

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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DATE 03/23/2010

The Clinton County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, March 23, 2010 with Chairperson Martin presiding.

MOMENT OF SILENCE,
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND ROLL CALL

Chairperson Martin called for a Moment of Silence. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag. Roll was called and a quorum reported. Present were David Pohl, Larry E. Martin, Paul McNamara, Jack Enderle, Eileen Heideman, Robert E. Showers and Adam Stacey.

COUNTY PERSONNEL

Ryan Wood, Craig Longnecker and Phil Hanses.

VISITORS

Steve Schultz

AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include the following additions:

- Resolution of support for Tri-County Regional Planning Commission US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Planning Grant application
- Closed session for purpose of discussing COAM Collective Bargaining

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Heideman to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

[MINUTES OF 02/23/2010](#)

The minutes of February 23, 2010 were presented.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following Communications were reviewed:

- 1 Alger County Resolution objecting to Elections Management License Renewal Fees
- 2 Wexford County Resolution calling for the modification of State Act 312 of 1969 unreasonably removing control of personnel costs for police and fire from local control
- 3-4 Resolution supporting the efforts at the State and Federal level to stop the migration of Asian Carp into the Great Lakes (Alger & Berrien Counties)
- 5-9 Resolution supporting the Legislative Commission Statutory Mandates Final Report of December 2009 (Saginaw, Kent, Huron, Van Buren & Bay Counties)

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl to accept the Communications and place on file. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ryan Wood, Administrator presented the following report:

- Existing boilers will remain in place in the Courthouse, along with the installation of new high efficiency boilers as part of the Courthouse Energy Improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS	Chairperson Martin called for public comments. There were no public comments.
DRAIN OFFICE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT	Phil Hanses, Drain Commissioner presented the 2009 Annual Report of the Drain Office. BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner McNamara to accept the report and place on file. Motion carried.
ZONING	The following zoning matter was tabled and referred back to Community Development/Planning Commission at the January 26, 2010 Board of Commissioners' meeting.
PC-29-09 LA LANGUAGE AMENDMENT WIND ORDINANCE TABLED	PC-29-09 LA Language Amendment to the 2005 Clinton County Zoning Ordinance regarding a Wind Ordinance. This matter will remain tabled at this time.
APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	Commissioners' expense accounts were submitted for approval. BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl to approve the expense accounts, subject to review by the Chair and Clerk. Motion carried.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	The following are reports of Committee meetings:
<u>FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING</u>	Commissioner Showers, Finance Chairperson and Commissioner Pohl, Personnel Chairperson reported on a Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held March 18, 2010.
AGENDA APPROVED	1. Finance Chairperson Showers called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. COMMITTEE ACTION: Commissioner Enderle moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	2. Finance Chairperson Showers requested limited public comments. There were none.
MIS IMAGING PROJECT	3. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced discussion regarding a 2010 capital improvement project. COMMITTEE ACTION: Commissioner Stacey moved, supported by Commissioner McNamara, to approve \$25,000 for the MIS Imaging capital improvement project, per the 2010 budget. Motion carried.

CLINTON COUNTY
ECONOMIC ALLIANCE
UPDATE

4. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced Mr. John Czarnecki, Executive Director to the Clinton County Economic Alliance, to provide a brief update regarding the activities of the Clinton County Economic Alliance.
- Mr. Czarnecki informed the Members about two upcoming workshops:
 - Farmer Value Added Workshop – Wednesday, March 24, 2010 (6:30 – 9:00 p.m.) at Clinton County RESA
 - Social Media for Entrepreneurs/Businesses – March 31, 2010 (6:30 – 9:00 p.m.) at Clinton County RESA
- Mr. Czarnecki briefly highlighted the CCEA's accomplishments over the past few months:
 - The CCEA initiated the Clinton County Business Venture Competition for middle and high school students, as the Alliance feels the jobs of the future will come from new enterprises; this competition was very successful;
 - The CCEA in partnership with the City of St. Johns was successful in securing a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to assist the City in supporting an expansion by Quest Software Company; the expansion will result in the creation of an additional 32 jobs;
 - The CCEA worked with the Village of Maple Rapids and the Village of Ovid to secure grants from the MEDC; Maple Rapids obtained a grant for improvements to their existing sewer lines and the Village of Ovid for a new water tower;
- Mr. Czarnecki provided a brief update regarding the CCEA's fundraising efforts;
- Discussion took place regarding potential future projects.

