

**MINUTES
ISABELLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 17, 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, Roger Trudell, Jim Horton, James Moreno, Frances Lichtman and David Ling

Commissioners Absent: John Haupt

Also present were: Interim County Administrator/Controller Donna Barker; Margaret McAvoy; 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: No changes

Under Appointments to Boards and Commissions: No changes

Under Finance and Administration: No changes

Under Criminal Justice and County Affairs: No changes

Under Human Resources and Public Works: No changes

Under Intergovernmental Affairs: No changes

Under Unfinished Business: No changes

Under New Business: No changes

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

Motion Carried

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Donna Brown, Vernon Township Resident, came to address the County zoning issue. She stated that lack of restrictions on land creates problems for owners and can lead to the decrease of home values. Zoning can be used to protect farmers and ensure the future of agriculture of land is possible. Effective

zoning can create a buffer between commercial, residential and agricultural. She doesn't think that de-zoning our community is a good idea. She is requesting that the County Board uphold zoning.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS: None

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

MERS Management and Employee Representative Appointments:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to appoint Steven Pickens as the Isabella County Management Representative to the Municipal Employees Retirement System's 2013 Annual Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Commissioner Horton pointed out that the motions read as 2014, but the forms state 2013. It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to change the date of the motion to 2013.

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to ratify the County employee's election of Dale Huegel as the Employee Representative and Nicole Foster as the alternate to the Municipal Employees Retirement System's 2013 Annual Meeting with the Alternate attending only if the Employee Representative cannot.

Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the following consent agenda items:

September 3, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2013 Human Resources and Public Works Committee Minutes.

September 13, 2013 Finance and Administration Committee Minutes.

Finance and Administration - Routine Personnel Items for September 17, 2013

Finance and Administration – Claims list for September 17, 2013 in the amount of \$97,613.17.

Finance and Administration – Direct Pay List for August 2013 in the amount of \$5,183,853.83

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the Routine Personnel Items on page 54A of the official minutes.

See a copy of the Claims List on page 54B of the official minutes.

See a copy of the August 2013 Direct Pay List on page 54C of the official minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee:

1. FY2013 Region VII AAA Memorandum of Agreement:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to approve the FY2013 Region VII AAA Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion Carried.

Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:

1. Humane Animal Treatment Contract:

It was moved by Commissioner Ling, supported by Commissioner Moreno to extend the current contract for one month until November 1, 2013. Commissioner Ling commended the HATS representatives in the audience for their work at reducing the animal population in Isabella County.

Motion Carried.

Human Resources and Public Works Committee: No business

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee: No business

Unfinished Business:

Saginaw Chippewa Semi Annual 2% requests:

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Horton to approve rank order of Semi-annual Tribal Gaming Compact requests and to forward that ranked list to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe as presented.

Motion Carried.

New Business:

FY 2014 Budget Public Hearing:

It was moved by Commissioner Ling, supported by Commissioner Moreno to set the FY 2014 Budget Hearing on September 24, 2013 at 7:05 in room 225 of the County Building.

Motion Carried.

General Public Comments:

Peter Reale came to discuss the two apartments that he has and correspondence and dealings with the City.

Donna Brown, Vernon Township resident, added that she understands that it takes money, time and effort to maintain Zoning.

Health, safety and wellbeing costs money. She lives and enjoys living in the County (Vernon Township) and wants to continue that. She is disappointed in her Township and the people are abusing the rules.

Tim Lannen came to state an observation that he has not seen any reports regarding intergovernmental affairs in about 6 months.

Announcements:

Commissioner Moreno announced a website to educate the citizens on the Affordable Care Act. The website will be linked on the County website.

Commissioner Horton stated that he has business dealings with Medical Care Facility but will remain impartial when voting on items regarding the MCF

Adjournment:

It was moved by Commissioner Ling supported by Commissioner Lichtman to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:25

Motion Carried.

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