

**MINUTES
ISABELLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 15, 2020**

The Isabella County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Chairperson George Green via zoom 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 from the Isabella County Building, Frank Engler remotely from his home in Deerfield Township, Jerry Jaloszynski remotely from his home in Chippewa Township, Jim Horton from the Isabella County Building, James Moreno from his home in the City of Mount Pleasant, Steve Swaney from his home in the City of Mount Pleasant and Tobin Hope from his home in the City of Mount Pleasant.

Commissioners Absent: None

Also present were: Administrator/Controller Margaret McAvoy, Deputy Administrator/Controller Nicole Frost, County Clerk Minde` B. Lux and Deputy Clerk Brenda M. Young

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Horton requested that Item B be added to New Business: GELC Letter of Understanding. He also requested that Item C be added to New Business: Resolution No 12-20-01 Resolution for George Green. It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REPORTS:

County Administrator/Controller Margaret McAvoy surprised Chairperson Green with a virtual farewell presentation in honor of his 24 years of service as a Commissioner for Isabella County.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

A. Board of Public Works:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Board of Public Works for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Jeremy Murphy.

Commissioner Moreno nominated Jeremy Murphy. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Engler to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jeremy Murphy. Motion Carried. Jeremy Murphy was declared appointed.

B. Commission on Aging Advisory Board:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Commission on Aging Advisory Board representing District 1 for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Jacqueline Curtis. Commissioner Hope nominated Jacqueline Curtis. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jacqueline Curtis. Motion Carried. Jacqueline Curtis was declared appointed.

C. Commission on Aging Advisory Board:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Commission on Aging Advisory Board representing District 4 for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from John Dinse. Commissioner Horton nominated John Dinse. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Dinse. Motion Carried. John Dinse was declared appointed.

D. Construction Board of Appeals:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Construction Board of Appeals as the Architectural/Engineering Trade representative, for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Gerald Stuart. Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated Gerald Stuart. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Engler to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Gerald Stuart. Motion Carried. Gerald Stuart was declared appointed.

E. Construction Board of Appeals:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Construction Board of Appeals as the Building Trade representative, for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Jerel Konwinski. Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated Jerel Konwinski. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Hope to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jerel Konwinski. Motion Carried. Jerel Konwinski was declared appointed.

F. Construction Board of Appeals:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Construction Board of Appeals as the Plumbing Trade representative, for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Robert Myers. Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated Robert Myers. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Hope to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Myers. Motion Carried. Robert Myers was declared appointed.

G. 911 Advisory Board:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County 911 Advisory Board for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from John Haupt. Commissioner Moreno nominated John Haupt. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Engler to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for John Haupt. Motion Carried. John Haupt was declared appointed.

H. Materials Recovery Facility Advisory Board:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Materials Recovery Facility Advisory Board for a 2-year term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Anne Jensen. Commissioner Horton nominated Anne Jensen. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Anne Jensen. Motion Carried. Anne Jensen was declared appointed.

I. Parks and Recreation:

Chairman's request to consider appointing two members to the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is appointed. Applications received from Jeremy Murphy and Randy Vasold. Commissioner Engler nominated Jeremy Murphy. Commissioner Swaney nominated Randy Vasold. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast unanimous ballots for Jeremy Murphy and Randy Vasold. Motion Carried. Jeremy Murphy and Randy Vasold were declared appointed.

J. Planning Commission:

Chairman's request to consider appointing three members to the Isabella County Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is appointed. Applications were received from Adam Brookens, Kyle Camp, Tim O'Neil, Ann Silker, Tim Wolff. Commissioner Moreno nominated Ann Silker. Commissioner Hope nominated Tim O'Neil. Commissioner Horton nominated Kyle Camp. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to close nominations and cast unanimous ballots for Ann Silker, Tim O'Neil and Kyle Camp. Motion Carried. Ann Silker, Tim O'Neil and Kyle Camp were declared appointed.

K. Planning Commission:

Chairman's request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Planning Commission to complete a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed. Applications were received from Adam Brookens, Kyle Camp, Tim O'Neil, Ann Silker, Tim Wolff. Commissioner Horton nominated Adam Brookens. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Hope to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Adam Brookens. Motion Carried. Adam Brookens was declared appointed.

