

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, April 12, 2011
COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS, 304 E. Grand River, Howell, MI

The Statutory Equalization Meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Maggie Jones, at 7:40 p.m.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by the Clerk indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Maggie Jones (1), Jim Mantey (2), David Domas (3), Ronald VanHouten (4), Jay Drick (5), Steven Williams (6), Carol Griffith (7), John LaBelle (9)

Absent: Dennis Dolan (8)

Also present: Bonnie Toskey (Counsel), Don Arbic, Mimi Yenshaw, Lt. Kinaschuck (Emergency Management), Ted Westmeier (Health Dept.), Kevin Wilkinson, Jeff Boyd (EMS), Paul McNamara (IT), Debbie Oberle (Animal Control), Chris Folts (Building Services), Sue Bostwick, Michael Ortez (Equalization), Ken Recker (Drain), Jennifer Palmbo (Human Resources), Cindy Mendoza (Finance), Belinda Peters (Administration), Margaret M. Dunleavy, Debbie Warden

Correspondence. None.

Call To The Public. No response.

Minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Drick to accept the minutes of March 21 and March 23, 2011, as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Tabled Items. None.

Agenda. It was moved by LaBelle to approve the consent and regular agendas, as printed. Seconded by Commissioner VanHouten. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Reports. Chairperson Jones reminded the Commissioners that on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, the Advantage Livingston will be presented at Crystal Gardens at 7:30 a.m. Chairperson Jones asked that the commissioners who attended the MAC Conference, to inform the other members of the presentations they attended.

Commissioner Mantey attended the presentation on the Headlee mandates. The president of MAC gave the presentation and was very informative.

Commissioner Williams attended military family support and agricultural presentations. He stated he was impressed with Governor Snyder's speech.

Commissioner LaBelle attended Workers Comp. and Roads presentation. Stated that both parties have and are making compromises to get what they want.

Commissioner Griffith attended the MI. Gas Tax meeting. In order to fix the roads there has to be an increase in the gas tax. Truck drivers have listed Michigan as the third worst state in Michigan for their roads.

Commissioner Mantey attended a conference on March 30 regarding the repurposing many unused automotive properties and the speaker was Dan Kildee.

Consent Agenda. Commissioner LaBelle presented the Consent Agenda and adopted each as follows: Resolution No. 2011-04-102, Resolution Approving The Workforce Investment Act Incentive Grant Plan; Resolution No. 2011-04-103, Resolution To Expend A Portion Of The Livingston County Energy Efficiency And Conservation Block Grant Award-Building Services; Resolution No. 2011-04-104, Resolution In Support Of House Bills 4148, 4149 & 4150-Board of Commissioners; Resolution No. 2011-04-105, Resolution Recognizing The Observance Of National Transportation Week May 15-21, 2011-L.E.T.S.; Resolution No. 2011-04-106, Resolution Amending Resolution #2006-11-365 To The Five (5) Year Master Agreement Between The Michigan Department Of Transportation And Livingston County Regarding New Third-Party Contract Procedures-L.E.T.S.; Resolution 2011-04-107, Resolution Amending Resolution 2010-12-356 Authorizing An Agreement With Second Chance Drug And alcohol Testing, LLC To Rent Space At The Asset Building And Provide Drug/Alcohol Testing When Needed By The Livingston County Courts; Resolution No. 2011-04-108, Resolution Authorizing The Sheriff's Department To Purchase Sixty (60) Concealable Ballistic Vests; Authorize The Use Of Funds Required For The Purchase From The 2011 Federal Equitable Sharing (DEA) Special Revenue Fund-Sheriff's Department; Resolution No. 2011-04-109 Resolution To Approve A Capital Expenditure For The Purchase Of Extended Maintenance Agreement For Digital In-Car Video Recording Equipment-Sheriff's Department and Resolution No. 2011-04-110 Resolution Authorizing Jail Kitchen Floor Replacement-Building Services. Seconded by Commissioner Mantey. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaBelle, Jones, Mantey, Domas, VanHouten, Drick, Williams, Griffith; Nays: None; Absent: Dolan. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Resolutions. Commissioner Domas presented Resolution No. 2011-03-093, Resolution Recognizing The Observance Of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 10-16, 2011-9-1-1, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent. Chairman Jones thanked the 9-1-1 department for all their help.

