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February 5, 2008

**FEBRUARY SESSION**  
**February 5, 2008**  
**1<sup>st</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.

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

**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:** None.

**Under Human Resources and Public Works:** None

**Under Intergovernmental Affairs:** None.

**Under Unfinished Business:** None.

**Under New 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 presented.

Motion carried.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Ms. Eileen Rau, Chairperson for the Department of Human Services Board was present to announce that Mr. John P. Riley, Jr., Administrator for the Medical Care Facility, has resigned effective at the end of February, 2008. Applications are being accepted for the position. She reported that the lease for the Department of Human Services building at the Regional Center has expired and other sites for the housing of the department are being reviewed.

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**B. Resolution #2008-03 - Recognizing D/Sgt. David Patterson:**

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Alwood to accept Resolution #2008-03 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and citizens of Isabella County recognizing with gratitude the efforts of D/Sgt. David Patterson in the Becky MacDonald case.

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: 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 Resolution #2008-03 on Page 19A of the Official Minutes.

Sheriff Leo Mioduszewski read and then presented D/Sgt. David Patterson with Resolution #2008-03. Sheriff Mioduszewski stated that the investigation had taken twenty-six months and that Det/Sgt. Patterson had persevered as the lead detective in this case for the department.

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

- A. **Community Mental Health Agency Update:** Ms. Linda Kaufmann, Executive Director for the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan Authority which includes the counties of Clare, Gladwin, Midland, Mecosta and Osceola was present to give an annual report for the agency. Concern was heard for the agency's decrease in funding. Isabella County Board of Commissioner's Chairperson David Ling is the Chairperson for the fifteen member Community Mental Health for Central Michigan Authority Board which includes as members from Isabella County Mr. Max Berry and Mr. Bruce Roscoe. Ms. Marilyn Thornton gave an overview of the programs that are available at the agency. **Update only.**
- C. **Administrator/Controller Report:** Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty reported on the following:
- Changed carriers for Risk Control resulting in savings by deleting unnecessary items.
  - Initiated an aggressive program for recycling started in the County Building. Noted reduction in dumpster fees.
  - Concern for lower interest rates resulting in less revenue.
  - Change in fuel cards instituted a change in fueling from Specific Pride to fueling at any gas station. In addition to convenience and being able to shop around for a better gas price tracking has become easier.
  - Conducted an employee wellness program health screening. Individual's results were mailed to employee's residence address. Reported on the current "Biggest Loser" Contest - 135 county employees participating.
  - Attending the MAC Annual Meeting - addressing planning and land use with coordination and consolidation of statutes on the agenda.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

1. **Tax Advisory Committee:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to concur with the Chairperson's appointment of Attorney John Lewis to the Tax Advisory Committee representing the Board of Commissioners as a Member-at-Large.

Motion carried unanimously.

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**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

Approval of the January 15, 2008 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented;

**Finance and Administration** - Approval of the February 5, 2008, Routine Personnel Items as presented;

**Finance and Administration** - Approval of the February 5, 2008 Claims List in the amount of \$137,640.44.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the Routine Personnel Items on Page 21A of the Official Minutes.  
See a copy of the Claims List on Page 21B of the Official Minutes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:**

**1. Fraud Policy:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to adopt County Policy No. 412, Anti-Fraud, Anti Theft, and Anti-Corruption Policy as presented.

Commissioner Alwood stated she will be supporting the motion, but finds the language in the policy vague. She suggested that other Counties be contacted for a review of their copy of the policy(s).

Motion carried.

See a copy of the policy on Page 21C of the Official Minutes.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:** (Continued)

**2. In-State Travel Policy:**

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Lichtman to amend County Policy No. 250 regarding in-state travel, reducing the minimum mileage requirement for overnight accommodation when traveling on County-related business from 150 miles to 50 miles.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the policy on Page 22A of the Official Minutes.

**3. Postage Meter Lease Renewal:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to approve the lease agreement proposal as presented and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the lease agreement on behalf of the County.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the lease agreement on Page 22B of the Official Minutes.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**1. Public Defender Contract:**

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the Public Defender Contract as presented and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the contract on Page 22C of the Official Minutes.

**2. Inmate Locker Purchase:**

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt, seconded by Commissioner Green to approve the purchase of Inmate Lockers from Salsbury Industries for a cost not to exceed \$11,067.17.

Motion carried.

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

**2. Inmate Locker Purchase: (Continued)**

A friendly amendment was offered to add the following words to the motion 'money to come from the Commissary Fund. The supporter of the motion concurred.

Motion carried.

**3. Laundry Equipment Purchase:**

It was moved by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the purchase of two washers and two dryers from Ohio Laundry at a cost not to exceed \$22,113.00.

A friendly amendment was offered to add the following words to the motion 'money to come from the Commissary Fund.' The supporter of the motion concurred.

Motion carried.

**4. Remonumentation Grant:**

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt, seconded by Commissioner Green to approve the 2008 Remonumentation Grant Agreement in the amount of \$66,291.00 with the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the grant on Page 23A of the Official Minutes.

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**HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

**1. Resolution #2008-04 - MSHDA Grant:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to adopt Resolution #2008-04 allowing the Community Development Department to apply for funding through the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority's Housing Resource Fund forwarding said resolution to the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA).

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: 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 on Page 24A of the Official Minutes.

**2. Inspections Reorganization:**

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the Building Inspector/Building Official and Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector job description and allow the department to implement the reorganization of inspectors within the Building Inspections Fund in an effort to minimize expenses to the fund for Fiscal Year 2008.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the job description on Page 24B of the Official Minutes.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

Commissioner Trudell announced that the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee will be meeting with the City of Mt. Pleasant on March 13, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the County Building.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**XII. Announcements:**

1. Commissioner Trudell reported on a concern that he had regarding the notice of change in the rent schedule with the County by the State of Michigan for the Michigan State Police Post building. The rent would be collected at the end of the month instead of the first of the month. He asked County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty to list the times the State uses the Isabella County Building facilities and bring that information to the Finance and Administration Committee. Chairperson Ling asked that a letter be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm regarding the concern for this matter.
2. Commissioner Alwood announced the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Legislative Conference will be held February 10 and 11, 2008. A variety of sessions will be offered. She intends to report back to the BOC.
3. Commissioner Alwood reported that a Sesquicentennial Committee member has suggested that a 2% Fund Request be submitted for the funding of the 150 year celebration. She will work with County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty on this matter.

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**XIII. Adjournment:**

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 7:56 p.m.

Motion carried.

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