No action taken.

FAIRGROUND USAGE
AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

5. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced discussion regarding the Fairgrounds Usage amendment.
 - The MSU Extension Office has experienced requests for the use of the fairgrounds that do not fit the current "Use Rates Policy";
 - It is recommended that the policy be amended to address arena usage that is consistent for all patrons.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl, to **recommend** approving the proposed amendments to the Clinton County Smith Hall/Fairgrounds Use Agreement. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl to concur with the Committee recommendation. Motion carried.
(INSERT POLICY AMENDMENTS)

DRAIN COMMISSION
GREATER LANSING
REGIONAL COMMITTEE
DUES
STORM WATER
MANAGEMENT

6. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced Phil Hanes, Drain Commissioner, to discuss the recent increase in GLRC dues.
 - Drain Commissioner Hanes provided a brief explanation regarding the GLRC dues increase from \$4,000 to \$5,500;
 - Drain Commissioner Hanes emphasized the importance of the county's membership with GLRC; if the County was required to accomplish these same tasks it would cost much more in staffing costs alone.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle, to **recommend** approval for payment of GLRC annual dues in the amount of \$5,500. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner McNamara to concur with the Committee recommendation. Brief discussion followed. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY SERVICES
HOMELAND SECURITY
GRANT PROPOSAL

7. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced discussion regarding the HSGP Region 1 Board Equipment/Exercising/Planning Agreement and the Fiduciary Agreement between the City of Lansing and Clinton County.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Enderle moved, supported by Commissioner Heideman, to **recommend** authorizing approval and signature of the 2008 (current) HSGP Region I Board Equipment/Exercising/Planning Agreement. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle to concur with the Committee recommendation. Motion carried.

MOTZ COUNTY PARK
DISCUSSIONS

8. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced Jerry Jaloszynski, Green Space Coordinator, to discuss Motz County Park.

MOTZ COUNTY PARK
TEMPORARY SUMMER
EMPLOYEES

A) Motz County Park – Personnel Request:

- Authorization is requested to proceed with the hiring of seasonal Park Rangers for Motz County Park; the County's FY 2010 Operational Budget includes funding for this expense;
- The Park Rangers are responsible for performing routine maintenance and janitorial tasks and generally provide for the orderly operation of the park and safety of park visitors.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Stacey, to **recommend** approval to proceed with the hiring of temporary summer employees for Motz County Park subject to funding appropriated to the Parks and Green Space Commission budget for this purpose. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle to concur with the Committee recommendation. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

[RESOLUTION 2010-3](#)
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION
FOR 2010 MICHIGAN
NATURAL RESOURCES
TRUST FUND GRANT TO
ACQUIRE SEARLES
PROPERTY

B) Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant:

- The Green Space Commission requests authorization to submit a revised application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for acquisition of the 260-acre Searles Construction property as an addition to Motz County Park;
- The financial formula remains unchanged from the 2009 County Board approved application;
- Brief discussion took place regarding project funding; the total grant amount requested is \$1,886,338 and Clinton County's match would be \$628,779 (this amount is already designated within the public improvement fund).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Stacey moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle, to **recommend** approving the resolution authorizing the application for a 2010 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to acquire the 260-acre Searles Construction Property for public outdoor recreation purposes. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Stacey to concur with the Committee recommendation. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Heideman, Enderle, McNamara, Showers, Pohl, Stacey and Martin. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.
(INSERT RESOLUTION)

MOTZ COUNTY PARK
PAVILION FEE SCHEDULE

C) Motz County Park – Pavilion Fee Schedule:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl, to **recommend** adopting the Motz County Park Pavilion Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Stacey to concur with the Committee recommendation. Motion carried.
(INSERT FEE SCHEDULE)

MAINTENANCE REQUEST
FOR REPLACEMENT OF
HOT WATER HEATERS AT
THE COUNTY JAIL

9. **Maintenance – Capital Improvement Request:** Finance Chairperson Showers introduced discussion regarding a 2010 budgeted capital improvement.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle, to approve the replacement of two twenty-year old hot water heaters at the Clinton County Jail from Anderson Air Conditioning, Inc. in the amount of \$31,800. Motion carried.

HEALTH ALLIANCE UPDATE
AND AUTHORIZATION TO
PROCEED WITH
ADJUSTMENT TO THE
COUNTY HEALTH CARE
PLAN WITH APPROVAL

10. **Health Alliance Update:** Finance Chairperson Showers introduced Administrator Wood to provide an update from the Health Alliance regarding the County's health plan and benefits for the 2010-11 Plan Year.

