

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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April 16, 2009 Planning Session

APRIL 16, 2009 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 16, 2009, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of February 19, 2009, and rules of this Board; Chairman Jones presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #2 Commissioner McNeal.

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
DIST #5	DEAN KAPENGA	DIST #11	LARRY JONES
DIST #6	MAX THIELE		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

2/ Chairman Jones opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments, he closed the meeting to public participation.

MINUTES OF VARIOUS SESSIONS - APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Black, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009, February 5 and February 19, 2009 Sessions as distributed. Motion carried.

AGENDA - APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

4/ Chairman Jones asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. None were offered.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to approve the meeting agenda as distributed. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION:**JAIL PROJECT**

5/ Rob Sarro gave a presentation on the jail project. He began by reviewing the resolutions and activities which have occurred so far. He went over the various colored sections of the handout distributed and explained the considerations the evaluation team addressed prior to recommending the selection of Carter Goble Lee as the planning consultant for the project. Rob addressed numerous questions of the Board and patiently tolerated pontificating by a few. He explained that we are looking at phases I, II, and III and recommends that he be authorized to begin negotiating with Carter Goble Lee to perform these services.

BREAK - 10:00 A.M.

6/ At 10:00 A.M., Chairman Jones declared a recess.

Upon reconvening at 10:20 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

7/ Chairman Jones opened the meeting to public participation and the following individual offered comment:

1. Bob Scanlon urged the Board to take action and get going on the jail project. They have a lot to do before the funding question is submitted to the public.

JAIL FACILITY PROJECT - AWARD JAIL PLANNER BID

8/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Burns to place the resolution regarding the Jail Planner bid on the April 23, 2009 agenda for consideration. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 9 votes. Nays - 2 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

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

JAIL FACILITY PROJECT - ADMINISTRATOR'S FUNDING RECOMMENDATION

9/ Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to amend paragraphs 5 and 6 of the resolution dealing with the funding as follows:

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has reviewed current financial data and therefore recommends pursuing millage funding in whole or in part and, if in part, supplementing debt funding and/or internal financial funding in conjunction with a dedicated millage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners authorizes a millage proposal no later than the February 2010 election;

and place the resolution on the April 23, 2009 agenda for consideration. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 11 votes. Nays - 0 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

JAIL FACILITY PROJECT - SHERIFF'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FUNDING

10/ Sheriff Koops explained the three steps in his recommendation for funding. He stated that the public needs to know that we will be building a jail. If the millage proposal is voted down by the public, he would like to see if a "law enforcement only" millage be presented to the public. This would allow funding construction of the jail from the funds

which would normally be spent on law enforcement. If that proposal fails, law enforcement services would be reduced and the money saved would be moved to the construction project.

Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Black to keep this on the discussion portion of the agenda. There was general consensus that this should remain on the discussion portion of the April 23, 2009 agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

11/ Chairman Jones opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments, he closed the meeting to public participation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MAY 7, 2009 AT 9:30 A.M.

12/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until May 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.


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