

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2008

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room and were called to order by the Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was given by Ervin Kowalski.

Roll Call was taken by the Clerk and all members reported present except Janice McCraner.

Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Rutske, supported by Kowalski to approve the Meeting Agenda and add a Resolution proclaiming May 2008 County Veterans Endowment Fund Month.

Motion Carried

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APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Fenstermacher, supported by Lottie to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the March 18, 2008, Regular Board Meeting and the April 2008 monthly appropriations and fund transfers.

YEAS: 6 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske,

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Meister, Onekama Township Supervisor, appeared before the Board on behalf of the residents in the Pine Ridge subdivision. The Manistee County Planning Commission had the authority to approve specifications for this condominium subdivision and it did so with certain specifications for the road. Mr. Meister will appear before the Planning Commission at their next meeting to discuss the road specifications.

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2008 AS
MANISTEE COUNTY VETERANS ENDOWMENT FUND MONTH**

At a meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 22nd day of April, 2008.

PRESENT: 6 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O’Shea, Rutske

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

The following resolution was offered by Kowalski and seconded by Haik

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families share an undue burden in serving our country; and

WHEREAS, it is their sacrifice that provides us with the high quality of life we so enjoy; and

WHEREAS, while there are many sources of support for Veterans, there remain many needs that are not met by Federal and State programs when Veterans and/or their dependents are in times of financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, these needs include unmet funeral expenses, transportation to receive healthcare and human services at Veteran approved facilities, personal emergencies, housing and home repairs, avoidance of homelessness, education and training programs, and short-term funds to meet personal needs while Veteran Affairs claims are being processed; and

WHEREAS, an endowment fund has been established at the Manistee County Community Foundation to build funds for Veterans’ needs; and

WHEREAS, donors to this endowment fund serve as catalysts for positive change in Manistee County, and are eligible for the standard federal tax deduction plus the State of Michigan Tax Credit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of May, 2008, as Manistee County Veterans Endowment Fund Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be duly signed, sealed and prominently displayed to encourage all citizens to contribute to this worthwhile cause which will assist all Manistee County Veterans who experience hardships.

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Haik to adopt the Resolution proclaiming May 2008 as Manistee County Veterans Endowment Fund Month.

YEAS: 6 Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O’Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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TREASURER’S REPORT:

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Russell Pomeroy, Manistee County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Office is completing settlements with the townships, villages and the City for the 2007 delinquent taxes. The total of the delinquent taxes for 2007 is \$2,992,489.13.

The final foreclosure for the 2005 tax year was on March 31, 2008. Property owners had until 5:00 p.m. on the 31st to pay any 2005 and older delinquent taxes. The Treasurer's Office had 25 parcels with outstanding taxes at that time and foreclosed on 13 of them. The State has the first right of refusal on any of the property we foreclosed on. The local units where the properties are located have the next option, and then the County if they are interested in any of the properties can elect to purchase them. If the State, Local Unit or County elect to purchase any of the property, they must use it for a public purpose, they cannot sell the property. If a local unit does purchase a property, and then decide they cannot use it for the intended public purpose, it comes back to the County to be sold at auction, or the County can elect to have the township sell it and all the proceeds for the sale come to the County's foreclosure fund.

On April 15th, the Treasurer's Office, filed the Notices of Forfeiture for the unpaid 2006 taxes with the Register of Deeds. There were 355 notices recorded in the Register of Deeds Office. Forfeitures are up 23% this year over last year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ervin Kowalski presented the Finance Committee Report.

Board of Commissioners
Manistee County
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Board of Commissioners:

We, do hereby submit our claims from March 11, 2008 through April 15, 2008.

