

**MINUTES
ISABELLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 15, 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 Prosecutor Larry Burdick; 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: Remove item #1 MRF Roll off Truck, move item #2 Resolution #2011-15 to New Business, and move item #3 Ad Hoc Committee report to Old Business.

Under Intergovernmental Affairs: None

Under Unfinished Business: None

Under New Business: None

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

Motion Carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Erin Rubing, from Isabella County Continuum of Care and Listening Ear presented the Board with Isabella County poverty and homeless statistics. She explained that the ICCC provides a variety of assistance including ensuring heat and electricity remains intact for families in need, paying rent to prevent evictions and homelessness, and providing hotel vouchers to families in need of shelter.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty announced the new Director of Finance, Donna Barker, has begun work for the County. She comes to the County with extensive auditing skills. Interviews for the Deputy Equalization Director are scheduled.

The City DDA is planning work to improve traffic flow at the large retail area containing Soldan's on Mission Street.

The LDFA reports the Smart Zone on the south side of CMU's campus currently houses 11 companies and employs 85 people.

Administrator Dolehanty and Chairperson Ling attended the public hearing at Union Township and expressed the County's wish that Union Township commit to not capture DDA on dedicated millages.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. Commission on Aging Board representing District #2: One opening on the Commission on Aging Board representing District #2 for the remainder of a term ending 10/31/2013. Two applications were received from Ruth Ann Maniteau and Luis Terreros.

Commissioner Haupt nominated Ruth Ann Maniteau. 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 Ruth Ann Maniteau.

Motion Carried.

Ruth Ann Maniteau was declared appointed.

2. Department of Human Services Board: One opening on the Department of Human Services Board for a three year term ending 10/31/2014. Two applications were received from Vicki Block and Luis Terreros.

Commissioner Lichtman nominated Vicki Block

Commissioner Moreno nominated Luis Terreros.

A roll call vote was called for by Chairperson Ling.

Vicki Block received 6 votes, Luis Terreros received 1 vote.

Vicki Block was declared appointed.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to approve the November 1, 2011 Closed Session Minutes regarding the GELC County Unit Union Contract as presented.

Motion Carried.

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It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the November 1, 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 November 15, 2011 Routine Personnel items as presented.

Motion Carried.

2. November 15, 2011 Claims List: It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the November 15, 2011 Claims list in the amount of \$67,124.66.

Motion Carried.

3. October 2011 Direct Pay List: It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the October 2011 Direct Pay List in the amount of \$4,561,873.60.

Motion Carried.

Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:

1. Target Stores Inc., Contract with Sheriff: It was moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Haupt to approve the Target Stores Inc. Contract as presented and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion Carried.

Human Resources and Public Works Committee: None

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:

Commissioner Trudell announced the Council of Governments meeting is November 16, 2011 at the Coldwater Township hall at 7:00 p.m. Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski will be presenting.

Unfinished Business:

1. Zoning and Inspection Ad Hoc Committee Report: Commissioner Dailey reviewed the recommendations of the Zoning and Inspection Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee concluded three options are available. The County could just continue the Zoning and Inspection Department as it is; the County could attempt to convince townships that have private zoning to come back and have the County perform their inspections and zoning; or eliminate the County Inspections and Zoning Department all together. Chairperson Ling requested the committee meet again and come up with a more firm recommendation.

New Business:

1. Gratiot County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Resolution #2011-16: It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Moreno moved to adopt Resolution #2011-16 that, as part of the application process and prior to the expenditure of funds, the MMDC Administrative Agency/Fiscal Officer is authorized to sign on behalf of Isabella County, the EPA required Memorandum of Agreement, between the GCRBA and other coalition partners.

A Roll Call vote was called for by Chairperson Ling.

Ayes:, #2 Haupt, #3 Trudell, #4 Dailey, #5 Moreno, #7 Lichtman, #1 Green #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 resolution was declared adopted.

2. Right to Work Resolution #2011-15: It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Dailey to adopt Resolution #2011-15 recording the Boards support of everyone's right to work and engage in collective bargaining without fear or favor. Commissioner Trudell stated he was uncomfortable voting on a resolution that he had not had time to review and asked that the vote be postponed until a later date when more information could be gathered. The vote was postponed.

General Public Comments: None

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

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:23 p.m.

Motion Carried.