	0.00
Social Welfare Fund	16,418.69	16,418.69	0.00
Child Care-Circuit/ Family	13,244.29	13,244.29	0.00
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund	4,670,375.80	4,670,375.80	0.00
Tax Reversion	3,044.16	3,044.16	0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	393,269.03	393,269.03	0.00
Drain Funds	28,882.26	28,882.26	0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	5,316,889.88	5,316,889.88	0.00

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEGAN COUNTY,
Your committee on Finance has authorized the following claims for May 16, 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	57,465.98	57,465.98	0.00
Parks & Recreation Fund	1,630.10	1,630.10	0.00
CENTRAL DISPATCH/E911 FUND	28,378.00	28,378.00	0.00
Friend of the Court Fund	439.43	439.43	0.00
Health Department Fund	37,479.36	37,479.36	0.00
Transportation Grant	98,995.79	98,995.79	0.00
Public Improvement Fund	2,697.34	2,697.34	0.00
Law Library Fund	876.25	876.25	0.00
Child Care-Circuit/ Family	20,786.25	20,786.25	0.00
Senior Millage	5,131.71	5,131.71	0.00
Fillmore Twnshp Sewage-1999-Debt	300.00	300.00	0.00
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund	4,514,038.01	4,514,038.01	0.00
Tax Reversion	8,665.00	8,665.00	0.00
Self-Insurance Fund	143.87	143.87	0.00
Drain Funds	22,795.24	22,795.24	0.00
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	4,799,822.33	4,799,822.33	0.00

Respectfully submitted, COMMITTEE OF FINANCE

JAIL PLAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WORKGROUP—APPROVE PROPOSED RFP FOR JAIL PLANNER

9/ **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the proposed RFP for the Jail Planner as presented from the Jail Plan Professional Services Workgroup; and

Planner as presented from the Jail Plan Professional Services Workgroup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to proceed with the RFP process.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 8 votes. Nays - 2 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMISSIONER BLACK - SPECIAL PRESENTATION

10/ Commissioner Black asked that the following be made part of the minutes:

Disability/Aphasia
Don Black April 24, 2008

Subject: Communication and Disability

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Commissioners,

My name is Don Black and I am disabled. Some of you remember Commissioner Randy Brink's disability. His blindness was more obvious than my disability. I look the same as I looked prior to my stroke. I have regained about 80% or more of my comprehension. I am blessed to be alive, yet I am frustrated at times to keep up with conversations.

My disability was caused by a stroke in August 23, 2006. My condition is called aphasia. I have difficulty understanding or expressing myself in proper English; past, present, future tense, and I frequently invert words in sentences by beginning sentences with a verb. I am currently a patient of Sandra Glista a speech-language pathologist at Western Michigan University.

In my post-stroke condition I have identified four disabilities:

1. I cannot read as efficiently as prior to my stroke.
2. I cannot process abstract thoughts like prior to my stroke (such as some clichés). Sometimes I have to reread paragraphs as many as 10 times.
3. I cannot understand many words, especially names. At one time my therapist thought I lost some hearing, but further testing proved the only problem is aphasia, which affects my comprehension. As I read I have to become reacquainted with my vocabulary. I have to pronounce the words out loud to myself to recognize what words sound like. If I have not been reacquainted with individual words, I do not recognize words spoken to me.

4. I have difficulty filtering one voice from many voices or loud background noises.

Fellow Commissioners I love serving my community. I ask you to respect my disability.

To my point Mr. Chairman I ask that we operate closer to our Board Rules (*4. Rules of Order hiii, actions Items/Additions to Agenda*); (*5: Rules of Form a. b.*). I strain to filter "The Speaker", from multiple conversations that sometimes exist during our meetings. During session, I am asking for one commissioner to speak at a time without private conversations between one another. I do want to hear and honor each individual commissioner. I am frustrated of spontaneous items added to the agenda, because I need time to process and prepare my response. I want the opportunity to read what ever is being proposed. One hour before the meeting would be helpful. Right now I will vote no 100% of the time if I cannot review a document.

