

**MINUTES  
ISABELLA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

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 to the United States of America** was led by Chairperson George Green.

**Roll was called with the following Commissioners present:** George Green, John Haupt, Jerry Jaloszynski, James Moreno, Jim Horton, David Ling and Michael Fisher

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Also present were:** Isabella County Administrator/Controller Margaret McAvoy, County Prosecutor Risa Scully-Hunt, County Clerk Minde` B. Lux, Deputy Clerk Brenda M. Young.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Commissioner Fisher requested to add item B under New business**

It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion Carried

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mary Alsager, Mt Pleasant resident, stated that CMU is closing Rose Pool which is used by many community members. She is part of a group that has formed a committee called Friends of Swimming. The working name of the project is the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Center. They envision two multifunctional pools. She invited the Board of Commissioners to their next meeting on February 16, 2016 at 6 p.m. at Commission On Aging building.

Gerald Stryeski, 7877 N Shepherd Road stated he is a former ICTC Board member and would like to be appointed again to that board.

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:** None

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

**1. Isabella County Commission on Aging Advisory Board- District 7:**

Chairman's request for nominations for one opening on the Isabella County Commission on Aging Advisory Board District 7 representative, for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2018 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Sarvjit Chowdhary.

Commissioner Horton nominated Sarvjit Chowdhary.

Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Sarvjit Chowdhary.

**2. Isabella County Commission on Aging Advisory Board- at-large:**

Chairman's request for nominations for one opening on the Isabella County Commission on Aging Advisory Board at-large representative, for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2018 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Claudia Douglass.

Commissioner Ling nominated Claudia Douglass.

Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Claudia Douglass.

**3. Isabella County Human Rights Committee – at large:**

Chairman's request for nominations for one opening on the Isabella County Human Rights Committee at-large representative, for a 3 year term ending September 1, 2018 or until a successor is appointed. Two applications were received from Andrea Christopher and Shuna Stevens. Commissioner Fisher nominated Shuna Stevens. Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated Andrea Christopher. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times.

It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Haupt to close nominations. Chairperson Green asked for a roll call vote. Haupt: Stevens, Jaloszynski: Christopher, Horton: Stevens, Moreno: Christopher, Ling: Stevens, Fisher: Stevens, Green: Stevens. Stevens received 5 votes and Christopher received 2 votes. Shuna Stevens was declared appointed.

**4. Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission:**

Chairman's request for nominations for two openings on the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2018 or until a successor is appointed. Four applications were received: Jordan Bruursema, incumbent Craig Clingan, incumbent John Dinse, and Michael McCreery. Commissioner Moreno nominated John Dinse. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Dinse. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Haupt nominated Craig Clingan. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Craig Clingan. Motion Carried.

**5. Isabella County Planning Commission:**

Chairman's request for nominations for two openings on the Isabella County Planning Commission for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2018 or until a successor is appointed. Three applications were received; incumbent Kelly Bean, incumbent Gordon H. Gilchrist, and Erin Strang.

Commissioner Horton nominated Kelly Bean.

Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Haupt and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kelly Bean. Motion Carried.

**Planning Commission Continued.....**

Commissioner Horton nominated Gordon H. Gilchrist.  
Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Gordon H. Gilchrist. Motion Carried.

**6. Isabella County Planning Commission:**

Chairman's request for nominations for one opening on the Isabella County Planning Commission to complete a 3 year term ending December 31, 2018 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Erin Strang.  
It was moved by Commissioner Haupt to not nominate a person tonight and to put the position out for more application. The motion died without support.  
It was moved by Commissioner Moreno to nominate Erin Strang.  
Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations.  
Commissioner Haupt asked for a Roll Call vote. Haupt: no, Jaloszynski: Yea, Horton: Yea, Moreno: Yea, Ling: Yea, Fisher: Yea, Green: Nay. Yeas received 5 votes, and the Nays received 2 votes. Erin Strang was declared appointed.

