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## COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING - Minutes Thursday, October 23, 2008 @ 4:30 PM Board Conference Room - County Services Building

### CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Campbell called the meeting to order @ 4:30 p.m.

### ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Jon Campbell, Commissioner Mark DeYoung, Commissioner Don Black, Commissioner Dean Kapenga, Commissioner Tom Jessup

### OTHERS:

Commissioner Casey Jones, Transportation Director Dan Wedge, Administrative Services Assistant Becky Blaine

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Campbell approved the agenda as presented.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

COMMISSIONER BLACK MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 20, 2007 AND MAY 8, 2008 MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER DEYOUNG SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

### ITEMS:

#### **Transportation Facility Project–update**

Dan Wedge updated the committee on the Transportation Project. The steel portion of the building is more than half up, concrete mezzanine and walls are up. The bathrooms and inside offices are moving forward. Project is in budget and on schedule. Dan informed there have been two issues with this project. Issue 1) mechanical contractor that was originally awarded the bid went out of business. At that time they were 70% complete and to avoid delay in the project the subcontractor Kalamazoo Mechanical stepped up and completed the project. The other two bidders were offered but did not want to finish the project. Issue 2) the painters McCarthy & Sons who were originally awarded the project were pulled due to invalid bid bond. Through negotiation with the other bidders, Dave Cole was awarded for an additional \$3,000. Dan presented project summary sheet for review. In addition, Dan presented the color scheme for the building.

#### **Mission Statement**

"The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall plan, develop, and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper"

Commissioner Jessup questioned the buildings signage. Dan replied that signage is part of phase II of the project. The plans call for signage on the building and out front. Dan further stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for early spring after the department is fully operational.

Dan mentioned that the ordinance that covers highland industrial park properties has been revised. He will be forwarding the documents to Rob for review but they should not impact the project or future building.

### **Wind Energy**

The committee revisited the wind energy issue from the last meeting. Commissioner Campbell stated the Board had initially placed this project as a number 3 during prioritization, which means at least 3 years out. Then the last intergovernmental meeting with the township and city it was prioritized higher. What is the direction of this committee?

Commissioner Kapenga mentioned that he and Commissioner Jessup attended a wind energy conference awhile back. They presented the overview of the conference to the whole board. He questioned whether we should be meeting with the different townships to assistance them with drafting an ordinance? He inquired to the townships that his region covers and they did not welcome the information. He questions if the Board should be the catalyst for the townships and who decides what come first?

Commissioner Jones referenced an article that addressed all alternate energy solutions. 84.9% of Americans energy is petroleum, coal burning, and natural gas. Only .3% comes from wind energy. He mentioned that from interviewing farmers there is a company that is exploring wind energy and leasing land all over Allegan County.

Commissioner Jessup mentioned from another conference that if companies could find a way to harness the power that is lost (67%) through the lines that would be a solution. He further suggested that the Board should draft an ordinance for the townships to use if needed, allowing the County to get one step ahead.

Commissioner Black mentioned that the Planning Commission invited Michigan University representatives to speak about this particular matter and reviewed the legal perspective. It was brought up from the meeting that solar power is another alternate for energy.

Commissioner Campbell will place this item on the next joint meeting for further discussion with the township and city. He will also contact the State for up-to-date information on this matter.

### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

DEYOUNG MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING @ 5:27 P.M.  
COMMISSIONER JESSUP SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION  
CARRIED.

Administrative Services Assistant Becky Blaine respectfully completed and submitted the minutes via email 10/31/08.

Next County Services Committee Meeting TBA.