

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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November 5, 2009 Planning Session

NOVEMBER 5, 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 November 5, 2009, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of October 1, 2009, and rules of this Board; Chairman Jones presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #3 Commissioner VanEck.

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 [left 12:40 pm]
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 - COMMENTS

2/ Chairman Jones opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:

1. Naomi Whetzel, Monterey Township noted the number of people in attendance and commended Commissioner McNeal for addressing his weight problem.

MINUTES - APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adopt the minutes of the September 10, 2009,

September 17, 2009, September 24, 2009, and October 1, 2009 sessions as distributed. Motion carried.

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS DISTRIBUTED

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

INTRODUCTIONS - H.R. DIRECTOR AND SENIOR SERVICES DIRECTOR

5/ Administrator Rob Sarro introduced Human Resources Director, Vicki Herzberg and Sherry Torres, Senior Services Director.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

6/ Susan Bailey-Carman, Director of Human Services, introduced board member, Liz Krause & staff members, Michelle Martin and Linda Knight. She reviewed the materials which provide information about the programs offered and the number of people served in the county. She noted that with the number of unemployed in the county, she expects a surge in requests for all forms of assistance when these people exhaust their unemployment benefits. The amount of cash brought into our county through providing these services totals \$23, 585,029.00 for the 2009 funding year. She noted the steep rise in the number of people receiving Medicaid assistance which demonstrates a need for resolving the health care crisis. She reviewed the MiBridges program. Currently the food program is operated in this manner and is an on-line application rather than in-person applications, and now clients are able to report changes on-line.

BREAK - 10:25 A.M.

7/ Upon reconvening at 10:45 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Spreitzer, Jessup, Campbell and Jones.

Absent - None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

8/ Rob Sarro introduced Kevin Ricco to go over the approach for implementing economic development in the county.

Kevin Ricco reviewed the history of the planning process so far and the recommendations resulting from the plan by McKenna Associates. He explained that the ultimate goal of having 1.5 FTEs dedicated to Economic Development recommended by McKenna will be difficult to achieve in the present economic climate. He addressed the three scenarios which would allow us to reach the long-term goals and clarified what is being recommended.

Rob stated that restructuring is needed in any case. We can't continue the fragmented approach. Thoughtful coordination of related services may take time but will permit progress to be made. This would be an educated way of consolidating what we have.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

9/ Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Burns to move the economic development issue to a future discussion agenda as soon as a 3 year plan is developed. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 7 votes. Nays - 4 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - CREATE COUNTY DEPARTMENT

10/ Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to set this resolution on the next action agenda.

Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to table the motion until a three-year business plan can be developed. Motion failed on roll call vote: Yeas - 5 votes. Nays - 6 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

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

During discussion of the original motion, Commissioner Campbell asked to withdraw the motion and Commissioner VanEck concurred.

2010 BUDGET - CAPITAL ITEMS

11/ Rob stated that the items on the capital budget and specifically the courthouse entrance project need consideration. The engineering and preliminary steps should be addressed before the end of the year in order to move plans forward - especially the entrance, retaining wall repairs and the garage/sally port. Commissioner Thiele requested a "date certain" for passage of the 2010 budget.

CLOSED SESSION - TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATION MATTERS

12/ There appeared to be general consensus to start next week's meeting at 11:00 a.m. and begin with a closed session to discuss negotiation matters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL NOVEMBER 19, 2009 AT 9:30 A.M.

14/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to adjourn until November 19, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.


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