L. Transportation Commission:

Chairman’s request to consider appointing one member to the Isabella County Transportation Commission for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is appointed. One application was received from Donald Brown. Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated Donald Brown. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Horton to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Donald Brown. Motion Carried. Donald Brown was declared appointed.

M. Zoning Board of Appeals:

Chairman’s request to consider appointing one member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term ending December 31, 2023 or until a successor is appointed. Applications were received from Thomas Kromer and James Wynes. Commissioner Moreno nominated Thomas Kromer. Commissioner Jaloszynski nominated James Wynes. It was moved by Commissioner Jaloszynski and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to close nominations. Chairperson Green requested a roll call vote. Green: Wynes, Engler: Wynes, Jaloszynski: Wynes, Horton: Wynes, Moreno: Kromer, Hope: Wynes, Swaney: Wynes. James Wynes received 6 votes and Kromer received 1 vote. James Wynes was declared appointed.

N. Zoning Board of Appeals:

Chairman’s request to consider appointing one member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to complete a 3-year term ending December 31, 2022 or until a successor is appointed. Applications were received from Thomas Kromer and James Wynes. Commissioner Moreno nominated Thomas Kromer. Chairperson Green asked for nominations three times. It was moved by commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Hope to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Kromer. Motion Carried. Thomas Kromer was declared appointed.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Jaloszynski to approve and place on file the December 1, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, the December 8, 2020 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting minutes, the December 8, 2020 Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee Meeting minutes, the December 8, 2020 Human Resources and County Affairs Committee Meeting minutes and the November 26, 2020 Routine Personnel Items. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Administration Committee:

1. November 27, 2020 Invoice List; December 4, 2020 Invoice List; and December 10, 2020 Adjustments List:

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Hope to ratify and place on file the November 27, 2020 Invoice List in the amount of \$59,197.30, the December 4, 2020 Invoice List in the amount of \$583,563.55, and the Adjustment List dated December 10, 2020. The motion carried

with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jalszynski, Horton, Moreno, Hope and Swaney. Nays: None.

2. Airport Joint Operations and Management Agreement:

It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Horton to enter into the Airport Joint Operations and Management Agreement effective January 1, 2021, in the annual amount of \$5,000.00, and authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jalszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None.

Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee:

1. RAVE Mobile Safety Licenses and services Order Form

It was moved by Commissioner Jalszynski and seconded by Commissioner Engler to approve RAVE Mobile Safety Licenses and services Order Form, for the time period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$41,200.00, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jalszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None.

2. CAD Software Upgrade – CentralSquare Technologies:

It was moved by Commissioner Jalszynski and seconded by Commissioner Engler to approve the Isabella County Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Software Upgrade proposal from CentralSquare Technologies, in the amount of \$74,409.85, for Isabella County Central Dispatch. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jalszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None.

3. Resolution No. 20-12-02 – Pappas Farmland Agreement Partial Termination:

It was moved by Commissioner Engler and seconded by Commissioner Jalszynski to adopt Resolution No. 20-12-02, Edward T. Pappas and Mary E. Pappas Farmland Agreement Partial Termination, and instruct the Isabella County clerk to forward the approved application to the MDA-Farmland and Open Space Program. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jalszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None.

Human Resources and Public Works Committee:

1. Deerfield Nature Park Chippewa River Restoration Project:

It was moved by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to approve the preliminary grant request for the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative for the funds from Watershed Initiative Network (WIN), in the amount of \$14,000.00, for the Deerfield Nature Park Chippewa River Restoration Project, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jalszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None.