**7. Isabella County Transportation Commission:**

Chairman's request for nominations for one opening on the Isabella County Transportation Commission for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2018 or until a successor is appointed. Three applications were received; incumbent Matt Mertz, Erin Strang and Gerald Stryeski.  
Commissioner Moreno nominated Matt Mertz. Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated Gerald Stryeski. It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations.  
Chairperson Green asked for a roll call vote. Haupt: Mertz, Jaloszynski: Stryeski, Horton: Stryeski, Moreno: Mertz, Ling: Mertz, Fisher: Mertz, Green: Stryeski. Matt Mertz received 4 votes and Gerald Stryeski received 3 votes. Matt Mertz was declared appointed.

**8. Isabella County Zoning Board of Appeals:**

Chairman's request for nominations for one opening on the Isabella County Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2018 or until a successor is appointed. Two applications were received; one from Gordon H. Gilchrist and one from Tom Riley.  
Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated Tom Riley. Commissioner Horton nominated Gordon H. Gilchrist. It was moved by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Haupt to close nominations.  
Chairperson Green asked for a Roll Call vote. Haupt: Riley, Jaloszynski: Riley, Horton: Gilchrist, Moreno: Gilchrist, Ling: Riley, Fisher: Riley, Haupt: Riley, Green: Riley. Tom Riley received 5 votes and Gordon H. Gilchrist received 2 votes. Tom Riley was declared appointed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve and place on file the December 1, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes, the December 8, 2015 Finance and Administration Committee meeting minutes, the December 8, 2015 Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee meeting minutes, the December 7, 2015 Human Resources and Public Works committee meeting minutes and the December 3, 2015 Routine Personnel Items. Motion Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Administration Committee:**

**1. November 24, 2015 Claims List and December 2, 2015 Claims List:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Ling to ratify and place on file the November 24, 2015 Claims List in the amount of \$72,507.17 and the December 2, 2015 Claims List in the amount of \$88,692.13 The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**2. November 2015 Direct Pay List:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Ling to approve the November 2015 Direct pay List in the amount of \$1,725,848.38. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**3. FY 2016 County Vehicles Purchase:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Ling to authorize the purchase of the following County vehicles per FY 2016 Approved Budget from Krapohl Ford in Mount Pleasant, Michigan; two patrol vehicles for the Sheriff Department at a per unit price of \$26,927.00, one vehicle for the Commission on Aging in the amount of \$22,982.00, one vehicle for the Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of \$32,998.18 and one vehicle for Community Development and Inspections in the amount of \$19,524.00 The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**4. Short Term Disability Program Expansion:**

It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve expanding the current Short Term Disability Program to add a benefit from the 27<sup>th</sup> week of physician documented disability up to 2 years, or age 70, whichever comes first, with coverage of 60% gross wages. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**5. Finance Committee:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Ling to authorize the Finance Committee to review and authorize payment of bills through January 5, 2016. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:**

**1. Mitchell Farm Land Agreement Application:**

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve the Mitchell Farmland Agreement Applications and instruct the Isabella County Clerk to forward the approved application to the MDA-Farmland and Open Space Program. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**2. Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement:**

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission and the County of Isabella from the time period of December 15, 2015 through May 31, 2018, in the amount of \$34,364.00 and authorize the Board chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**3. Agreement for Animal Shelter Services:**

It was moved to approve the Agreement for Animal Shelter Services between Isabella County and the Humane Animal Treatment Society, Inc., effective October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2018, in the amount of \$155,000.00 annual, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**Human Resources and Public Works:**

**1. Northeastern Area State Private Forestry Great Lakes Restoration Grant Application:**

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to approve the participation of the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Department with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe in the Northeastern Area State Private Forestry Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Application, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for the Isabella County Tree Replanting Project, effective April 1, 2016 through March 21, 2018. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:** No Business

**Administrator/Controller:** No Business

**Unfinished Business:** No Business

**New Business:**

**1. 2016 Isabella County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting:**

It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Haupt to set the 2016 Isabella County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers. Motion Carried.

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**2. Governmental Employees Labor Council Bargaining Agreement:**

It was moved by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to concur with the Pre-Ratified Employer proposal, dated November 30, 2015, between the Isabella County Trial Court and the Governmental Employees Labor Council for a three year duration, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**General Public Comments:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Haupt to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:51 p.m. Motion Carried.

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