

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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August 6, 2009 Planning Session

AUGUST 6, 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 August 6, 2009, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of July 23, 2009, and rules of this Board; Chairman Jones presiding.

The invocation was offered by District 10 Commissioner Campbell.

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 [ARR: 9:35 AM]	DIST #8	TOM JESSUP [EX 12:47 PM]
DIST #3	PAUL VANECK	DIST #9	FRITZ SPREITZER
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG	DIST #10	JON CAMPBELL
DIST #5	DEAN KAPENGA [EX: 11:30 AM]	DIST #11	LARRY JONES
DIST #6	MAX THIELE		

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENT

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

1. Naomi Whetzel thanked Commissioner Campbell for his kind words about her son's health and wished him well with his parent's health problems.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 9 AND JULY 23, 2009 SESSIONS - APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009 and July 23, 2009 Sessions as distributed. Motion carried.

AGENDA - ADDITIONS

4/ Chairman Jones asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner McNeal asked to have the following items added to the agenda:

1. Discussion of Robert's Rules
2. Discussion of Board Rules of Procedure
3. Proposed purchase of the Community Center
4. Haworth Property
5. A.G. Opinion re location of the Sheriff's Office.

Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Burns to approve the changes to the meeting agenda as requested. Chairman Jones announced each item will be dealt with separately:

1. Discussion of Robert's Rules was added; motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 9 votes. Nays - 2 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

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

2. Discussion of Board Rules of Procedure was added; motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas-9 votes. Nays-2 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

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

3. Purchase of the Community Center failed to garner a two-thirds vote and the motion failed: Yeas - 6 votes. Nays - 5 votes. Absent - 0 votes. Commissioner McNeal requested that the Chairman consider placing this issue on the agenda.

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

4. Discussion of the Haworth property failed to garner a two thirds majority and the motion failed: Yeas - 6 votes. Nays - 5 votes. Absent - 0 votes. Commissioner McNeal requested that the Chairman consider placing this issue on the agenda.

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

5. Attorney General's Opinion - discussion was approved and added to the agenda: Yeas - 9 votes. Nays - 2 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

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

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

5/ Chairman Jones called for the adoption of the meeting agenda as amended.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Campbell to adopt the agenda as amended. 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	N	FRITZ SPREITZER
Y	MARK DeYOUNG	Y	JON CAMPBELL
Y	DEAN KAPENGA	Y	LARRY JONES
Y	MAX THIELE		

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

McKENNA ASSOCIATES - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

6/ Rob Sarro stated that the McKenna Associates group is ready to present the report on economic development for the county after reviewing the resources in the county. Rob explained that

they are not looking to have specific board action, this presentation is for discussion and information sharing only.

Kevin Ricco introduced Jim Breuckman and Chuck Eckenstahler from McKenna Associates and Eric Wilson from the City of Plainwell. They presented their findings and recommended the development of an economic development commission as opposed to an economic development corporation. Mr. Breuckman explained how a commission differs from an economic development corporation and that the Board of Commissioners would have oversight and input with a commission, whereas a corporation operates in a more autonomous manner. The report contains the results of their findings as well as an implementation action plan. Mr. Eckenstahler cautioned what we will not see the traditional economic development programs we have seen in the past.

He recommended that the number of people on the economic development commission be limited to no more than eleven members with appointments being by district as well as at large. They recommend that the county have at least one person dedicated to economic development; not shared with other tasks. They addressed the questions of the Board.

Rob stated that he is waiting for instruction from the Board on the direction they want to take so that the organizational framework can be put in place.

BREAK - 11:15 A.M.

7/ Upon reconvening at 11:25 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Commissioner Kapenga.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

8/ Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Campbell to have Rob develop the options outlined and bring a recommendation relating to economic development to the Board for discussion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE ENTRANCE

9/ Administrator Rob Sarro addressed the recommended entrance change to the courthouse and stated it is part of the Facilities Management Plan as a separate project with an estimated cost of \$300,000 - \$350,000. The next step would be to develop an RFP for the project.

Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to set on the agenda for August 13, 2009 consideration to develop an RFP for the courthouse entrance with the sally port as an option.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Spreitzer to separate the courthouse entrance from the sally port and vote them separately. Motion lost on roll call vote:

Yeas - 3 votes. Nays - 7 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

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

The original motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 7 votes. Nays - 3 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

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

CLOSED SESSION - TO DISCUSS PROPERTY ACQUISITION

10/ Moved by Commissioner Spreitzer, seconded by Commissioner Jessup to recess to closed session to discuss property

acquisition. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 8 votes.
Nays - 2 votes. Absent - 1 vote. The meeting was recessed at
12:10 p.m.

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

C L O S E D S E S S I O N

RECONVENE/ROLL CALL

11/ Upon reconvening at 12:47 p.m., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Thiele, Black, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Commissioners Kapenga and Jessup.

CONTINUE WITH DIRECTION GIVEN THE ADMINISTRATOR LAST WEEK

12/ Rob Sarro recommended that we consider the original direction given him last week accomplished and he will relay that to the other party and report back next week. Commissioner McNeal began to object.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL AUGUST 20, 2009 AT 9:30 A.M.

13/ Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to adjourn until August 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried with Commissioner McNeal dissenting and the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.


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