

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SESSION

April 3, 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 3, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., as set; Vice-Chairman Jones presiding.

The invocation was offered by District 11 Commissioner Jones.

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 [left 11 00 a.m.]
DIST # 2	- EXCUSED -	DIST # 8	TOM JESSUP
DIST # 3	- EXCUSED -	DIST # 9	FRITZ SPREITZER
DIST # 4	MARK DeYOUNG	DIST #10	JON CAMPBELL
DIST # 5	DEAN KAPENGA	DIST #11	LARRY JONES
DIST # 6	MAX THIELE		

**Public Participation – No Comments**

2/ Vice-Chairman Jones opened the meeting to public participation. As there were no comments from the public, he declared the meeting closed to public participation.

**Minutes of March 20, 2008 Session – Adopt as Distributed**

3/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adopt the minutes of the March 20, 2008 session as distributed. Motion carried.

**Agenda – Approved as Distributed**

4/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion carried.

**Discussion – Planning and Goal Development**

5/ Administrator Rob Sarro reviewed the process that will be followed; brainstorming to list any goals, issues or concepts that should be put on the list. He reviewed the status of the issues from the previous list of goals (10 issues) to see which should remain in place and if any should be carried over.

There was consensus to remove three items from the list; 1) attract more dollars and people to area, 2) give people hope, 3) encourage regional fire departments. There was also consensus to retain alternative fuels/wind energy.

**Break – 10:47 A.M.**

6/ Upon reconvening at 11:00 a.m., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent – Commissioners McNeal, VanEck and Black.

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**Discussion Continued**

7/ There was consensus to not carry over several topics; County Growth Management plan, on-line accessibility, better education about county services in general.

After discussion, there was agreement to separate alternative fuels from wind energy and leave both items on the list. Also there was consensus to add law enforcement overtime due to court processes (Allegan County compared to other counties) as an issue of concern. Smoking on county property was listed. Senior/Special Needs Transportation was also listed.

Rob stated that he will compile the listing and send it out to Commissioners, along with instructions on rating the topics. He wants the Commissioner's ratings returned by April 10, 2008. He will not be present at the April 17, 2008 meeting, but hopes that these issues can be fleshed out then so that the 2009 budget goals can be set.

**Adjourn until April 17, 2008 at 9:30 A.M.**

8/ Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to adjourn until April 17, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 12:12 p.m.

  
Clerk/Registrar

# Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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**Larry "Casey" Jones, Vice Chairman**

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## **BOARD PLANNING SESSION-AGENDA**

Thursday, April 3, 2008 - 9:30 a.m.  
Board Room - County Services Building

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9:30 a.m. OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 20, 2008.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 1) Planning and goal development.

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## **OTHER ITEMS:**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**ADJOURNMENT: Thursday, April 17, 2008 @ 9:30 A.M. @ BOARD ROOM -  
COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, COUNTY SERVICES COMPLEX @ DUMONT.**

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### **Mission Statement**

"The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall plan, develop, and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper"

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