

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Bruce DeLong

Members

David W. Pohl

Kenneth B. Mitchell

Robert Showers

Dwight Washington

Adam C. Stacey

Administrator
Ryan L. Wood
Clerk of the Board
Diane Zuker

DATE 01/03/2020

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, January 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Clinton County Board of Commissioners Room, Courthouse, St. Johns, Michigan with Diane Zuker, Clerk of the Board calling the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Zuker called for a moment of silence. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum reported. Present were Commissioners Kam Washburn, David Pohl, Bruce DeLong, Kenneth B. Mitchell, Robert Showers, Dwight Washington and Adam Stacey.

COUNTY PERSONNEL

Ryan Wood and Craig Longnecker.

VISITORS

There were no visitors in attendance.

AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washburn to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF
CHAIRPERSON

Clerk Zuker opened the nominations for Chairperson of the Board. Commissioner Showers nominated Kam Washburn for Chairperson, Commissioner Pohl seconded the nomination. Clerk Zuker called for further nominations. None were offered.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the appointment of Commissioner Kam Washburn as Chairperson for 2020. Motion carried.

ELECTION OF
VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Clerk Zuker opened the nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board. Commissioner Pohl nominated Bruce DeLong for Vice-Chairperson, Commissioner Showers seconded the nomination. Clerk Zuker called for further nominations. None were offered.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Showers to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the appointment of Commissioner Bruce DeLong as Vice-Chairperson for 2020. Motion carried.

CHAIRPERSON ASSUMES
THE CHAIR

Commissioner Washburn assumed the Chair.

CONFIRMATION OF 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

Commissioners reviewed the 2020 proposed meeting schedule. Commissioner DeLong introduced discussion regarding changing the October 13th meeting time. Members agreed with changing the Annual October meeting time to 6:00 p.m., rather than the usual 7:00 p.m. Further, the December meeting will be held on Friday, December 18th to avoid the Christmas and New Year holidays, with the time of the meeting set for 10:00 a.m.

JANUARY 28 @ 9:00 a.m.
FEBRUARY 25 @ 9:00 a.m.
MARCH 31 @ 9:00 a.m.
APRIL 28 @ 9:00 a.m.
MAY 26 @ 9:00 a.m.
JUNE 30 @ 9:00 a.m.

JULY 28 @ 9:00 a.m.
AUGUST 25 @ 9:00 a.m.
SEPTEMBER 29 @ 9:00 a.m.
OCTOBER 13 @ 6:00 p.m.
OCTOBER 27 @ 9:00 a.m.
NOVEMBER 24 @ 9:00 a.m.
DECEMBER 18 @ 10:00 a.m. (Friday)

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to change the Annual October meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as discussed. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to adopt the meeting schedule with the modification to the time of the Annual October meeting. Motion carried.

Chairperson Washburn introduced discussion regarding the Committee meeting schedules. Commissioners agreed that moving the Committee meeting times from afternoon to the mornings in 2020.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, seconded by Commissioner Stacey set all committee meetings to 9:00 a.m. with the exception of the Public Safety meeting to begin at 8:30 a.m. effective with the January, 2020 meetings. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF 2020 BY-LAWS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

Chairperson Washburn introduced discussion regarding the 2020 By-Laws and Rules of Procedure. A draft was presented to the Board at their committee meeting in December for review. Amendments are being proposed to Article III related to Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Brief discussion followed regarding roll call votes vs. a unanimous vote of the Board as outlined under section 5.9 of the bylaws. Historically, the Chairperson has called for a roll call vote for the sake of transparency.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to adopt the By-Laws and Rules of Procedure with the amendments to Article III Appointments to Boards and Commissions. Motion carried unanimously. (INSERT BY-LAWS)

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR 2020

The 2020 Committee Chairpersons, Committee Assignments and other Boards/Agencies was presented in detail with the following Committee Chairpersons being recommended by Chairperson Showers:

- Ways and Means Committee – Adam Stacey
- Human Resources Committee – David Pohl
- Public Safety Committee – Ken Mitchell

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to concur with the recommendation of Chairperson Washburn to appoint the above named Commissioners as Chairpersons to the respective Committees, in addition concur with the Committee Assignments and Appointments to other Boards/Agencies. Brief discussion followed. Chairperson Washburn noted that the term for the Community Mental Health (CMH) appointment commences in March each year, so for transition purposes, both Commissioner Pohl and Commissioner Washington will attend

the CMH meetings until Commissioner Washington's appointment commences in March. A few other modifications have been made to the appointment list with regard to meeting times. It was also noted that the Capital Council of Governments (CAPCOG) meets as needed, in addition the Parks and Green Space Commission has changed their meetings to the 1st Friday of the month. Motion carried. (INSERT BOARD COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Washburn called for public comments. There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Wood noted that he is scheduled to begin reaching out to the local units, along with 911 Director, Chris Collom to provide them with an overview of the 911 system.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

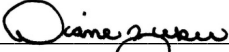
Chairperson Washburn called for Commissioners' comments and/or questions.

- Commissioner Stacey inquired as to the timeline for replacing our Parks and Recreation Director in order to meet our deadlines for our grant application for the Clinton Lakes access improvements. Administrator Wood advised that the position has been posted and applications are coming in for the position. He noted that much of the decision related to the timeline for hiring a replacement will be based on the applications received. In the interim, Jerry Jaloszynski is eager to assist the county. It is anticipated that the county will enter into an agreement for compensation with Mr. Jaloszynski.
- Commissioner Stacey informed the members that although this has not been approved yet, the Senate Finance Committee is considering doing a local government fiscal health report regarding unfunded pension liability and OPEB liability. He would like Clinton County to have some presence in this to share some of our perspective with state leaders.
- Commissioner Pohl stated the county is in a good position and he is looking forward to this continuing in the coming year. We are fortunate to have all the staff support, who understand the importance of public service.
- Commissioner Showers updated the members on his communication with Bob Trezise, President and CEO of Lansing Economic Area Partnership regarding the idea of allowing Capital Council of Governments (CAPCOG) to lobby on projects for LEAP in an effort to bring about unity among the organizations, including the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. Chairperson Washburn recognized Commissioner Showers for his work with CAPCOG, noting how vitally important CAPCOG has been to development for Clinton County, as well as the Lansing and East Lansing area.
- Commissioner Washington stated that he has enjoyed his work with the Commissioners over the last year and is looking forward to focusing on his assignments on Community Mental Health and the Parks and Green Space Commission.
- Commissioner DeLong thanked the members for their vote of confidence in selecting him to serve as the Vice-Chairperson of the Board. He is looking forward to another positive year serving Clinton County.
- Commissioner Mitchell:
 - Spoke regarding recent Drain Commission issues. He advised the members that the water issues are being handled very well by Drain Commissioner Hanses.
 - Anxious to see positive results at the March 10th Election on the E-911 Emergency Dispatch ballot proposal.
- Commissioner Washburn:
 - Thanked the members for their confidence in selecting him to serve as Chairperson of the Board this year;
 - Thanked Administrator Wood for his work on the 911 millage and getting the word out to the local communities on this important issue;

- o Noted that the county has some obstacles to work on, in particular the county work force, retention and hiring of new employees;
- o The need to maintain the excellent position the county is currently in and continue to move forward;
- o A Federal Safety Grant for 2021 was recently approved for US-27 to block Colony Road access to US-27 from the East, in addition to upgrading Scott Road to an all season road from Kinley to Colony Road, which will better serve truck traffic.

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl wot adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.



Diane Zuker, Clerk of the Board

Note: These minutes are subject to approval on January 28, 2020.