

ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Isabella County Building - Room #225
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY SESSION
January 2, 2007
1st Day

- I. The Isabella County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Isabella County Clerk Joyce Swan in the Commission Chambers on the above date for the Organizational Meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan.

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

Also present were: Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty, Isabella County Clerk Joyce Swan; and Deputy Clerk Joanne Hillier.

The Oath of Office was given to the Board of Commissioners by County Clerk Joyce A. Swan.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2007:**

Isabella County Clerk Joyce Swan called for nominations.

Commissioner Green nominated Commissioner David Ling for Chairperson.

Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan called for any other nominations three times.

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Green that the nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner David Ling as the 2007 Chairperson for the Isabella County Board of Commissioners.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (Continued)

Chairperson Ling assumed the Chair at this time.

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: (Continued)

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2007:

Chairperson Ling called for nominations.

Commissioner Haupt nominated Frances Lichtman.

Chairperson Ling called for any other nominations three times.

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Alwood that the nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot be cast for Commissioner Frances Lichtman as the 2007 Vice Chairperson for the Isabella County Board of Commissioners.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Frances Lichtman was declared appointed as Vice Chairperson for the Board of Commissioners for 2007.

B. ADOPTION OF THE 2007 ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' BY-LAWS AND RULES FOR PROCEDURES:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Green to adopt the amendments to the proposed 2007 By-Laws and Rules for Procedures as presented.

Discussion was held regarding the parliamentary procedures regarding the adoption of the 2007 By-Laws and Rules for Procedures.

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Lichtman to add a new Section 1.8 addressing cellular phone use and move the current Section 1.8 to Section 1.9.

Discussion was held.

Proposal: Add new Section 1.8 - Use of cellular phones: Use of cellular phones, pagers, and other communication devices shall be prohibited during a BOC meeting except for emergency communication. This notice shall be posted in Room #225 and then noted on the agenda for the Work Session as well as the Regular Meeting.

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B. ADOPTION OF THE 2007 ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' BY-LAWS and Rules for Procedures: (Continued)

A friendly amendment to the motion was approved by the mover and the supporter of the motion to read as follows:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Lichtman to amend the proposed By-Laws and Rules for Procedures to include Section 1.8 for the use of cellular phones, pagers, and other communication devices, except those that indicate in special circumstances, their use shall be prohibited in the meeting room when the Board is in session. This notice shall be posted in the meeting room and Section 1.8 be moved to Section 1.9.

Motion carried.

Under Finance and Administration Section 5.511 - Jurisdiction: *Add Tax Reversion Fund*. Under Human Resources and Public Works Committee Section 5.532 - Jurisdiction - *delete Mt. Pleasant Counseling Service*.

Section 6.1 Order of Business for Regular Meetings: reverse the order between number 7 - Appointments to Boards and Commissions and number 8 - Consent Agenda Items. Number 11 Limited Public Comments strike the word *limited*.

See a copy of the Amended By-Laws and Rules for Procedures on Page 3A on File in the County Clerk's Office.

C. ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2007 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

Commissioner Lichtman noted she would not be able to attend the April 3, 2007 BOC meeting. Discussion was held and it was the consensus of the BOC to schedule the April 3, 2007 BOC meeting for Wednesday, April 4, 2007. The decision to have a BOC meeting on July 3, 2007 will be decided at a later date.

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to adopt the proposed 2007 BOC Meetings Schedule as amended.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the 2007 Board Meeting Schedule on Page 3B of the Official Minutes.

D. CONCUR WITH CHAIRPERSON'S APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chairperson Ling appointed the following Commissioners to Standing Committees:

Finance and Administration:

Commissioner Frances Lichtman	Chairperson
Commissioner Roger Trudell	Member

Criminal Justice and County Affairs:

Commissioner George Green	Chairperson
Commissioner John Haupt	Member

Human Resources and Public Works:

Commissioner Christine Alwood	Chairperson
Commissioner Ron Roby	Member

Intergovernmental Committee:

Commissioner Ron Roby	Chairperson
Commissioner Roger Trudell	Member

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Alwood to concur with the Chairperson's Appointments of the Standing Committees as described.

Motion carried.

E. CONCUR WITH CHAIRPERSON'S APPOINTMENTS OF COMMISSIONERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

Chairperson Ling announced the names of the Commissioners who were appointed to various Boards and Commissions.

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Roby to concur with the Chairperson's appointments of Commissioners to various Boards and Commissions.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the 2007 appointments to various Boards and Commissions on Page 4A of the Official Minutes.

IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

V. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.

VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Chairperson Ling commented on the fact that Commissioner George Green and himself have been on the BOC for ten years. Five new facilities have been built and four have been remodeled. A millage has been passed by the voters of Isabella County and a new Commission on Aging facility will be built in the near future.
2. Chairperson Ling announced the BOC is aggressively seeking to improve the working environment for the County employees by implementing a wellness program, money for training, and educational opportunities.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:16 p.m.

Motion carried.

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