

**MINUTES
ISABELLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 07, 2013**

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, Roger Trudell, Jim Horton, James Moreno, David Ling, and Frances Lichtman

Commissioners Absent: None

Also present were: Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty; Isabella County Prosecutor Risa Scully; Isabella County Clerk Minde` B. Lux and Deputy Clerk Brenda Young.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

Additions/Deletions:

Under Consent Agenda: None

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:

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

Motion Carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

1. Resolution of Appreciation to Eileen Rau:

It was moved by Commissioner Ling supported by Commissioner Lichtman to adopt Resolution #2013-03 as presented. Commissioner Ling read the Resolution. A Roll Call vote was called for by Chairperson Green.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. Department of Human Services Board: One opening on the Department of Human Services Board for the remainder of a 3 year term and ending 10/31/2013. One application was received from Dale A. McDonald.

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Haupt to nominate Dale A. McDonald.

Motion Carried.

Dale A. McDonald was declared appointed.

Dale A. McDonald thanked the Board for the appointment. He stated that he has a large task ahead of him following in Eileen Rau's shoes. He is appreciative to work for his first love which is DHS.

2. Planning Commission: One opening on the Planning Commission for the remainder of a 3 year term ending 12/31/2013. Five applications were received from Patricia DePriest, John Dinse, Roy Ranck, Nancy J. White, and Nicholas Bennett Wood. Chairperson Green stated his disappointment in the lack of applicants from the Townships that are represented by County Zoning.

Commissioner Lichtman nominated John Dinse

Commissioner Horton nominated Patricia DePriest

It was moved by Commissioner Ling to close nominations. Chairperson Green asked for a Roll Call Vote.

John Dinse: #5 Moreno, #6 Ling, #7 Lichtman, #2 Haupt, #3 Trudell

Patricia DePriest: #4 Horton, #1 Green

John Dinse received 5 votes and Patricia DePriest received 2 votes.

John Dinse was declared appointed.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to approve the April 16, 2013 Regular Board Minutes.

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 Routine Personnel Items as presented.

Motion Carried

See a copy of Routine Personnel Items on page 22A of the official minutes.

2. Claims List:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the May 7, 2013 Claims List as presented.

Commissioner Haupt asked if bids were taken on the new mowers purchased by Parks and Recreation. Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty and Isabella County Parks and Recreation Director SueAnn Kopmeyer stated that at least three bids were accepted for the mowers.

Motion Carried

See a copy of the Claims List on page 23A of the official minutes.

Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:

1. April 30, 2013 Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by Commissioner Ling, supported by Commissioner Haupt to approve the April 30, 2013 Criminal Justice Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

2. Sheriff Department Dive Team Mutual Aid Agreements:

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt, supported by Commissioner Ling to approve the Sheriff Department Dive Team Mutual Aid Agreements as presented. The agreements provide more manpower to be called on in the case of emergencies. Millbrook Rolland, Nottawa Sherman, and Shepherd Tri-Township Fire Departments have all signed agreements.

Motion Carried

See a copy of the Sheriff Department Dive Team Mutual Aid Agreements on file in the County Clerk's office.

3. Sheriff Department C.O.P.S. Grant Funding Request:

It was moved by Commissioner Ling supported by Commissioner Haupt to approve the Sheriff Department C.O.P.S. Grant funding request as presented. The three year grant proposal involves the Federal government paying 75% of a newly hired sheriff deputy. Union Township has expressed interest in the Sheriff pursuing the grant. Union Township Manager Brian Anderson stated the officer would be dedicated to community policing and patrols. Union Township is considering hiring an additional officer if the grant is awarded. He outlined a couple of changes to the contract suggested by Union Twp attorney. Union Township will be discussing the grant agreement at their meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the COPS Grant funding request on file in the County Clerk's office.

4. Register of Deeds Budget Amendment:

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt supported by Commissioner Ling to approve the Register of Deeds Budget Amendment as presented. The budget amendment allows the Register of Deeds office to continue their cross indexing progress. The project should be completed by next spring.

Motion Carried

Human Resources and Public Works Committee:

1. May 1, 2013 Human Resources and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno supported by Commissioner Horton to approve the May 1, 2013 Human Resources and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion Carried

See a copy of the May 1, 2013 Human Resources and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes on file in the County Clerk's office.

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2. Parks and Recreation Deerfield Nature Park Disc Golf Expansion Budget Amendment:

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Horton to approve the Deerfield Nature Park Disc Golf Expansion Budget Amendment as presented. Isabella County Parks and Recreation Director SueAnn Kopmeyer stated the budget amendment provides \$5,000 from the Parks and Recreation's undesignated funds. The money will be used toward tee pads, signage and to finish the project by the end of June.

Motion Carried

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee: Commissioner Ling stated that the committee met with the City of Mt Pleasant last week and continued exploring the structure of maintaining the recycling center. The committee will be proposing the creation of a task force to explore programming and the expansion of recycling in the community.

They also discussed the future of the airport becoming a more attractive and viable part of the community.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Commissioner Haupt attended an MSU Extension meeting and cited local impacts to the Isabella County by MSU Extension.

General Public Comments:

Union Township Manager Brian Anderson updated upcoming road projects. The Township is expecting a \$400,000 safety grant to redo and widen Deerfield road between Crawford and Mission. They are also expecting an Enhancement Grant which would cover 80% of the expense for a bike path on the south end of the Township. Isabella Road, Meridian Road and BroadwayStreet will also see improvements this year..

Patricia DePriest thanked the Board for considering her as an applicant for the Planning Commission Appointment.

Announcements: Commissioner Moreno attended a meeting in Lansing where he learning that revenue sharing will continue to decrease.

Commissioner Ling announced that DHS will be honoring Eileen Rau from 2pm until 4pm on May 20, 2013

Commissioner Horton updated the Board on the progress of Jockey Alley parking lot construction. Sidewalks will be poured in the next week.

Chairperson Green announced a Household Hazardous Waste collection at the Isabella County Fairgrounds on May 11, 2013.

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman supported by Commissioner Trudell to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:40 p.m.

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Motion Carried.