

ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Isabella County Building – Room #225
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY SESSION
JANUARY 5, 2010

I. The Organizational Meeting of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan in the Commission Chambers on the above date.

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, William Dailey, Jim Moreno, David Ling, and Frances Lichtman.

Also present were: Isabella County Administrator/Controller Timothy Dolehanty, Assistant Administrator/Controller Susan Szabo; Isabella County Prosecutor Larry Burdick, Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan; and Deputy Clerk Brenda M. Young.

III. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON FOR 2010:

Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan called for nominations for Chairperson. Commissioner Green nominated David Ling. Isabella County Clerk Joyce A. Swan called for any other nominations three times.

It was moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Haupt that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for David Ling as the 2010 Chairperson for the Isabella County of Commissioners.

Motion Carried.

Chairperson David Ling assumed the Chair at this time.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (Continued)

A. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: (Continued)

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2010:

Chairperson Ling called for nominations for Vice Chairperson.
Commissioner Trudell nominated Frances Lichtman.
Chairperson Ling called for any other nominations three more times.

It was moved by Commissioner Green, supported by Commissioner Haupt that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Frances Lichtman as the 2010 Vice Chairperson for the Isabella County Board of Commissioners.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Lichtman was declared appointed as Vice Chairperson for 2010.

B. ADOPTION OF THE 2010 ISABELLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY LAWS:

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno, supported by Commissioner Haupt to adopt the 2010 Isabella County Board of Commissioners By-Laws as presented.

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Moreno to amend the way in which the minutes are delivered to the Commissioners. She requested that the by-laws read "that the minutes will be received or be on the County Website".

A Roll Call vote called for by Chairperson Ling regarding is as follows:

Aye votes: Districts: #1 – Green, #2 – Haupt, #3 – Trudell, #4 – Dailey, #5 –Moreno, #6 – Ling and #7 - Lichtman.

Nay votes: None

Total votes cast were 7 of which the Ayes received 7 and the Nays received 0. The Ayes receiving a majority of all votes cast, the by-laws were declared adopted.

C. ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED 2010 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Trudell to adopt the proposed 2010 Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the By-laws on page 2A

See a copy of the 2010 Schedule of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meetings and Committee Work Sessions on Page 2B 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 Committee:

Commissioner Frances Lichtman	Chairperson
Commissioner Roger Trudell	Member

Criminal Justice and Public Affairs Committee:

Commissioner George Green	Chairperson
Commissioner John Haupt	Member

Human Resources and Public Works Committee:

Commissioner William Dailey	Chairperson
Commissioner Jim Moreno	Member

Intergovernmental Committee

Commissioner Roger Trudell	Chairperson
Commissioner Frances Lichtman	Member

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Haupt to concur with the Chairperson's appointments of the Standing Committees as presented.

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 Moreno, supported by Commissioner Lichtman to concur with the Chairperson's appointments of Commissioners to various Boards and Commissions.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the 2009 appointments to various Boards and Commissions on Page 3A of the Official Minutes.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS: None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to file objection to Land to Trust Applications

It was moved by Commissioner Lichtman, supported by Commissioner Haupt to formally request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to deny applications for land to trust filed by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe on August 21, 2009.

Commissioner Lichtman stated that the Tribe has asked that another 428 plus acres be put into trust and the County has written a letter of objection.

Commissioner Ling stated that there are 13 different proposals involving over 400 acres of land. The objection letter argues that the placing of land owned by the Tribe into Trust is no longer necessary according to Title 25 of the Federal Code of Regulations which provides that land may be placed into trust “when the Secretary determines that the necessary to facilitate tribal self-determination, economic development, or Indian acquisition of the land is housing”.

Denver Township Supervisor John Pedjac was present to thank the board for entertaining this letter of objection. He cited that the Denver Township board unanimously agreed to object to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe putting the land in trust. Their primary concerns are the loss of tax revenue for the Township and the County as well as control over zoning issues. Chairperson Ling also read a statement made on behalf of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners “expressing their hope that these honest disagreements do not become an impediment in our efforts to work together for the betterment of all our citizens, and not be perceived as a lack of respect toward the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe”.

Motion Carried.

See a copy of the statement read by Chairperson Ling on file in the County Clerk’s office.

VIII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

X. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Commissioner Trudell, supported by Commissioner Dailey to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 3:23.

Motion Carried.

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