

**MINUTES  
ISABELLA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 20, 2011**

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairperson David Ling in the Commission Chambers on the above date.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Chairperson David Ling.

**Roll was called with the following Commissioners present:** George Green, John Haupt, Roger Trudell, William Dailey, Jim Moreno, Frances Lichtman and David Ling.

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Also present were:** County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty; and Deputy Clerk Brenda Young.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Chairperson Ling asked if there were any additions or deletions to the Agenda.

**Additions/Deletions:**

**Under Appointments to Boards and Commissions:** None

**Under Finance and Administration:** None

**Under Criminal Justice and County Affairs:** None

**Under Human Resources and Public Works:** None

**Under Intergovernmental Affairs:** None

**Under Unfinished Business:** None

**Under New Business:** Remove motion #1 of the first item.

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the agenda as amended.

**Motion Carried**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:** Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty announced the Financial Audit will begin January 3, 2012.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**1. Three openings on the Commission on Aging Board representing District #1, District #3, and District #4.** Four applications received from Roxanna Dunevant for District #1, Evelyn Kent for District #1, Shirley Decker for District #3, and John Dinse for District #4.

A. One opening on the Commission on Aging Board representing District #1 for a three year term ending 12/31/2014.

Commissioner Green nominated Roxanna Dunevant. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations three more times.

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt, supported by Commissioner Green to close nominations and the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Roxanna Dunevant.

**Motion Carried.**

**Roxanna Dunevant** was declared appointed.

B. One opening on the Commission on Aging Board representing District #3 for a three year term ending 12/31/2014.

Commissioner Lichtman nominated Shirley Decker. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations three more times.

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to close nominations and the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Shirley Decker.

**Motion Carried.**

**Shirley Decker** was declared appointed.

C. One opening on the Commission on Aging Board representing District #4 for a three year term ending 12/31/2014.

Commissioner Moreno nominated John Dinse. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations three more times.

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Green to close nominations and the Board cast a unanimous ballot for John Dinse.

**Motion Carried.**

**John Dinse** was declared appointed.

**2. ICTC Board:** One opening on the Isabella County Transportation Commission a three year term ending 12/31/2014. Two applications were received from Donald Brown and Larry Keller.

Commissioner Trudell nominated Donald Brown

Commissioner Dailey nominated Larry Keller.

A roll call vote was called for by Chairperson Ling.

Donald Brown received 6 votes, Larry Keller received 1 vote.

**Donald Brown** was declared appointed.

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions Continued.....**

**3. Parks and Recreation Commission:** Two openings on the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three year term ending 12/31/2014. Three applications received from Randy Vasold, Ronald McDonald, and Travis Keeton.

A. One opening on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Trudell nominated Randy Vasold. Commissioner Moreno nominated Travis Keeton. Commissioner Haupt nominated Ronald McDonald.

A roll call vote was called for by Chairperson Ling.

Randy Vasold received 6 votes.

Ronald McDonald received 1 vote.

**Randy Vasold** was declared appointed.

B. One opening on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Commissioner Haupt nominated Ronald McDonald. Commissioner Moreno nominated Travis Keeton.

A roll call vote was called for by Chairperson Ling.

Ronald McDonald received 5 votes.

Travis Keeton received 2 votes.

**Ronald McDonald** was declared appointed.

**4. Planning Commission:** Three openings on the Isabella County Planning Commission for three year terms ending 12/31/2014. Three applications received from Gerald Neyer, Evelyn Kent and Joel Welty.

A. Commissioner Moreno nominated Joel Welty. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations three more times. It was moved by Commissioner Haupt supported by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Joel Welty.

**Motion Carried.**

**Joel Welty** was declared appointed.

B. Commissioner Trudell nominated Gerald Neyer. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations three more times. It was moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Trudell to close nominations and the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Gerald Neyer.

**Motion Carried.**

**Gerald Neyer** was declared appointed.

C. Commissioner Lichtman nominated Evelyn Kent. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations three more times. It was moved by commissioner Dailey, supported by Commissioner Green to close nominations and the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Evelyn Kent.

**Motion Carried.**

**Evelyn Kent** was declared appointed.

**5. Board of Public Works:** Two openings on the Board of Public Works for three year terms ending 12/31/2014. Two applications received from Kenneth J. Schaeffer, and Ray Zimmerman.