- The Health Alliance has had three formal meetings take place thus far; all employee representatives have been in attendance and participated in these meetings with the exception of the COAM union group;
- We have secured proposals from 4 different providers with renewal rates ranging from 17% to 46%;
- Administrator Wood briefly discussed meetings that have been held with Cadillac Insurance/Michigan Employee Benefits Services (MEBS) and Public Employee Benefits Solutions (PEBS), it appears that there is an opportunity to bring down these rates significantly:
 1. **Cadillac Insurance:**
 - This group provides third party administrative services;
 - They offer a "wrap around" with Blue Cross/Blue Shield;
 - The POAM union representatives are receptive to this option;
 2. **PEBS:**
 - This group is currently preparing a proposal for an entirely self funded program to be administered from Blue Cross/Blue Shield;
- Both Cadillac Insurance and PEBS have a great deal of experience; the County will be able to take advantage of network opportunities to provide more value to employees and control costs;
- Administration hopes to have proposals and information from both Cadillac Insurance and PEBS by Monday, March 22, 2010;
- It was noted that since the Alliance meets next Tuesday (after the BOC meeting), there is a conflict with timing as to making a recommendation to the Full Board for approval; thus, the Alliance requires authorization to move forward to ensure a relatively smooth transition to the new insurance carrier.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle, to **recommend** authorizing changes/adjustments to the Clinton County Health Care Plan with the approval of the Personnel and Board chair. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Heideman to concur with the Committee recommendation. Motion carried.

2010 ENGINEERING SERVICES PROPOSAL FOR COURTHOUSE ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

11. **Energy Grant – C2AE Engineering Services:** Finance Chairperson Showers introduced discussion regarding engineering services that are required for the Courthouse energy improvements to take place under the Energy Grant.
- Commissioner McNamara asked Administration to obtain additional information with regard to removing the old boiler.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner McNamara, to **recommend** authorizing the execution of the March 12, 2010 Engineering Services Proposal for the Courthouse Energy Improvements as submitted by C2AE. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl to concur with the Committee recommendation. Motion carried.

CITY OF ST. JOHNS REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FEES ASSOCIATED WITH SOIL EROSION PERMIT FOR BMX TRACK

12. **City of St. Johns – Request for Waiver of Fees:** Finance Chairperson Showers introduced discussion regarding a fee waiver request from the City of St. Johns.

The City of St. Johns is requesting a waiver of fees associated with a soil erosion permit that was submitted to the Clinton County Drain Commissioner's Office for a BMX track that will be built on city property adjacent to the County Fairgrounds.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Stacey, to **recommend** authorizing the waiver of fees associated with a soil erosion permit submitted to the Clinton County Drain Commissioner's Office for the purpose of building a BMX Track. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner McNamara to concur with the Committee recommendation. Motion carried.

PLANNING UPDATE

13. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced Dave Pohl to provide a Planning update.

No action taken.

APRIL 2010 CALENDAR

14. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced discussion regarding the April 2010 calendar.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Stacey moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl, to **recommend** the approval of the April 2010 calendar. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl to concur with the Committee recommendation. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES PAID

15. Finance Chairperson Showers introduced discussion regarding the Accounts Payable Invoices Paid.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle, to approve the invoices paid from February 6 through March 5, 2010 in the amount of \$959,041.74. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

16. Personnel Chairperson Pohl introduced discussion regarding the appointments to various Committees and Commissions.

APPOINTMENT TO CLINTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION / BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle, to **recommend** the reappointment of Alan Moore to the Clinton County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a six (6) year term expiring April 12, 2016. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Heideman to reappoint Alan Moore to the Clinton County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Chairperson Martin called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO CLINTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION / BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle, to **recommend** the reappointment of Rich Trent to the Clinton County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a six (6) year term expiring April 12, 2016. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Heideman to reappoint Rich Trent to the Clinton County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Chairperson Martin called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO CLINTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION / BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner McNamara moved, supported by Commissioner Enderle, to **recommend** the reappointment of Robert Craig to the Clinton County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a six (6) year term expiring April 12, 2016. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Heideman to reappoint Robert Craig to the Clinton County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. Chairperson Martin called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO THE CLINTON AREA TRANSIT BOARD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Heideman moved, supported by Commissioner Showers, to **recommend** the appointment of Shannon Thompson to the Clinton Area Transit Board for a (3) year term expiring December 31, 2012. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Showers to appoint Shannon Thompson to the Clinton Area Transit Board. Chairperson Martin called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

17. Finance Chairperson Showers requested Commissioners' comments.

- Commissioner Martin:
 - Notified the members that the "Taste of Clinton County" event is taking place at RESA today from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.;
 - Reminded the Commissioners that the MAC 2010 Legislative Conference will take place March 29 – 31, 2010.

