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April 17, 2007

APRIL SESSION  
APRIL 17, 2007  
2<sup>nd</sup> Day

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

**The Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Chairperson David A. Ling.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the students who were killed at Virginia Tech.

**Roll was called with the following Commissioners present:** George Green, John Haupt, Roger Trudell, Christine Alwood, David Ling, and Frances Lichtman.

**Commissioner Absent:** Ron Roby.

**Also present were:** County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty, Prosecuting Attorney Larry Burdick, Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan, and Deputy Clerk Joanne Hillier.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**Under Consent Agenda Items:** None.

**Under Finance and Administration:** None.

**Under Criminal Justice and County Affairs:** Add Item #3 Approval of the GELC Union Contract for Court Employees.

**Under Human Resources and Public Works:** Add motion for lawn care services.

**Under Intergovernmental Affairs:** No Report.

**Under Unfinished Business:** None.

**Under New Business:** Add motion to change the date for the BOC meeting in July, 2007.

**Under Other Business:** None.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA: (Continued)**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to approve the Agenda as amended.

Motion carried.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**1. Young Teens Network of Mount Pleasant:**

Mr. James Kostrava, Mt. Pleasant Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, was present to review the statement of purpose and vision, and the mission statement for the young teens ages twelve to fifteen. Mr. Kostrava handed out a brochure that explained the purpose of soliciting for funds and for a location to run the Youth Teens Network in Mt. Pleasant. An Advisory Board, comprised of members from the community, is being sought to aid in the development and implementation of the Young Teens Network. David Kinney, CMU Sociology Professor and CMU Youth Studies Minor Students, was present to report that 576 surveys had been returned from the Mt. Pleasant Middle and High School Students with a positive response for the concept of a Youth Teens Network. A concern was heard from Commissioner Trudell that the out county schools were not a part of this survey.

See a copy of the Mission Statement on Page 55A of the Official Minutes.

**2. Take Back the Night Proclamation:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to proclaim the night of April 19, 2007 as *Take Back the Night* in Isabella County.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Lichtman read and then presented the Take Back the Night proclamation. A guest speaker from Denver, Colorado will address the group at 5:00 p.m. with a rally to start at 6:30 p.m., on April 19, 2007. The event will end with a 'speak out' giving those who attend the event the opportunity to address the group. This event is a collaborative effort from the community, Central Michigan University, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

See a copy of the proclamation on Page 55B of the Official Minutes.

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS: (Continued)**

**3. Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to proclaim the week of April 22-28, 2007 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Isabella County.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Alwood read and then presented the proclamation to Prosecuting Attorney Larry Burdick. Mr. Burdick commented that the focus again this year locally is for victims of domestic violence. He cited two recent cases in Isabella County that are very much in the public eye the Baab and MacDonald case and asked each and everyone of us to help the victims of domestic violence in any way that is possible.

See a copy of the proclamation on Page 56A of the Official Minutes.

**4. Earth Day Proclamation:**

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to proclaim Saturday, April 21, 2007 as Earth Day in Isabella County.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Green read and then presented the proclamation to Resource Recovery Director Amy Shindorf. Ms. Shindorf introduced Ms. Carol Moody from the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Mt. Pleasant. Ms. Moody reviewed the activities planned for the Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Island Park.

See a copy of the proclamation on Page 56B of the Official Minutes.

**5. Historic Preservation Month:**

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Alwood to proclaim the month of May, 2007 as *Historic Preservation Month* in Isabella County.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Trudell read the proclamation. No representative from the Historical Society present to receive the proclamation.

See a copy of the proclamation on Page 56C of the Official Minutes.

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**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS: (Continued)**

**6. Sheriff's Department 2006 Annual Report:**

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to accept the 2006 Annual Report from the Sheriff's Department as presented.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the report on file in the County Clerk's Office.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None.**

**Closed Session Minutes:**

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the April 4, 2007 Closed Session Minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

**Approval of the April 4, 2007, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented;**

**Finance and Administration - Approval of the April 17, 2007 Routine Personnel Items as presented;**

**Finance and Administration - Approval of the April 17, 2007 Claims List in the amount of \$105,041.44;**

**Finance and Administration - Approval of the March, 2007 Direct Pay List in the amount of \$4,745,153.21.**

See a copy of the Routine Personnel and Requests to Fill on Page 57A of the Official Minutes.

See a copy of the Claim List on Page 57B of the Official Minutes.

See a copy of the Direct Pay List on Page 57C of the Official Minutes.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:**

**1. 2007 Equalization Report:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to approve the 2007 Equalization Report as presented by the Equalization Department and required by State Statute and authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and County Clerk to sign the necessary forms and direct that it be filed in the County Clerk's Office and with the State Tax Commission.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the report on File in the County Clerk's Office.

**2. ICTC Membership - Resolution #2007-05:**

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Lichtman to adopt Resolution #2007-05 to expand the Isabella County Transportation Commission Board, as presented.

Aye and Nay vote called for by Chairperson Ling is as follows:

Aye votes: Districts: #1-Green, #2-Haupt, #3-Trudell, #4-Alwood,  
#6-Ling, #7-Lichtman.

Nay votes: Districts: None.

Absent: District: #5-Roby.

Whole number of votes cast was 6 of which the Ayes received 6 and the Nays received 0. The Ayes receiving a Majority of all votes cast the proposition was declared carried.

See a copy of the Resolution #2007-05 on Page 58A of the Official Minutes.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**1. Community Mental Health Agreement:**

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the motion to accept the agreement with Community Mental Health for Central Michigan.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the agreement on Page 58B of the Official Minutes.

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**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: (Continued)**

**2. Partners in Change Agreement for Community Corrections:**

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt, seconded by Commissioner Green to approve the Partners in Change agreement as presented and authorize the chairperson to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the agreement on Page 59A of the Official Minutes.

**3. Approval of the Governmental Employees Labor Council Union Contract (GELC):**

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the contract with the Governmental Employees Labor Council (GELC).

Motion carried.

See a copy of file in the County Clerk's Office after signatures.

**HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

**1. Lawn Care Seasonal Services:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to accept the outdoor maintenance proposal submitted by Final Touch and to enter into a contract for that purpose in exchange for payment not to exceed \$8,525.00.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the proposals on Page 59B of the Official Minutes.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:** No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Change of Date for July, 2007 Meeting:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Lichtman to change the July 3, 2007, Board of Commissioners meeting date to July 10, 2007, and cancel the July 17, 2007, Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Trudell inquired whether the current BOC By-Laws address the meeting attendance policy for the Board of Commissioners and if not, could this matter be addressed. Chairperson Ling responded that he would check into this matter.

**GENERAL COMMENTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Commissioner Trudell announced that the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival will be held on the last weekend in April, 2007. He invited all to attend.
2. Commissioner Lichtman announced the Council of Governments will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Topic will be revenue sharing in Michigan.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to adjourn to the call of the Chair (8:00 p.m.).

Motion carried.

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