

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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May 20, 2010 Planning Session

**MAY 20, 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 May 20, 2010, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 6, 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 - EXCUSED -
DIST #2 STEVE McNEAL	DIST #8 TOM JESSUP
DIST #3 PAUL VanECK [left 12:15]	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 individual offered comments:

1. Scott Corbin, Emergency Management Director, addressed the Citizens Emergency Response Team who volunteered 3,317 hours of training and exercises in the past 18 months. They recently competed with 9 CERT teams from across the State where core services of emergency preparedness were tested and they took first place. He then introduced Dave Stien, Bruce Lenardson and Wayne Walker to present the trophy they received to Chairman Casey Jones.

**AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED**

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

**USER FEE STUDY - MATRIX CONSULTING GROUP**

4/ Mark Carpenter, project manager from Matrix Consulting Group explained the procedures followed for the fee study. He reviewed the objectives of the study, defined user fees, explained the methodology, and presented examples of cost analysis. He explained that the recommendations are a result of the study and advice from County staff. When you know what a particular service costs, it enables you to make better decisions on whether to set a user fee and if so, what portion of the cost should be recovered.

**BREAK - 10:25 A.M.**

5/ Upon reconvening at 10:35 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Commissioner Black.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE & CORRECTIONS CENTER PROJECT**

6/ Joe Hoffman reviewed the schematic cost estimate for the construction of the Sheriff's Office and Corrections Center. He addressed the information from the summary page, jail structure detailed construction summary, demolition of the current jail and the alternates such as EOC addition, construction of the east access road, sally port-recreation alternate and gun range alternate. Mark VanAllen addressed specifics on the costing of the various components.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE & CORRECTIONS CENTER-SCHEMATIC DESIGN & BUDGET**

7/ Moved by Commissioner Spreitzer, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to select Option 1 schematic design at a cost of \$31,744,000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes - 9 votes. No - 1 vote. Absent - 1 vote.

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

#### DEVELOP DESIGN PLANS FOR OPTIONS/ALTERNATES

8/ Moved by Commissioner McNeal, seconded by Commissioner Campbell to include development of the design of the options as alternates such as the Emergency Operations Center, Gun Range and full scratch kitchen to be included in the stated project cost of \$31,744,000.00. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes -9 votes. No - 1 vote. Absent - 1 vote.

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

#### SCOPE OF OPERATIONS - ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

9/ Rob Sarro reviewed the decisions made so far regarding the Sheriff's Office & Corrections Center; we will request a millage to repay the construction debt bonds, this will be placed on the August ballot, and the proposition for operation of the facility will not be placed on the ballot. Based on the regional jail study, he stated we currently have the cheapest to run jail with the most design inefficiencies in the state. There will undoubtedly be an increase in cost of operating the new facility because it will house more people. Even operating one pod will mean an annual increase of \$256,000 for the 285 beds in that pod. He explained the various options which he outlined in the e-mail sent to Commissioners:

- Option 1 - Offset increased operating costs through reduction in General fund Services.
- Option 2 - Include an operating millage proposition for operations of the jail facility.

- Option 3 - Include an operating millage proposition for county-wide law enforcement.
- Option 4 - (what Administration is recommending) Utilize internal financing tools to cover short-term operational costs, consider a millage for operating with the three-year period (18 months of construction/18 months operating).

**ADDRESSING INCREASE IN OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE NEW STRUCTURE**

10/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Burns to accept Option 4 as described by the administrator to cover future additional operating costs while planning for an increase in operating millage. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yes - 9 votes. No - 0 votes. Absent - 2 votes.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND CORRECTIONS CENTER - BALLOT FORMAT**

11/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the following ballot language.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND CORRECTIONS CENTER  
BOND PROPOSITION**

Shall the County of Allegan, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-two million Dollars [\$ 32,000,000] and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of: constructing, remediating, renovating, furnishing, and equipping a new Sheriff's Office and Corrections Center, and providing for related site improvements and all necessary appurtenances and attachments upon the site of and in the former Haworth Seating Plant in the City of Allegan?

The Following Is For Informational Purposes Only

The maximum number of years the bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, will not exceed twenty [20] years. The estimated millage that may be levied for the proposed bonds in the year 2010 is .4470 mills [\$0.4470 per \$1000 of taxable valuation] The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is .6247 mills [\$0.6247 per \$1000 of taxable valuation] over the term of the debt. The County of Allegan proposes to use Delinquent Tax Revolving Funds to pay part of the annual bond payment thereby reducing the required annual millage by an estimated 37%.

YES     

NO       

The motion carried by roll call vote: Yes - 7 votes. No - 2 votes. Absent - 2 votes.

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

**MOVE DATE OF ELECTION TO THE NOVEMBER 2010 BALLOT - FAILED**

12/ Moved by Commissioner Burns, seconded by Commissioner McNeal to move the date of the Sheriff's Office and Corrections Center funding election to November 2010 ballot. Motion lost on roll call vote: Yes - 4 votes. No - 5 votes. Absent - 2 votes.

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

**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.

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION - LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

14/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to recess to closed session to discuss labor negotiations. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yes - 9 votes. No - 0 votes. Absent - 2 votes. The meeting was recessed at 1:05 P.M.

**C L O S E D   S E S S I O N****RECONVENE/ROLL CALL**

15/ Upon reconvening at 1:25 P.M. the following Commissioners reported present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Commissioners VanEck and Black.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 3, 2010 AT 9:30 A.M.

16/ Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until June 3, 2010 at 9:30 A.M. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 P.M.

  
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