RESOLUTION 2010-4
SUPPORTING GRANT
APPLICATION BY TRI-
COUNTY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR EDA PLANNING GRANT

Chairperson Martin introduced discussion at the full Board meeting on March 23rd, an addition to the agenda regarding a proposed Resolution to support the grant application by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for a 3-year Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Grant commencing July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2013, for the amount of \$187,885 with a 50% match from the TCRPC funds. Further, Clinton County by way of this Resolution would designate TCRPC as the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee for the three county district, for the benefit of the inhabitants with the district.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl to adopt the Resolution supporting the Grant Application by Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for a 3- year Economic Development Administration (EDA) Planning Grant. Discussion followed regarding specifically what Tri-County uses this funding for. It was noted that TCRPC is required by the Federal Government to submit a number of reports. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Pohl, Showers, McNamara, Enderle, Heideman, Stacey and Martin. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried. (INSERT RESOLUTION)

COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE

Chairperson Martin reported on a Committee of the Whole meeting held February 26, 2010 at the St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Chairperson Martin requested limited public comments. There were none.

INTRODUCTION OF
FACILITATOR AND REVIEW
OF ECONOMIC FORECAST

3. Administrator Wood introduced Lew Bender, PhD., to facilitate our meeting. Mr. Bender is an experienced facilitator who has worked with a number of counties in Michigan.

- Mr. Bender provided a brief overview of the current economic forecast;
- The Commissioners discussed current economic pressures, challenges this community is facing, future goals, and desirable outcomes.

FUTURE COUNTY BUDGET
FORECAST REVIEWED

4. Administrator Wood and Deputy Administrator Longnecker discussed the future county budget forecast.

- Administrator Wood briefly discussed the current financial condition of Clinton County in comparison to surrounding counties:
 - It was noted that Clinton County has had clean audits;
 - It was further noted that that Standard & Poors recently improved Clinton County's bond rating from an A+ to AA;
 - These are good indicators that Clinton County is currently in sound financial shape.
- Deputy Administrator Longnecker briefly reviewed the financial condition of Clinton County:
 - The 2010 budget is balanced and on target;
 - All of our major facilities have been built new or renovated over the past ten years and we continue to take care of the infrastructure we have;
 - We have had clean audits and our bond rating has recently improved;
 - Given all of this positive information, we are still facing declining property tax revenue due to declining property value and declining taxable value;
 - Mr. Longnecker distributed the following handouts:
 - State Equalized Value/Taxable Value Projection
 - General Fund Projection
 - Discussion took place regarding potential shortfalls for 2011-2013;
 - Further discussion took place regarding state revenue sharing;
 - Members also discussed the possible county road millage and the effects this would have on Clinton County's tax payers.

STRATEGIES AND GENERAL DISCUSSION

5. Mr. Bender asked the Members to break up into groups to strategize:
 - The Members reviewed mandated services;
 - Additional services were examined;
 - Other strategic ideas were discussed;
 - Discussion took place regarding the Board Members' expectations of each other and Administration during the budget process.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

6. Finance Chairperson Showers requested Commissioners' comments.
 - The Members offered their closing thoughts and agreed that this was a productive meeting; Mr. Bender's knowledge and leadership was very much appreciated.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Chairperson Martin called for Commissioners' comments.
- Commissioner Heideman recognized and congratulated the East Lansing High School Trojan Ladies Basketball Team on their State Championship.

CLOSED SESSION FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

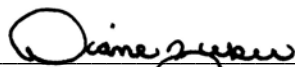
Chairperson Martin called for a motion to proceed to closed session for the purpose of discussing Command Officers Association of Michigan (COAM) Collective Bargaining.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Pohl to proceed to closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Showers moved, supported by Commissioner Stacey to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was declared adjourned at 10:16 a.m.



Diane Zuker, County Clerk

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval on April 27, 2010.