

**MINUTES
ISABELLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 21, 2012**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson George Green.

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

Commissioners Absent: Roger Trudell, and David Ling

Also present were: County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty; Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan; and Deputy Clerk Brenda Young.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairperson Green 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: None

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Dailey to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) ORDINANCE

At 7:05 pm, Chairperson Green opened the ORV Public Hearing. Chairperson Green explained the ORV ordinance.

Robert Hooker, Sherman Township Marshall, questioned the disbursement of funds generated from the citations written for violations of the Ordinance. Chairperson Green explained that any changes the committee tried to make to the original ordinance were not approved by the State of Michigan. The Ordinance specifies that fifty percent of the fines go to the County Sheriff and fifty percent to the Board of County Road Commissioners.

Patricia Block, 5520 S. Vandecar Rd., stated she is opposed to any ordinance that will increase ORV traffic. She questioned if a noise guideline was included in the ordinance. Chairperson Green explained that noise complaints should be directed to the Township.

At 7:18 pm, Chairperson Green closed the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Haupt to adopt the ORV Ordinance as presented.

A Roll Call vote was called for by Chairperson Green.

Ayes: #7 Lichtman, #2 Haupt, #4 Dailey, #5 Moreno, #1 Green,

Nays: None

Absent: #3 Trudell, and #6 Ling

Whole number of votes cast was 5 of which the Ayes received 5 and the Nays received 0. The Ayes received a majority of all votes cast and the Resolution was declared adopted.

See a copy of the ORV Resolution on file with the County Clerk's office.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. Mid Michigan Development Corporation Annual Report: MMDC CEO Brian Anderson presented the 2011 Annual Report to the Board. According to the Annual Report, MMDC projects created 44 new jobs and retained 58 while also generating \$669,500 in grants for local entrepreneurs.

B. Administrator/Controller's Report: Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty reviewed the projects planned by the DDA and Local TIFFAs.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Board of Public Works: One opening on the Board of Public works for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2014. One application received from Kenneth Schaeffer.

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt, supported by Commissioner Dailey to nominate Kenneth Schaeffer.

Chairperson Green asked if there were any other nominations three times.

It was moved by Commissioner Dailey, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kenneth Schaeffer.

Motion Carried.

Kenneth Schaeffer was declared appointed.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman supported by Commissioner Haupt to approve the February 07, 2012 Board Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Dailey, supported by Commissioner Moreno to approve the February 07, 2012 Closed Session Minutes regarding Isabella County vs. POAM as presented.

Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee:

1. Routine Personnel Items: It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Haupt to approve the February 21, 2012 Routine Personnel Items as presented.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the February 21, 2012 Routine Personnel on page 14A of the official minutes.

2. February 21, 2012 Claims List: It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Dailey to approve the February 21, 2012 Claims List in the amount of \$99,344.33.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the February 21, 2012 Claims list on page 14B of the official minutes.

3. January 2012 Direct Pay List: It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Haupt to approve the January 2012 Direct Pay List in the amount of \$3,818,532.71.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the January 2012 Direct Pay List on page 14C of the official minutes.

Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee: None

Human Resources and Public Works Committee:

1. Parks and Recreation Pickup Truck Purchase Request:

It was moved by Commissioner Dailey, supported by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Parks and Recreation purchase of a pickup truck not to exceed \$17,319 as presented.

Motion Carried.

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Isabella County Road Commission – discussion

Chairperson Green discussed recently passed HB5126 which authorizes a County Board of Commissioners to transfer the powers, duties, and functions of the Board of County Road Commissioners to the County Board of Commissioners, or submit the question to the voters.

Chairperson Green will create a 5 member ad hoc committee to investigate the efficacy of the Road Commission and increase transparency of the organization. Ad Hoc Committee members will be announced at the next Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

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General Public Comments: Peter Reale, 233 N. Main St., Mt Pleasant resident questioned the motives of Community Mental Health and Listening Ear Crisis Center.

Announcements: None

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Haupt to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 8:27 p.m.

Motion Carried.