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee: None

Administrator/Controller:

1. Resolution No. 20-12-03 – Local State of Emergency Extension:

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Isabella County Board of Commissioners Chairman George A. Green, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, declared a “state of emergency” existed within the Isabella County jurisdiction related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and that local resources were being utilized to the fullest extent and that the response and recovery elements of our Emergency Operations Plan had been activated; and

WHEREAS, State of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency, covering the entire State of Michigan, to harness the resources of the State to slow the spread of COVID-19; the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services declared Emergency Epidemic Orders to reestablish important public protections from COVID-19; and the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration declared Emergency Rules to ensure workplace COVID-19 safety; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of the local State of Emergency in Isabella County has activated the Isabella County Emergency Operations Plan to direct the jurisdiction’s response and recovery efforts and resources to be utilized to the fullest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the March 17, 2020 local State of Emergency was subsequently extended by the Isabella County Board of Commissioners on April 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Central Michigan District Health Department has reported a significant increase in the number of new reported COVID-19 cases and a nearing of critical capacity limits for both beds and staffing at local hospital systems; and

WHEREAS, the Isabella County Board of Commissioners have determined it is in the best interests to public health, safety and welfare of Isabella County to extend the Local State of Emergency and take the actions authorized under the Emergency Management Act, Act 390 for 1976; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Isabella County Board of Commissioners, that on December 15, 2020, the Local State of Emergency is extended, retroactively, and shall continue until terminated by action of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners.

It was moved by Commissioner Hope and seconded by Commissioner Horton to adopt Isabella County Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 20-12-03, Local State of Emergency Extension and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Isabella County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting:

It was moved by Commissioner Swaney and seconded by Commissioner Hope to set the 2021 Isabella County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Motion Carried

B. GELC Letter of Understanding – Wage Reopener 2021:

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Moreno to approve the Tentative Agreement between the Isabella County Trial Court and Government Employees Labor Council (GELC) agreeing that 1.0% shall be added to the 2020 base wage scale, effective January 1,

2021, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same. The motion carried with 7 yeas and 0 nays. Yeas: Commissioners Green, Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None.

C. Resolution No. 20-12-01. A Tribute to George A. Green In Recognition of Outstanding Public Service:

WHEREAS, George A. Green has served as a member of the Isabella County Commission from 1997 to the present; and

WHEREAS, after nearly a quarter of a century as a member of this Board, Commissioner Green will be retiring at the end of this year; and

WHEREAS, he has served as a member of the Criminal Justice and County Affairs Committee from 1997 until 2011, chairing the committee for fourteen years, and also served continuously for much of his tenure on the Material Recovery Facility Advisory Board, the CoExpo Board and the Central Michigan District Health Department Board from 2003 to the present; and

WHEREAS, his tireless work on behalf of his community is also reflected in the numerous other boards on which he served, including EightCap Governing Board, the Central Dispatch/911 Board, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse, Clare Local Development Finance Authority, Central Area Michigan Works Consortium, Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works Workforce Development Board, and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Commissioner Green served on all these Boards for numerous years often as their chair; and

WHEREAS, during his years on the Board, Commissioner Green was the “unofficial overseer” of all major County construction, including as a member of the Steering Committee for the building of the County Trial Court facility, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for the new Commission on Aging, member of the Ad Hoc Committee on the County’s first non-critical substance abuse facility and is finishing his tenure as a member of the Jail Ad Hoc Committee. On all these projects he provided insight, sage advice, and assurance that projects met the highest quality of construction, with the maximum value for the investment; and

WHEREAS, George Green was elected as Chairman of the Board in 2012 and has been unanimously reelected each year since then. On a Board elected on partisan tickets, George Green has worked to keep the focus of the Board on the needs of the community and made the Board a truly bipartisan, collegial, and effective governmental body. He has been a strong fiscal conservative with an ability to sustain the fiscal integrity of the County while leading the County into ever improving services and programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Isabella County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Isabella County expresses our sincere appreciation and gratitude to Chairman George A. Green for his years of service to this community, and extends best wishes to George Green and his family for success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Engler to adopt Resolution No. 20-12-01, Tribute to George Green. The motion carried with 6 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention. Yeas: Commissioners Engler, Jaloszynski, Horton, Moreno, Swaney and Hope. Nays: None. Abstain: Green

General Public Comments:

Deputy Administrator/Controller Nicole Frost thanked Commissioner green for his 24 years of service to the County of Isabella.

Announcements:

Commissioner Horton encouraged the public to continue to social distance and wear a mask to slow the spread of COVID.

Adjournment: It was moved by Commissioner Horton and seconded by Commissioner Swaney to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 8:55 p.m.