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September 4, 2007

SEPTEMBER SESSION
September 4, 2007
1st 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.

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.

Additions/Deletions:

Under Consent Agenda Items: None.

Under Finance and Administration: None.

Under Criminal Justice and County Affairs: Remove Item #1.

Under Human Resources and Public Works: Delete Items #2 and #4. Item #3 change wording to the motion.

Under Intergovernmental Affairs: None.

Under Unfinished Business: None.

Under New Business: Add Item #1 - A motion to Intervene in a Lawsuit with the State of Michigan and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA: (Continued)

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

Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS: None.

1. Resolution of Appreciation - Jim Hughes

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Alwood to adopt Resolution #2007-15 expressing our gratitude and appreciation to Jim Hughes for his years of service to the citizens of Isabella County and wishing him the best in the years to come.

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, and #7-Lichtman.

Nay votes: District: None.

Absent: #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 Resolution #2007-15 on Page 109A of the Official Minutes.

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

1. Appointment for Canvassing Board - Democratic Party

Chairperson Ling called for nominations.
Commissioner Lichtman nominated Ruth Swanson.
Chairperson Ling called for any other nominations three times.

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Haupt that the nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot be cast for Ruth Swanson to serve a four-year term on the Canvassing Board expiring November 1, 2011 representing the Democratic Party.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointment for Canvassing Board - Republican Party

Chairperson Ling called for nominations.
Commissioner Alwood nominated Gladys Strong.
Chairperson Ling called for any other nominations three times.

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell that the nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot be cast for Gladys Strong to serve a four-year term on the Canvassing Board expiring November 1, 2011 representing the Republican Party.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

1. Reported on mediation with Corrections Unit - tentative contract.
2. Attending a Planning Seminar in Lansing regarding junk ordinance.
3. Addressed Chamber of Commerce regarding economic outlook.
4. Presented a 17.6 million budget.
6. Set a Work Session and Special Meeting date for the BOC to address the budget and 911 issue.

Set a Date for a Special Work Session for the Budget:

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Lichtman to set the date of Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at 4:30p.m. for a special worksession to address the budget.

Motion carried.

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CLOSED SESSION MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to approve the Closed Session Minutes for the August 21, 2007 meeting 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 August 21, 2007, Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented;

Finance and Administration - Approval of the September 4, 2007, Routine Personnel Items as presented;

Finance and Administration - Approval of the September 4, 2007 Claims List in the amount of \$109,644.60.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the Routine Personnel Items on Page 111A of the Official Minutes.

See a copy of the Claims List on Page 111B of the Official Minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: No Committee Action.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

1. Department of Corrections FY 08 Annual Grant Funds:

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the Comprehensive Plans and Services Contract residential services - FY 08 as presented and authorize the board chair to sign on behalf of Isabella County.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the contract on Page 111C of the Official Minutes.

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HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

1. **County Building Roof Restoration:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Lichtman to approve the expenditure of \$4,659.00 to Thomas Roofing for the completion of the County Building roof restoration.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the proposal on Page 112A of the Official Minutes.

2. **Personal Document Security & Destruction Program:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Green to approve Recycling Center to provide availability of the personal document security and destruction program to county residents.

Motion carried. (Commissioner's Lichtman and Trudell registered a no vote)

3. **Library Services Agreement:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the annual Library Service Agreement as presented and authorize the board chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the agreement on Page 112B of the Official Minutes.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: No committee action

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Intervene in a Lawsuit**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to have Isabella County seek to intervene as a main defendant in the lawsuit filed by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe against the State of Michigan.

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NEW BUSINESS: (Continued)

Aye and Nay vote called for by Chairperson Ling regarding the intervention in the lawsuit is as follows:

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

Nay votes: Districts: #1-Green

Absent: #5-Roby

Whole number of votes cast was 6 of which the Ayes received 5 and the Nays received 1. The Ayes receiving the Majority of all votes cast the proposition was declared carried.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

1. Gerald Stryeski, member of the Isabella County Transportation Commission Board introduced himself.
2. Commissioner Alwood reminded the board that the prioritization of the 2% requests will be discussed at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to adjourn to the call of the Chair (7:40 p.m.).

Motion carried.

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