

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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September 15, 2011 Planning Session

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Karl Zimmerman Room of the Human Services Building in the Township of Allegan on September 15, 2011, at 8:30 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of September 8, 2011, and rules of this Board; Chairman DeYoung presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #11 Commissioner Jones.

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	- EXCUSED -
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG	DIST #10	JON CAMPBELL
DIST #5	DEAN KAPENGA	DIST #11	LARRY JONES
DIST #6	MAX THIELE		

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.

2011 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED AS DISTRIBUTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to adopt the minutes of the following 2011 sessions as distributed:

- July 21, 2011
- August 4, 2011
- August 11, 2011
- August 25, 2011

Motion carried.

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS DISTRIBUTED

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT - STRATEGY

5/ Administrator Sarro reviewed the progress made so far on developing a strategy for public safety as part of the strategic plan. We need to define what the county can do under the current financial reality and bring the expectations of the local municipalities into alignment with this reality.

Mike Larson reviewed the figures relating to complaint response times and noted that the times are primarily related to geography and the number of deputies on the road at that point in time. He reviewed how they have calculated average response times. They currently have 20 deputies but have asked for 24. Currently response times for non-emergency calls average 26 minutes and preferred response times would be 20 minutes. Average emergency response times of 19.5 would be reduced to 15 minutes with the requested 24 deputies. The estimated times are not inclusive of the local municipal contracts or other law enforcement agencies and are reflective of when contacted by central dispatch until arrival at the complaint site; dispatched complaints.

Rob stated that we are currently at 24 deputies and next year's budget funds only 20 deputies. That is the bottom line.

BREAK - 11:08 A.M.

6/ Upon reconvening at 11:20 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Campbell and Jones. Absent - Sage.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE - OBJECTIVES

7/ Rob Sarro asked Mike Day to address the objectives relating to the courts. Mr. Day began by addressing objective 8; language interpretation services. There is now technology available that allows for off-site interpretation enabling the court to contain costs in this area.

As far as objectives #7 and #6 are concerned, the court has met with the Bar Association and they are working to create a legal self-help clinic solution modeled on those which other counties have found successful. By fostering the self-help clinic, we can decrease the number of unrepresented individuals and decrease the time spent on cases moving through the system. They hope that firms volunteering will also help address the need for indigent defense.

Objective #5 relating to case-flow management: The court is following the established guidelines relating to case flow and will soon implement a "scheduling order" to more closely control the time spent per case and adhere to the guidelines established by SCAO.

Moved by Commissioner Campbell/Jones to adopt objectives 5 through 8 relating to public safety and justice. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL OCTOBER 6, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.

8/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner McNeal to adjourn until October 6, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 A.M.


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