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January 2, 2008

JANUARY SESSION
January 2, 2008
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, Ron Roby, David Ling, and Frances Lichtman.

Also present were: County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty, 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 TO COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Under Appointment to Boards and Commissions: Delete Item #B appointment on the Transportation Commission.

Under Consent Agenda Items: Move Item #2 and Item #3 to the Finance and Administration Committee.

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:

1. Add Item #B - Report from Law Enforcement Committee.

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 amended.

Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Public Works:

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Green to appoint Roy Ranck to the Board of Public Works for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Commissioner Alwood, seconded by Commissioner Lichtman to approve the December 18, 2007 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

1. Approval of the January 2, 2008 Routine Personnel Items:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to approve the January 2, 2008 Routine Personnel Items as presented.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the Routine Personnel Items on Page 7A of the Official Minutes.

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: (Continued)

2. Approval of the January 2, 2008 Claims List:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to approve the January 2, 2008 Claims List in the amount of \$98,474.74.

Motion carried.

See a copy of the Claims List on Page 8A of the Official Minutes.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: None.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Sheriff's Request for Deputies:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, seconded by Commissioner Alwood to approve the Sheriff's request to fund two deputy positions through the end of Fiscal Year 2008 utilizing funds from undesignated/unreserved fund balance within the General Fund.

Discussion was held.

Sheriff Leo Mioduszezewski - explained the service area of the Sheriff's Department. Actual cost for the 2008 budget for the two deputies for the year would be about \$78,800 less lapsed salary of approximately \$13,000.

Comments were heard from Commissioners: Alwood, Green, Lichtman, Ling, Roby and Haupt.

Chris Stolecker from Vernon Township who is the State Police Commander comments included more service is need for the out county township to enforce public safety.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (Continued)

1. Sheriff's Request for Deputies: (Continued)

Dan McNerney, Wise Township Supervisor, spoke regarding concerns for the cost of services.

John Pedjac, Denver Township Supervisor, commented that Denver Township has had an increase in service calls from the Sheriff's Department. He emphasized the need for protection for the citizens of Isabella County. He stated that when the economy goes down - crime goes up. There is a need to provide more service or the public will lose.

Commissioner Lichtman offered a friendly amendment to the motion by adding the words: 'three months of lapsed salary from the Sheriff's Department budget and'.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

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GENERAL COMMENTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Commissioner Roby thanked Chairperson Ling for his response as Chairperson for the Board of Commissioners for 2007.
2. Commissioner Trudell inquired about the status of the increase in the Road Commission membership. Commissioner Alwood responded that at this time Governor Granholm has signed the Bill which increased the Road Commission membership from three to five for Bay County only.
3. Commissioner Green announced the House Bill regarding the Tax Reversion Fund has been signed by the Governor.
4. Chairperson Ling announced that the Court of Appeals has upheld the Rails to Trails decision in favor of Isabella County.
5. Commissioner Green announced there will be a Closed Session at the January 16, 2007 BOC meeting to address the location of the new COA facility so that the building project can begin soon. A building committee will be appointed.
6. Commissioner Alwood announced she would like to be appointed as the Member-at-Large at the Northern Michigan Association of Counties. She handed out the first draft of a resolution which asked the BOC for their support.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, seconded by Commissioner Trudell to adjourn to the call of the Chair (7:39 p.m.).

Motion carried.

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