

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
SPECIAL PLANNING SESSION

September 13, 2007

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan September 13, 2007, at 10:30 a.m., as set; Chairman McNeal presiding. The invocation was offered by District 5 Commissioner Kapenga and the Clerk led the Board in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The following Commissioners were present:

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	DIST #11	LARRY JONES
DIST # 6	MAX THIELE		

Agenda – Adopted as Presented

2/ Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Jail Decision Points

3/ Chairman McNeal asked Jail Complex Committee Chairperson, Commissioner Campbell to present the history of site consideration and JCC decisions made. Commissioner Campbell addressed the process that the committee went through to arrive at the recommendation of the County Complex site at Dumont Lake. He stated that the committee prepared a suggested resolution for the Board to consider and listed the location advantages and disadvantages considered before choosing this site. He encouraged the public and the Board members to ask any questions they may have.

Sheriff Koop stated that the sheriff's office has had two main concerns regarding the site for locating the jail: 1. whatever site, it must be easily expandable and 2. the location must provide a single site for the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's office. He emphasized that the Dumont Lake site would be suitable to fulfill those requirements. Bart Shaw concurred that as the citizens' representative on the committee, he feels that the needs of the department will be well served by this decision. Undersheriff Hull stated that the project just needs to move forward and the site chosen would work and would meet the needs of the department.

Steve Schulz, Allegan Township Supervisor, stated that while it's not his favorite spot, he doesn't find it objectionable; he would like to strongly suggest that the Board address waste handling and that joining the City and Township in the proposed sewer project rather than another sewage pond would address that concern. Rob Hilliard, Allegan City Manager stated that while this is not his favorite site, the City still wants to participate and have input into the planning for this project.

Approve JCC Recommendations for Site Selection

4/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner VanEck to approve the JCC recommendations for site selection. There was discussion about whether the proposed resolution might be more appropriate. The vote to be taken after the break.

Break – 11:28 A.M.

5/ Upon reconvening at 11:37 a.m., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Burns, McNeal, VanEck, DeYoung, Kapenga, Thiele, Black, Jessup, Spreitzer, Campbell and Jones. Absent – none.

Jail Building Location Recommendation

6/ An amended resolution addressing the Jail building location recommendations was distributed. Commissioners Kapenga and VanEck were queried as to whether or not this resolution which was divided into two parts, reflected the issue addressed in their previous motion. Both Board members agreed that it did. Chairman McNeal asked the Clerk to perform a roll call vote on this resolution. The resolution carried by roll call vote: Yeas – 9 votes. Nays – 2 votes. Absent – 0 votes.

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

The resolution as adopted to read as follows:

JAIL BUILDING LOCATION RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners has determined there exists a need to construct a new Jail and Sheriff’s Department facility to address the various deficiencies of the current facility as outlined to the Board in many forums over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff, the staff of the Sheriff’s Department, and other interested individuals have devoted countless hours, and County resources to studying the need to construct a new Jail and Sheriff’s Department facility; and

WHEREAS, by resolution approved in 2005, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners created the Criminal Justice Complex Committee, first, to resolve differences between differing viewpoints of the Board related to the Jail issue, and later to examine various locations for construction of a new Jail facility and recommend the same to the full Board of Commissioners for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Complex Committee, through due diligence, has reached a point in which the Committee recommends to the full Board of Commissioners consideration of constructing a new Jail and Sheriff’s Department facility on County owned property, also known as the County Services Complex;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners accepts the recommendation of the Criminal Justice Complex Committee to construct an approximate 400 bed Jail and Sheriff’s Department facility on County owned property also known as the Dumont Lake Complex; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners wishes to thank all persons, firms, consultants and staff that have worked diligently on this and other projects related to the construction of a Jail and Sheriff's Department facility.

The following resolution was distributed:

Jail Facility Project-Administration Directives

7/ JAIL FACILITY PROJECT-ADMINISTRATION DIRECTIVES

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes County Administration to work in conjunction with the Board of Commissioners to accomplish the following:

- Construct an approximate 400 bed Jail and Sheriff's Department facility on County-owned property also known as the County Services Complex
- Develop a recommendation of how to proceed with said project
- Develop a timeline for said preparatory steps of said project
- Recommend professional services needed to begin the process of constructing a new Jail and Sheriff's Department facility, including development of any RFQ or RFP processes needed to complete the various services needed
- Develop financing options for completion of said project
- Any other responsibilities as determined necessary throughout said project.

Moved by Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the resolution as distributed. Motion carried by roll call vote: Yeas – 9 votes. Nays – 2 votes.

Absent – 0 votes.


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

Public Participation – No Comment

Chairman McNeil opened the meeting to public participation; as there were no comments from the public, he declared the meeting closed to public comment.

Adjournment until September 20, 2007 at 9:30 A.M.

Moved by Commissioner VanEck, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adjourn until September 20, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried and the meeting was recessed at 11:55 a.m.


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SPECIAL BOARD PLANNING SESSION-AGENDA

Thursday, September 13, 2007 – 10:30 a.m.
Board Room – County Services Building

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9:30 a.m. **CALL TO ORDER:**

OPENING PRAYER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Jail Decision Points (referred from Jail Complex Committee).

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OTHER ITEMS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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ADJOURNMENT: Thursday, September 20, 2007 @ 9:30 a.m. @ BOARD ROOM –

COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, COUNTY SERVICES COMPLEX @ DUMONT.

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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"

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMPLEX COMMITTEE

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Location advantage and disadvantage discussion

Dumont property advantages:

- Could begin project immediately (No site acquisition issues to deal with)
- Ease of defending site politically
- No purchase cost
- No deed restricting use of the property
- Preserves option for future Boards to consider consolidation of County functions on one property
- No trade of valuable Dumont Lake property necessary
- No likely wetland mitigation
- No need to construct another Sheriff's "tool box" (storage building)
- Maintains two site County operations
- Central County location
- Youth home considerations could be part of current/future plan
- Close to Central Dispatch
- No need/desire to move the County Animal Shelter
- Kitchen/support facilities can work for Youth Home, Medical Care, Jail, possible future assisted living complex, possible future senior citizen congregate meal site
- County not subject to city/township review/rejection on future expansion plans
- Common site easier to oversee
- Expansion of facility less problematic
- Limited drainage problems
- Site-work likely less expensive (Less than other properties considered)
- No additional land and/or easements required for utilities
- All utilities at site (Utility options open for Board consideration)

Dumont property disadvantages:

- 1.5 to 2.5 million dollar infrastructure cost (water, sewer, etc.)
- Possible regional sentenced facility less likely to be acceptable at this location
- Harder for public, other law enforcement agencies to find
- Transportation facility can't be funded by the grant if located here (Small Urban Area Grant)
- Taking lake property, which is very valuable and diminishing its value substantially with a jail. (Could sell the lake front property, buy land with the proceeds and have money left to off-set the cost of the jail)
- Decrease property value in the area
- No place for inmates to go when released from jail (commit to work on solution to this issue)
- Proximity to other law enforcement agencies
- Proximity to fire service
- Proximity to EMS and hospital
- Snow removal (Road Commission policy that they won't plow on weekends, etc. due to O.T.)

