



Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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BOARD PLANNING SESSION – Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 26, 2015 – 9:30AM

Just as we did at the first meeting in March, the Board retired to closed session to discuss the on-going pending litigation issue. New developments take place each week, which cause the need for the Board to provide direction to legal counsel.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Project Planning & Prioritization.

SUMMARY: The Board continued to discuss the 15 year capital projects plan and prioritization.

2. County Board Resolution Inventory.

SUMMARY: On February 26, 2015, the Board of Commissioners discussed benefits and management of having a compilation of past Board actions; a report of the past 3 months was presented for consideration. Administration requested Board direction.

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting April 9, 2015, 9:30AM

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – Meeting Summary

Thursday, March 26, 2015 – 1PM

Presentation:

Ms. Christine Groen of the Allegan Conservation District provided a presentation and update of projects to the Board. The Board was also informed that the District will hold a 75th anniversary celebration this fall.

Administrator’s Report:

The Board, Administrator and a number of local municipal clerks discussed the on-going issue of transmitting election results to the County Clerk’s office during local elections. The Board also received a report from I.S. Director Steve Sedore relative to this issue. The Board was informed that the testing is on-going; however, there may also be a problem with the tabulators. I have been discussing this issue with Clerk Watts for several weeks. I have some proposed solutions that I will wait to roll out until I hear the findings of the equipment testing. I will keep you all informed as things progress forward.

CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board:

3-20-15 = \$306,061.66 and 3-27-15 = \$224,025.91

SUMMARY: The claims are paid weekly and are processed in accordance with the Board’s Rules, Section 11a. No inquiries were received; therefore, all claims were released.

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. Senior Services—approve Volunteer Transportation Services Contract Extension FY2015: (Casco, Ganges & Lee Townships)

HISTORY: On March 12, 2015, the Board discussed this request and moved for action based on the County Administrator’s recommendation. The services contract with Community Action of Allegan County (CAAC, formerly ACRDC) expired December 31, 2014. The original contract allows for up to two (2) one year extension(s). The Commission on Aging received a proposal from CAAC to continue services with an increase of \$.08 cents per mile for a total rate of \$.95 cents. CAAC provided a detailed breakdown of both administrative and program operating costs; included in Board packet.

SUMMARY: On January 20, 2015, the Commission on Aging recommended the Board approve contract extension at \$.95 cents per mile.

TERM: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

TOTAL: \$45,000 representing 47,368 units (miles).

RECOMMENDATION: The County Administrator recommended approval of the contract extension with a 3% cost increase effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for a total of \$42,631.21 representing 47,368 units (miles) until such time that a successor agreement is presented in alignment to an updated overall funding/service delivery plan with appropriate trend data to support the changes. The Commission approved this action.

2. Senior Services—approve Volunteer Transportation Services Contract Extension FY2015: (Greater Allegan Area) (APPROVED FOR ACTION)

HISTORY: The services contract with Community Action of Allegan County (CAAC, formerly ACRDC) expired December 31, 2014. The original contract allows for up to two (2) one year extension(s). The Commission on Aging received a proposal from CAAC to continue services with an increase of \$.08 cents per mile for a total rate of \$.95 cents. CAAC provided a detailed breakdown of both administrative and program operating costs; included in Board packet.

SUMMARY: On January 20, 2015, the Commission on Aging recommended the Board approve contract extension at \$.95 cents per mile.

TERM: January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

TOTAL: \$150,000 representing 157,895 units (miles).

RECOMMENDATION: The County Administrator recommended approval of the contract extension with a 3% cost increase effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 for a total of \$142,105.50 representing 157,895 units (miles) until such time that a successor agreement is presented in alignment to an updated overall funding/service delivery plan with appropriate trend data to support the changes. The Board approved this action.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Economic Development—support participation in Great Lakes Ag-Tech Business Incubator:

PURPOSE: The incubator is a non-profit corporation that specializes in assisting farmers and entrepreneurs turn their ag-tech machine, equipment, or software ideas and inventions into successful businesses. The incubator provides specialized assistance designed to propel beginning companies through business hurdles (ethanolproducer.com).

HISTORY: On December 11, 2015, the Board of Commissioners heard from Ottawa County's Planning and Performance Improvement Director Mark Knudsen, inviting Allegan to join Ottawa to help promote enterprising entrepreneurs in the County. On January 15, 2015, the Board referred this initiative to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) for comment.

SUMMARY: On February 4, 2015, the EDC discussed the concept of a business incubator. The Commission is recommending the Board participation in the Great Lakes Ag-Tech with the intention of sharing costs equally with private investors. On March 12, 2015, the Board discussed this issue and directed the creation of a resolution of acceptance.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board authorized the participation in the Great Lakes Ag-Tech Business Incubator contingent upon the Economic Development Commission securing at least 50% (\$14,000) of the annual amount of \$28,000 from other funding sources. In addition, that the Board of Commissioners may consider additional investment contingent upon presentation and acceptance of a funding model commensurate with that specific opportunity. The Board approved this action 6-yes to 1-no. I voted yes on this measure and support continued economic development in Allegan County.

2. Board of Commissioners—establish Retirement Benefit Policy/Undersheriff:

HISTORY: On February 12, 2015, the Board of Commissioners authorized the County Administrator to process the continuation of Captain Frank Baker's Defined Benefit Retirement Plan into the position of Undersheriff and that he shall remain in the Defined Benefit Group of the Road Command Division in his appointment as Undersheriff.

SUMMARY: Due to this retirement process change, the Board of Commissioners needed to establish policy. The policy states that when an individual is appointed to the position of Undersheriff they shall be eligible to receive retirement benefits identical to those offered to non-bargaining salaried employees. In addition, that in an event an employee enters the position of Undersheriff from other County Employment who is subject to a defined benefit plan in the employee's previous position at the time of leaving, they shall be covered by a plan of the same type with equivalent provisions. The Board approved the new policy 7-yes to 0-no.

3. Board of Commissioners—adopt Livestock Claim Policy & Fee Schedule:

HISTORY: On September 11, 2014, the County Administrator presented the Board of Commissioners three draft Livestock Claim policies and a recommendation/request to establish a committee to finalize a recommended policy and develop a fee schedule.

With Board authorization, the Board Chairman appointed Committee members. On October 16, 2014, the Committee began their review, in which they selected the policy originally recommended by legal counsel and adapted the policy. Input was collected from legal counsel, County Administrator, Central Dispatch, Animal Control, Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development, and a sampling of local units. In addition, a fee schedule was developed (outlined in the Board packet) based on three sources provided and used by the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development. After considerable discussion regarding this policy the Board elected to table the matter to April 9th to work out some challenges. I voted no on the motion to table because it was my belief we could reconcile the remaining differences and move forward. The motion to table was passed and the matter was set to the April 9th agenda.

4. National County Government Month Proclamation:

SUMMARY: As a member of the National Association of County Officials Board of Directors I moved this issue forward and the Board declared April as County Government Month in Allegan County.

Carol Sneller and Jamie Krupka were appointed to the Allegan County Tourist Council.

Fire Chief Ron Horsting was appointed to the Central Dispatch Policy and Procedures Committee.

Mary Whiteford, Bill Sage and Tom Belco were elected by the Board to the Allegan County Community Mental Health Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting April 9, 2015, 1PM

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns related to this report or any other matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jon C. Campbell

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