

**MINUTES
ISABELLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 21, 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; Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan; 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: Add Item #1, the cancellation of the July 6, 2011 Board of Commissioner's Meeting.

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

Motion Carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Bill Funnel, Isabella Township resident and Michigan Farm Bureau member announced the Breakfast on the Farm Event taking place on Saturday July 16, 2011 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The event is sponsored by Michigan Farm Bureau and will be at the Pasch Dairy Farm on Nottawa Road.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

1. Finance Director's Budget Report: Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty reviewed the current state of the 2010/11 Fiscal Year Budget.

2. Administrator/Controller's Report: Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty explained a study being conducted by TIFFA between Preston and Broomfield roads on Mission Street regarding traffic flow. The study may recommend that more points of access may be opened up to help ease traffic congestion.

The Administrator also announced he will be meeting with Insurance providers and Unions to discuss employee retirement plans.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee:

1. Routine Personnel Items:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to approve the June 7, 2011 Routine Personnel Items as presented.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the Routine Personnel Items on page 136a of the Official Minutes.

2. Claims List:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the June 7, 2011 Claims list in the amount of \$111,732.79 as presented.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the June 7, 2011 Claims list on page 136b of the Official Minutes.

3. May 2011 Direct Pay List:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to approve the May 2011 Direct pay List in the amount of \$1,375,190.25.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the May 2011 Direct Pay List on page 136c of the Official Minutes.

4. Deputy Equalization Director Pay Rate:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to grant the Administrator/Controller authority to offer the position of Deputy Equalization Director to a qualified candidate at a pay rate not to exceed Grade 15, Step 3.

Motion Carried.

Finance and Administration continued.....

5. Authorization of Summer Tax Levy of County's General Operating Millage:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to approve the completion of the State Tax Commissioner form L-4029 – 2011 Tax Rate Request Form setting the 2011 County Operating Rate at 6.61 mills authorizing the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of form L-4029 2011 Tax Rate Request Form on file in the County Clerk's office.

6. 2011 STC Form L-4066 Taxable Valuation Reports: Isabella County Deputy Equalization Director Judy Niznak was present to discuss the 2011 Taxable Valuation Reports.

7. 10 Year Step Increase – Commissioner Lichtman explained that there appears to be two issues regarding the 10 year step increase. One issue being that a County Clerk Employee was given the Step increase by the Court Administrator without input from the County Clerk. The other issue being that there is an inequity as to how the 10 year step increase is being applied based on whether the non union employee works in the Court Building or the County building. The Criminal Justice Committee will meet with the Court Administrator.

Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee: None

Human Resources and Public Works Committee:

1. It was moved by Commissioner Dailey, supported by Commissioner Moreno to adopt Resolution #2011-09 expressing support of National Parks and Recreation month. A Roll Call vote was called for by Chairperson Ling.

Ayes: #3 Trudell, #4 Dailey, #5 Moreno, #7 Lichtman, #1 Green, #2 Haupt, #6 Ling

Nays: None

Absent: None

Whole number of votes cast was 7 of which the Ayes received 7 and the Nays received 0. The Ayes received a majority of all votes cast and the proposition was declared passed.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of Resolution 2011-09 on file in the County Clerk's office.

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. July 6, 2011 Board of Commissioners Meeting- It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Dailey to cancel the July 6, 2011 Board of Commissioner's Meeting and authorize the Finance and Administration Committee to approve the Claims List and the Direct Pay List for July 6, 2011.

Motion Carried.

General Public Comments: Mr. Peter Reale discussed a possible conflict of interest between the Director of Mental Health and the Listening Ear Administrator.

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Announcements: None

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 8:30 p.m.

Motion Carried.