

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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April 15, 2010 Planning Session

**APRIL 15, 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 April 15, 2010, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of April 1, 2010, and rules of this Board; Chairman Jones presiding.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Patrick White, Pastor of the Christ Community Church in Allegan.

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 [ARR: 9:45 A.M.] | 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.

**AGENDA - ADOPT AS DISTRIBUTED**

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

Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to adopt the meeting agenda as distributed. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas - 11 votes. Nays - 0 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

**INFORMATIONAL SESSION - TRANSPORTATION**

4/ Dan Wedge, Transportation Director, reviewed figures relating to ridership, cost of the program and the various projects completed. Funds have been awarded to permit replacing 8 vehicles this fall. He serves as a delegate for Community Transit Association of America representing Michigan on that body. He gave a pictorial tour of the transportation facility and maintenance area and stated there will be an Open House scheduled in June.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:****JAIL FUNDING DISCUSSION:**

5/ Rob Sarro summarized the progress made so far on the Jail project. He stated that the schematics will be presented May 6, 2010. This meeting will focus on the financial options for building and operating the new facility. He stated the source of funding to operate the Jail comes from the General Fund of the county. There have been questions on whether civilians could be used to staff some of the positions and he asked Human Resource Director, Vicki Herzberg to address these issues.

Vicki Herzberg stated that management rights portions of the contracts provide various options. She has been looking at job descriptions and, contractually, we are not locked into the current job descriptions. Rob explained that short of a separate funding source, you must fund the operations of the jail from the General Fund and be prepared for additional staffing requirements of the expanded structure. Based on the scaled back staffing estimates, the starting minimum increase in operating costs is estimated as being an additional \$800,000.

Finance Director David Van de Roovaart proudly announced that the bonds for the Human Services building were defeased today and as of this point in time, we are debt free. He

reviewed 5 different funding scenarios to give Board members background on the funding options available to them. He stated that the amount of \$25,000,000 is based on \$20 million construction costs with 25% soft costs and assumes the courthouse sally port and security entrance are being bid out as a separate project.

**BREAK - 10:12 A.M.**

6/ Upon reconvening at 10:28 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones.  
Absent - None.

**JAIL FUNDING DISCUSSION CONTINUED**

7/ Rob Sarro stated that there are three questions that will need to be answered in order to continue:

1. Do you want to pursue a millage question?
2. If yes, do you want to put the question before the voters in August or some other date?
3. Do you want to include any operating millage along with the construction millage and if so, how much?

**SET MILLAGE ELECTION TARGET DATE - AUGUST, 2010**

8/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to seek a millage in August.

Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to separate seeking a millage from the August date. The motion lost on roll call vote: Yes - 5 votes. No - 6 votes.  
Absent - 0 votes.

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

The original motion to seek a millage in August passed by roll call vote: Yes - 9 votes. No - 2 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

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

**JAIL OPERATING MILLAGE - NOT INCLUDED IN AUGUST MILLAGE QUESTION**

9/ Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to not include operating money in the ballot language. Motion carried on roll call vote: Yes - 10 votes. No - 1 vote. Absent - 0 votes.

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

**SCENARIO #2 - DEBT SERVICE PAID BY DTRF**

10/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Black to select scenario number 2 to be the funding strategy for construction funds. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes - 9 votes. No - 2 votes. Absent - 0 votes.

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

Scenario #2                      \$25,800,000 Project Cost Funded Using DTRF to partially fund the debt service  
 Taxable Value                      \$ 4,197,981,628

| Annual Debt Service    | DTRF for Debt Service | Necessary Millage to Fund Debt Service | Additional Yearly Property Tax on a House Valued at \$100,000 (TV-\$50,000) |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|---|
| 20 Years               |                       |  |   |
| \$2.0 -2.2 Million     | \$ 1,000,000          | 0.2859                                 | \$ 14.29  |
| 25 Years               |                       |  |   |
| \$1.7 - \$2.1 Million  | \$ 1,000,000          | 0.2620                                 | \$ 13.20  |
| 30 Years               |                       |  |   |
| \$1.6 - \$1.75 Million | \$ 1,000,000          | 0.1787                                 | \$ 8.93   |

NEXT MEETING - START AT 3:00 P.M.

11/ There was discussion that since the meeting on April 22, 2010 is not scheduled to start until 7:00 P.M., would it be prudent to convene a worksession at 3:00 P.M., prior to the meeting. There appeared to be consensus to start at 3:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MAY 6, 2010 AT 9:30 A.M.

12/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Spreitzer to adjourn until May 6, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

  
Clerk/Registrar