Recently three documents came before the commission spontaneously for their consideration. I had difficulty with 2 of the 3 requests.

1. Commissioner Spreitzer asked to amend the agenda with proposed jail information. My no vote was consistent with my request to read documents. I need time to read, process, and prepare my response.
2. Commissioner Thiele read into the record information about Phosphorus Fertilizer. I did receive about 6 pages from commissioner Thiele as he delivered for nearly 45 minutes. So I did not have the opportunity to review his argument. If his intent as stated to educate me, he missed the opportunity for me to align with him. I need time to read, process, and prepare my response. While I respect Commissioner Thiele's advanced vocabulary, about 20% of his words were either above my vocabulary or lost to my aphasia.
3. Chairman McNeal advised me that he intended to amend the agenda by introducing a resolution to rescind previous resolution. Commissioner McNeal respected my disability. He gave me a copy of the resolution on the day of our Commission meeting prior to the meeting's starting, about 1 hour. I did have time to read the document process and prepare my response. He also asked me if I understood what I read. Thank you, commissioner McNeal for your consideration.

In summary, Mr. Chairman,

I do not wish to cause anyone inconvenience. I want to say thanks to those of you who inquire about my progress, and your patience with my disability.

I offer some suggestions from Mary Free Bed on their "Communication Impairment Alert" sign and bill fold insert attached:

I have difficulty understanding spoken language due to my medical condition. To communicate with me please use strategies suggested in the bill-fold insert from Mary Free Bed hospital.

I understand written language better than spoken language due to my medical condition; please write down what you wish to communicate with me, especially names.

I attend therapy two times per month and in April I began yet another therapy process. I am making progress.

Believe me if you think it's hard for you to communicate with me, it's frustrating and humbling for me to communicate with you.

Thank you for your consideration.

Don Black
District #7
Allegan County Commissioner

Sincerely, Don

Finance-Grant Administrator for the CDBG Housing Grant Program

11/ Finance Director, David VanDeRoovaart reported that the previous CDBG Housing grant had not been administered properly, but the problems have now been cleared up and we are eligible to again apply for this grant. Because he does not want to take on the responsibility of the grant, he recommended that the board develop an RFP for a third party to administer the program.

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to authorize David to develop an RFP and bring it back to a study session of the board. Motion carried.

Sheriff Department-KPEP Professional Services Agreement to expand Methamphetamine Diversion Program

12/ Rob Simpson, from Community Corrections, asked for approval for professional services with KPEP. The amount of the grant for two years is not to exceed \$174,000.

Commissioner Thiele questioned the attachment which did not specify that the services were for counseling and asked that this item be moved to the next board meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner Spreitzer to add this item to June 12th board agenda. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 10 votes. Nays - 0 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

APPOINTMENT - BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

13/ Chairman McNeal announced the following appointment to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; term to expire December 31, 2008.

Nick Breedveld
342 E. Franklin Street
Otsego, MI 49078

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Jones to confirm the appointment as made. Motion carried.

ELECTION - PLANNING COMMISSION

14/ Chairman McNeal announced the election of 4 individuals to a three year term on the Planning Commission; terms to expire June 8, 2011.

Commissioner Campbell nominated the following individuals:

P. Thomas Vogeler, 234 Deer Run Drive, Plainwell 49080
Kelle Tobolic, 623 S. Locust, Wayland 49348
Ken Pardee, 1814 Schanz Road, Allegan 49010
Terry Burns, 1037 Maple St., Apt. A-5, Saugatuck 49453

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect the individuals as nominated. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

15/ Chairman McNeal opened the meeting to public participation. As there were no comments from the public, he declared the meeting closed to public participation.

ADJOURN TO JUNE 12, 2008 AT 1:00 P.M.

16/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to adjourn until June 12, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.


Deputy Clerk