Commissioner LaBelle presented Resolution No. 2011-04-112, Resolution To Adopt The 2011 County Equalization Report As Submitted With The Accompanying Statements-Equalization, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaBelle, Jones, Mantey, Domas, VanHouten, Drick, Williams, Griffith; Nays: None; Absent: Dolan. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent. There were no appeals for assessment from any government entity. There has been a 6.99% decline in assessed value.

Commissioner Williams presented Resolution No. 2011-04-113, Resolution Authorizing Use Of The National Association Of Counties (NACo) Prescription Discount Card For Livingston County Residents – Health Depart., and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Mantey. Commissioner Domas stated that other prescription cards are issued at no cost to counties. Livingston County would have to pay \$2600 for membership to NACo. Commissioner Drick stated that he thought more research should go into this project before approving. It was moved by Commissioner Drick to table. Seconded by Commissioner Domas. Chairperson Jones asked that the Health and Human Services Committee and Ted Westmeier do more reseach. MOTION CARRIED TO TABLE, 8-0-1 absent.

Commissioner Drick presented Resolution No. 2011-04-114, Resolution Authorizing The Filling Of The Vacant Full Time Benefits Specialist Position-Human Resources, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Commissioner LaBelle presented Resolution No. 2011-04-115, Resolution Authorizing The Exception To The Hiring Freeze Policy-Building Services, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner VanHouten. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Commissioner Drick presented Resolution No. 2011-04-116, Resolution Authorizing Out-Of-State Training For The Administrative Manager-EMS, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Mantey. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Commissioner Williams presented Resolution No. 2011-04-117, Resolution Authorizing Out-Of-State Travel For IT Deputy Director And The OSSI Public Safety System Administration Team To Attend The 2011 Annual SUGA Education Conference May 16-20, 2011-Information Technology, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner LaBelle. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Commissioner Domas presented Resolution No. 2011-04-118, Resolution Authorizing The Purchase For Software Maintenance For The County Owned Public Safety Solution For All Public Related Departments: Sheriff Department, Police, Fire, EMS, Central Dispatch and Information Technology With SunGard Public Safety-Information Technology, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner VanHouten. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Commissioner Williams presented Resolution No. 2011-04-119, Resolution Authorizing The Establishment Of A Winter Lake Level For Portage And Baseline Lakes-Drain Commissioner, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Mantey. Roll call vote: Ayes: Williams, Griffith, LaBelle, Jones, Mantey, Domas, VanHouten, Drick; Nays: None; Absent: Dolan. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Commissioner Williams presented Resolution No. 2011-04-120, Resolution Authorizing Animal Control To Conduct Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics And Revise The Animal Control Fee Schedule-Animal Control, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Mantey. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Commissioner Mantey presented Resolution No. 2011-04-121, Resolution Authorizing The Creation Of A Debt Service Sinking Fund-Board of Commissioner, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner LaBelle. Commissioner Domas stated that he has concerns regarding the money coming from Fund 466, the jail expansion fund, and feels that the money can come from someplace else. Chairperson Jones stated there are no operating funds if they did the jail expansion. \$400,000 will come from the general fund and the \$1.6 from Fund 466. Repayments to the county will be put back in Fund 466. Commissioner Domas asked that the resolution be amended to state “The county is to be repaid first from whomever borrows”. After discussion, Commissioner Domas withdrew the amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mantey, Domas, VanHouten, Drick, Williams, Griffith, LaBelle, Jones;Nay: None; Absent: Dolan. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

Call To The Public. None.

Adjournment. It was moved by Commissioner Williams that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Commissioner Mantey. MOTION CARRIED, 8-0-1 absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Margaret M. Dunleavy
Livingston County Clerk