

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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February 4, 2010 Planning Session

FEBRUARY 4, 2010 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 February 4, 2010, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of January 7, 2010, 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
DIST #3	PAUL VanECK	DIST #9	FRITZ SPREITZER
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG	DIST #10	JON CAMPBELL
DIST #5	- EXCUSED -	DIST #11	LARRY JONES
DIST #6	MAX THIELE		

DECEMBER 17, 2009 AND JANUARY 7, 2010 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED AS DISTRIBUTED

2/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Black to adopt the minutes of the December 17, 2009 and January 7, 2010 sessions as distributed. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS - TOURIST COUNCIL FUNDING ISSUE

3/ Administrator Rob Sarro explained why the Tourist Council issue is not on this agenda and asked for direction. Kevin Ricco had been asked to reduce the Parks Budget by \$50,000.00. He complied by reducing all but \$2,9010.00 from the Tourist

Council budget. This was presented to the Board in the proposed 2010 budget, discussed and was subsequently approved by the Board. Rob wanted to make sure the Board understood what had gone before. If the Board feels it's appropriate to bring this back up, so be it, but he would recommend that the decision should stand.

AGENDA - APPROVE AS PRESENTED

4/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Black to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried. Chairman Jones indicated he may request the Tourist Council funding discussion to be put on a future agenda.

ANIMAL SHELTER OPERATIONS

5/ Rob Sarro stated that at the last session, the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Stine was read into the record. He has included the response from Lt. Larson in the packet and asked if the board felt that this written response was sufficient or if they want to discuss the issue further.

Mr. Stine related his experience of visiting the shelter Monday morning and described his findings. He questioned why volunteers from Wishbone were valued and used when the shelter was in the old facility and why their involvement has been reduced now that the county has built the new facility.

Susan Smith from Wishbone stated that Wishbone volunteered recognizing that budget cuts make it difficult to adequately care for and exercise the animals and make sure adoptions occur. Working together will provide savings and additional services that could better serve the community, but access is essential. There is a need to maintain open communications to build and maintain services.

Undersheriff Hull stated they have put together a task force to work on these issues and offered to organize a meeting with Lieutenants Larsen and Baker to address Wishbone's concerns in a constructive manner. Jeff Steigman clarified the proposal processes with Rob to make sure he understood how to proceed.

Rob summarized the situation. Wishbone is willing to volunteer to provide services at the shelter, the Sheriff's department is willing to accept volunteer help, and the management issue is continuing to be discussed with the department whose responsibility it is to manage the animal shelter. Mr. Stein's issue will be dealt with separately.

BREAK - 10:35 A.M.

6/ Upon reconvening at 10:55 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Commissioner Kapenga.

JAIL ARCHITECT & ENGINEERING SERVICES BID

7/ Rob Sarro addressed how the evaluation committee arrived at the recommendation for awarding the bid to RQAW in conjunction with Byce, pending final reference checks and successful negotiations. He explained that the scoring outcome was very close and it came down to the retrofit experience level between the two finalists.

Commissioner McNeal stated that he disagrees with the committee's information, but he was not present during much of the discussion on Tuesday.

Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Spreitzer to award the bid to RQAW as presented.

Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Burns to table the issue until we get the reference checks back

and he has an opportunity to address the information on Commissioner Thiele's spreadsheet. The motion lost on roll call vote: Yes - 3 votes. No - 7 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

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

ADMINISTRATION-JAIL AND SHERIFF DEPARTMENT FACILITY ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES BID

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the recommendation from the Proposal Evaluation Committee and the County Administrator that, pending final reference checks and successful contract negotiations, the bid for Architect and Engineering services be awarded to RQAW Corporation, 10401 North Meridian Street, Suite 401, Indianapolis, IN, 46290, for an amount not to exceed:

- \$1,140,000 - Jail and Sheriff Department Facility
- \$50,000 - Courthouse Entrance
- \$30,000 - Sally Port at Courthouse

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to negotiate the contract, that the contract shall be brought back to the Board for review and final approval, and that the Budget and Finance Director is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Spreitzer to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes - 7 votes. No - 3 votes. Absent - 1 vote.

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

BOARD PLANNING GOALS

8/ Rob recommended that the discussion of the Board's planning goals be held for a future date when they can be discussed fully.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

9/ 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 FEBRUARY 18, 2010 AT 9:30.M.

10/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to adjourn until February 18, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.


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