

**MINUTES**  
**ISABELLA COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**April 21, 2015**

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairperson George Green in the Commission Chambers on the above date.

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America** was led by Chairperson George Green.

**Roll was called with the following Commissioners present:** George Green, John Haupt, Jerry Jalszynski, Jim Horton, James Moreno, David Ling and Michael Fisher

**Commissioners Absent: None**

**Also present were:** Isabella County Administrator/Controller Margaret McAvoy, Director of Accounting Services Donna Barker, Isabella Prosecutor Risa Hunt-Scully, County Clerk Minde B. Lux, and Deputy Clerk Brenda M. Young

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Haupt to approve the agenda as presented.

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mark Baughman 5479 S Crawford Rd resident. The Cahoon drain has caused flooding and drainage problems in his yard. He stated that none of the properties in the subdivision in back of his property were to be sloped into his property yet five homes in the subdivision behind him are sloped into his property. He has spoken to the Drain Commissioner and the Drain Commissioner informed him that the issue was created prior to his taking office. Mr. Baughman stated that the drain was only put in for the subdivision and has never worked and only makes things worse. He states he was lied to and misled in order to have an easement signed. Commissioner Green stated that the Drain Commissioner is an elected official and the Board of Commissioners only set his budget.

William Jack 5661 S Crawford Rd resident. He stated he has the same problems as his neighbor that spoke earlier. He stated there is back flow pressure and the pipe is too small to take care of that subdivision. He wants the drain fixed. He has been to the Township and now here. He also spoke to Bruce Rohrer the engineer. He stated that the drain is only 5 or 6 years old but it needs redone because it cannot accommodate the houses and the land flowing into it.

Ismael Castellon 3410 Paddock Lane resident. He stated he pays \$400 extra on his taxes because of the drain. He stated that the elevations are incorrect and the Drain Commissioner agrees that it was done incorrectly. There will be more runoff and drainage issues if another development goes in to the 50 acres that is currently for sale. He asked why the drain couldn't be moved and run along side of the power lines and move it away from the houses? He stated that he felt he was forced to sign paperwork on an easement. He stated that the Drain Commissioner convinced him

that if he did not sign and the other property flooded then he would be sued. Currently he has to support a development done incorrectly.

Nicholas Madaj 1518 Somerset Court resident. He is requesting that the Commissioners adopt the Resolution in support of Proposal 1. He feels it is the last best chance to improve the roads without losing money in other areas.

**PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**1. Administrator/Controller's Report:** Isabella County administrator/Controller reported her activities for the previous month. She attended the Council on Government meeting. She has met twice with City and Union Twp representatives. She prepared and submitted 2% requests to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. She helped package mobile meals for Commission on Aging. She was a panelist and speaker at Kiwanis. She attended both a FOIA workshop and budgeting workshop. She met numerous times with Judge Chamberlain regarding items which included the transition to new Court Administrator. She attended the Leadership luncheon. She continues to Chair the MMDC transition committee. She assisted in the revision of by-laws for the MMDC. She participated in the United Way Knock out hunger campaign and the MRF Governing Board meeting. The RFP for the Comprehensive Job Evaluation, Analysis, Classification and Compensation Study went out and is also on the County Website. She and her staff have a proposed FY 2016 budget process calendar.

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: None**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve and place on file the April 7, 2015 Regular Board Minutes, the April 14, 2015 Criminal Justice and County Affairs meeting minutes, and the April 10, 2015 Routine Personnel Items. Motion Carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Administration Committee:**

**1. April 8, 2015 Claims List:**

It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve and place on file the April 8, 2015 Claims List in the amount of \$153,753.91. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**2. March 2015 Direct Pay List:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Ling to approve and place on file the March 2015 Direct Pay List in the amount of \$5,875,571.34. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**3. 2015 Equalization Report:**

It was moved by Commissioner Ling and seconded by Commissioner Horton to approve the 2015 Equalization Report on the STC form L-4024 required by State Statute, and authorize the Board chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**4. FY 2016 Budget Calendar:**

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Ling to adopt the FY 2016 Budget calendar. Motion Carried.

**Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:**

**1. Interagency Agreement:**

It was moved by Commissioner Haupt and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to enter into the Interagency Agreement among Isabella County, Isabella County Sheriff’s Department, Isabella County Prosecutor’s Office, Isabella County Trial Court and Community Mental Health for Central Michigan to collaborate in order to provide mental health treatment and assistance to people with serious mental illness who meet program eligibility guidelines, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Haupt, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: None.

**Human Resources and Public Works: None**

**Intergovernmental Affairs Committee: None**

**Administrator/Controller: None**

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

**1. Resolution No. 15-04-03:**

**Resolution 15-04-03  
Board of Commissioners  
Isabella County**

At the meeting of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners on April 21, 2015 the following resolution was proposed and approved by the Board:

**WHEREAS**, Michigan roads and bridges threaten driver safety and contribute to countless accidents each year, as drivers swerve to avoid potholes and other road hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, 38 percent of Michigan’s state and locally-owned urban roads and 32 percent of the State’s state and locally-owned rural roads are in poor condition; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan has relied on Band-Aid, short term fixes for our roads instead of investing enough money to fix our roads for the long term; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan invests less per capita in transportation than any state in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the longer we wait to fix Michigan’s roads, the more it will cost us; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to threatening public safety, Michigan's crumbling roads hurt our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot is Michigan's last, best chance to finally fix our roads with funds that the politicians can't divert somewhere else - while also supporting Michigan's long-term future by investing in our public schools and local communities; and

**THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, That the Isabella County Board of Commissioners support Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot to provide the funding needed to finally fix our roads for the long term; and

**THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, That the Isabella County Board of Commissioners know that the 1-cent increase in the sales tax is a reasonable amount to pay to ensure driver's safety on the roads; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, That the Isabella County Board of Commissioners formally support Safe Roads Yes! Because, if it passes, every penny we pay at the pump in state gas taxes is guaranteed in the constitution to go to transportation.

Commissioner Jaloszynski stated that when he was campaigning for office most often people stated the roads were a concern.

Isabella County Road Commissioner Bob Curtiss stated that Isabella County Road Commission will receive 1.2 million dollars in additional funding the first year 2.4 million in the second year, and 3.5 million in additional funding in the third year. He stated that all of the money will go to roads, no equipment or anything else.

Farm Bureau membership Abe Pasch states that Farm Bureau supports the passage of Proposal 1. Infrastructure is vital to the farming industry.

Commissioner Horton supports Proposal 1. He is concerned about the increase in sales tax for residents and questions if it will make people leave the state or reconsider moving here. He is voting no on the resolution because he disagrees with the argumentative wording in the resolution. Commissioner Haupt stated he will vote no on the Resolution based on what his constituents have told him.

Commissioner Moreno stated he has met with law makers and many organizations support Proposal 1.

Commissioner Fisher stated that the reason Proposal 1 isn't pretty is that it is a compromise. He supports the Resolution and the passage of Proposal 1.

Commissioner Ling stated that these kinds of ballot proposals are difficult and that he finds frustrating. This is a non partisan proposal. He has talked to people on the left and the right that have stated they are for and against Proposal 1. Changing the state sales tax requires a constitutional amendment. There is something in there for everyone not to like. He supports tonight's Resolution.

Commissioner Green states that many compromises have to take place in order to get this proposal. He supports the Resolution.

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Fisher to adopt Resolution #15-04-03 supporting the passage of Proposal 1 of 2015 to fund the repair of Michigan Roads. The motion carried with 5 yeas and 2 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Jaloszynski, Moreno, Ling and Fisher. Nays: Haupt, Horton

**General Public Comments: None**

**Announcements:**

Chairman Green announced that Saturday, April 25 is the Road Commission Ad Hoc meeting with Senator Emmons at 8:30 at the Deerfield Township Hall.

Commissioner Jaloszynski invited the public to the Shepherd Maple Syrup Festival.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Commissioner Fisher and seconded by Commissioner Horton to adjourn to the call of the chair at 8:09 pm. Motion Carried

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