A. Commissioner Dailey nominated Ray Zimmerman. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations three more times. It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to close nominations and the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Ray Zimmerman.

**Motion Carried.**

**Ray Zimmerman** was declared appointed.

**Appointments to Boards and Commissions Continued....**

B. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations for an opening on the Board of Public Works. No nominations were heard. The opening on the Board of Public Works will be re-advertized.

**6. Region VII Area Agency on Aging:** One opening on the Region VII AAA for a three year term ending 12/31/2014. One application received from Jacqueline Curtis. It was moved by Commissioner Trudell and supported by Commissioner Lichtman to appoint Jacqueline Curtis to the Region VII AAA.

**Motion Carried.**

**Jacqueline Curtis** was declared appointed.

**7. Human Rights Commission:** One opening on the Human Rights Commission for the remainder of a three year term ending 9/1/2012 representing the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. One application received from Amy Shawboose.

Commissioner Moreno nominated Amy Shawboose. Chairperson Ling asked for nominations three more times. It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to close nominations and the Board cast a unanimous ballot for Amy Shawboose.

**Motion Carried.**

**Amy Shawboose** was declared appointed.

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It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Dailey to approve the December 6, 2011 Board Minutes as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Administration Committee:**

**1. Routine Personnel Items:** It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to approve the December 20, 2011 Routine Personnel items as presented.

**Motion Carried.**

See a copy of the Routine Personnel Items on page 174A of the Official Minutes.

**2. December 20, 2011 Claims List:** It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the December 20, 2011 Claims list in the amount of \$183,290.37.

**Motion Carried.**

See a copy of the December 20, 2011 Claims List on page 174B of the Official Minutes.

**3. November 2011 Direct Pay List:** It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the November 2011 Direct Pay List in the amount of \$931,926.46.

**Motion Carried.**

See a copy of the November 2011 Direct Pay list on page 174C of the Official Minutes.

**Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:**

**1. HMEP Grant:** It was moved by Commissioner Haupt, supported by Commissioner Green to approve the FY 2011-12 Hazardous materials Emergency preparedness Grant (HMEP) agreement as presented and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

**Motion Carried.**

See a copy of the HMEP Grant on file in the County Clerk's Office.

**2. Public Defender Contract:** It was moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Haupt to approve the 2012 Public Defender Contract as presented and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the 2012 Public Defender contract on file in the County Clerk's office.

**Human Resources and Public Works Committee:**

**1. Parks and Recreation Oil and Gas Lease:** it was moved by Commissioner Dailey, supported by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Oil and Gas lease with Lucas Exploration as presented pending written approval by the Midland Area Community Foundation and Midland County Boards as require in the joint declaration of Covenants connected to the Title and the property and authorize the Board chair to sign on behalf of the County.

**Motion Carried.**

See a copy of the Lucas Exploration Oil and Gas lease on file in the County Clerk's office.

**2. Zoning Amendments #2012-02, #2011-03, and #2011-05.** It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman supported by Commissioner Trudell to postpone discussion and vote on the Zoning Amendments until Community Development Director Timothy Nieporte is available to answer questions.

**Motion Carried.**

**Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:**

Commissioner Trudell announced the Council of Governments meeting is December 21, 2011 at the Isabella Township hall at 7:00 p.m. Marc Griffis, Emergency Management Coordinator will be presenting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**1. Off Road Vehicle Ordinance:** It was moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Haupt to set a public hearing for the Off Road Vehicle Ordinance on February 21, 2012 at 7:05 p.m.

**Motion Carried.**

**New Business:** None

**General Public Comments:**

Bill Funnell, Isabella Township resident and Farm Bureau representative announced that the Michigan legislature is considering a bill that would limit youth working on farms that are not family owned. He stated that both Representative Cotter and Senator Emmons have introduced Resolutions to stop the bill.

Dave Zuker, owner of Zuker Towing requested the Board of Commissioners look into the Wrecker Policy set by the E911 Tech Board. He believes the rotation is not equal for all wrecker services. Commissioner Green and Isabella County Administrator Timothy Dolehanty will get a copy of the Wrecker Policy and review it with Mr. Zuker.

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**Announcements:** The Council of Governments meeting is November 16, 2011 at the Coldwater Township hall at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Ling announced he will not be seeking reelection as Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners in 2012. He thanked his fellow board members for allowing him to serve 9 years as Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

**Adjournment:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 8:12 p.m.

**Motion Carried.**