

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PLANNING SESSION

February 21, 2008

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan met at the Felt Mansion in the Township of Saugatuck on February 21, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., as set; Chairman McNeal presiding.

The invocation was offered by District 3 Commissioner VanEck.

The Clerk led the board in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The following Commissioners were present:

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		

Agenda – Approved as Presented

2/ Chairman McNeal called for any additions or changes to the meeting agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Purpose of Meeting – Procedures to be Used

3/ Administrator Rob Sarro explained that the purpose of the meeting was to prioritize county non-mandated services and he introduced Julie Pioch, MSU Extension Director for Van Buren County. Julie reviewed the Turning Point Technology being used to record and tabulate the votes. Services are to be evaluated by evaluating the value of the service only. Ratings are assigned from 1 to 5 with 1 indicating low value and 5 indicating high value. If a Commissioner feels he needs more information before assigning a rating, “6” would be the vote chosen.

Services being rated were those compiled from the Ottawa County, Kent County and Saginaw County studies. Breaks were taken from 10:22 a.m. to 10:35 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for lunch.

After lunch, areas which weren't initially included were reviewed and rated. Community Mental Health, Department of Human Services, Probation services in the various Courts, Road Patrol local contracts, Road Patrol without contracts, Remonumentation, the capital improvement replacement plan and customer service.

The votes and information will be compiled and distributed to Commissioners. There appeared to be consensus that another meeting off sight should be held to review priorities and put dollars to it; also, there may be a need to reprioritize.

General Discussion

4/ At the conclusion of the meeting, commissioners expressed frustration over the use of time at meetings, how to establish a balance between allowing everyone a chance to express himself and preventing filibustering. There is a need to operate as a team. Each Commissioner

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needs to follow the rules of operation and get information to be considered to fellow Board members in a timely and complete manner so that everyone can be on the same page.

Adjourn until March 6, 2008 at 9:30 A.M.

4/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Campbell to adjourn until March 6, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 2:30 p.m.


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