

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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August 4, 2011 Planning Session

AUGUST 4, 2011 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 4, 2011, at 9:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of July 28, 2011, and rules of this Board; Chairman DeYoung presiding.

The invocation was offered by District 4 Commissioner DeYoung.

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 - EXCUSED -	DIST #8 TOM JESSUP [arr: 10:13 am]
DIST #3 PAUL VanECK	DIST #9 BILL SAGE
DIST #4 MARK DeYOUNG	DIST #10 JON CAMPBELL
DIST #5 DEAN KAPENGA	DIST #11 LARRY JONES
DIST #6 MAX THIELE	

Also in attendance were:

Courts: Mike Day, Linda Lenahan
 Sheriff's Department: Sheriff Koops, Undersheriff Hull, Scott Matice, Mike Larsen, Frank Baker, Deb Marculis
 Prosecutor's Office: Fred Anderson & Rob Kingis
 Administrative: Rob Sarro, Vickie Herzberg, David Van de Roovaart, Denise Wilson
 Information Services: Steve Sedore

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

2/ Chairman DeYoung opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments, he closed the meeting to public participation but asked everyone to join him in wishing Casey Jones a Happy Birthday.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2011 SESSION - APPROVED AS DISTRIBUTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2011 session as distributed. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE**

4/ Administrator Rob Sarro presented an overview of the process that will be used to work together and adopt a strategy for success. He started with an exercise to move everyone away from an "us/them" mentality to a "we" mentality to overcome barriers, establish common goals, utilize all our resources effectively and efficiently to establish priorities and enable us to provide quality county services.

- Identify common broad level objectives (indicators) for Public Safety and Justice.
- Specific measurement factors may be discussed but are secondary to identifying the indicator.

He reviewed how the objectives of the Sheriff's office were evaluated and classified according to the Board's strategic goals of easily accessible services, efficient/cost effective practices, employing and retaining a highly capable workforce, financial planning, fostering a positive innovative work environment, providing leadership, collaboration and citizen engagement, promoting public safety/justice, steady growth and the strategic use of technology.

BREAK - 10:30 A.M.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY - BOARD ALIGNED

6/ Rob addressed how to get the departmental goals aligned with the Board's objectives. For example:

- Objective 2: Maintain or reduce violent crime
- Objective 4: Decrease rate of jail/detention time and recidivism (adult/juvenile)
- Objective 10: Drug/substance issues.

He addressed the departmental goals where alignment cannot be identified:

- Objective 1: Achieve a 5 section system of law enforcement; maintain a minimum 3 section system
- Objective 3: Maintain or reduce property crime rate
- Objective 9: Reduce vehicle related fatalities on County roads

There was a great deal of discussion, is response to and prevention of violent crime a key factor as a goal (measurements to come later)?

BREAK - 12:17 P.M.

7/ Upon reconvening at 1:00 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Sage, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Commissioner McNeal.

DISCUSSION:

8/ What are the key issues facing Allegan County regarding public safety/law enforcement? The discussion focused on how to set the goals for public safety and establish a standard of performance:

- Substance/Drug related crimes
- Detention rate
- Recidivism
- Prevention (how incorporated and measured)
 - Baseline Assessments
 - In partnership with others
- Response (reported by section)
 - X% of County-wide Emergency Calls will be responded to within a maximum of X minutes.
 - X% of Non-Emergency Calls will be responded to within a maximum of X minutes.

The final 4 Justice objectives which are not aligned with the Board's objectives will be addressed at a later time:

- Objective 5: X% of court cases will be resolved within state established guidelines
- Objective 6: Decrease the number of non-represented litigants (civil)
- Objective 7: Decrease cost of indigent defense while maintaining appropriate level of quality
- Objective 8: Decrease cost of language interpretation services

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL AUGUST 11, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.

9/ Moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Van Eck to adjourn until August 11, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.


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