General Fund	\$340,878.84
County Employee Training Fund	\$156.92
District Court Services Fund	\$861.47
JAWS of Life Fund	\$202.46
Brownfield Redevelopment Fund	\$374.40
Capital Improvement Fund	\$25,801.39
Remonumentation Fund	\$961.12
Brownfield Site Assessment Fund	\$1,800.00
Health Insurance Fund	\$221,162.28
Dive Equipment Fund	\$172.90
Law Enforcement Training Fund	\$4,982.77
Homeland Security Grant Fund	\$2,500.00
Law Library Fund	\$6,454.18
Computer Technology Fund	\$37,615.76
Drug Testing-District Court Fund	\$251.76
MSHDA Home Improvement Grant Fund	\$473.25
Law Enforcement Technology Fund	\$1,050.80
CRA Grant Fund	\$15,981.00
Community Corrections Fund	\$298.58
Juvenile Intervention Fund	\$875.37
Child Care Fund	\$53,051.13
Veterans Trust Fund	\$1,480.18
Airport Fund	\$64,497.67

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County Vehicle Fund	\$1,050.00
Compensated Services Fund	\$63,312.48

Total Claimed and allowed April 15, 2008 \$846,246.71

Total Payroll for the period 3/11/08 through 4/15/08 \$405,606.61

Respectfully Submitted,

Ervin Kowalski
Janice McCraner
Glenn Lottie

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Fenstermacher to approve the bills and the same be paid in the amount of \$846,246.71.

YEAS: 6 Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT/APRIL 15, 2008

Ervin Kowalski presented the Ways & Means Committee Report of April 15, 2008.

PAYMENT UNUSED ACCUMULATED VACATION, SICK & PERSONAL HOURS

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Fenstermacher to approve the payment of unused accumulated vacation, sick and personal hours to Kenneth Hilliard in an amount up to \$17,760.57.

YEAS: 6 Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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LEGAL FEES/TES FILER CITY STATION TAX APPEAL

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Lottie to approve the payment of \$3,549.24 to the Charter Township of Filer for legal fees in the TES Filer City Station Tax Appeal, to be paid from the County's legal

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defense fund #259.

YEAS: 6 O’Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ 2008 DUES

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Lottie to approve the payment of \$2,500.00 to the Human Services Collaborative Body for the County Board of Commissioners’ 2008 dues, to be paid out of the County Commissioners’ dues line item, and authorizing the County Controller/Administrator to make a \$2,500 budget amendment from the FY 2007/08 appropriation to the Conservation District.

YEAS: 6 Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O’Shea

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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NORTHERN MICHIGAN SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, INC. PAYMENT

Moved by Lottie, supported by Rutske to approve payment of \$1,799.50 to Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, Inc., and authorize the County Controller/Administrator to make a budget amendment for this expense.

YEAS: 6 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O’Shea, Rutske

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

FOR DRIVER, VEHICLE, AND RELATED INFORMATION

Moved by Fenstermacher, supported by Kowalski to approve the Michigan Department of State

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Contractual Agreement for Driver, Vehicle, and Related Information, and authorize the County Board Chairperson to sign said contract.

YEAS: 6 Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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AT&T NETWORK SERVICES DISCOUNT ICB ADDENDUM

NO. 1 TO MASTER AGREEMENT

Moved by Fenstermacher, supported by Lottie to approve the Amendment No. 1 to the AT&T Network Services Discount ICB Addendum No. 1 to Master Agreement between SBC Global Services, Inc., dba AT&T Global Services and Manistee County, and that the County Board Chairperson be authorized to sign said amendment.

YEAS: 6 Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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MEDICARE CHECKS AUTOMATICALLY DEPOSITED

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Lottie to approve that Thomas D. Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator, be authorized to sign two letters to the Medicare Part A Provider Enrollment

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Department on behalf of the Medical Care Facility so that Medicare checks will be automatically deposited into the County's account.

YEAS: 6 Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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MILLAGE RENEWAL/BALLOT LANGUAGE/MANISTEE COUNTY LIBRARY

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Fenstermacher to approve the millage renewal ballot language for the Manistee County Library operation (to include the estimated revenue for 2008 for the Library is \$1,067,328) and that this ballot proposition be placed on the August 5, 2008 Primary Election ballot.

YEAS: 6 O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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STATE OF MICHIGAN DRUG COURT GRANT

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Fenstermacher to approve that the Juvenile Division of the 19th Judicial Circuit Court be authorized to apply to the State of Michigan for a Drug Court Grant.

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YEAS: 6 Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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**MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
THE 2008 COUNTY EQUALIZATION REPORT
AS SUBMITTED BY THE ACCOMPANYING STATEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Equalization Department has examined the assessment rolls of the 14 townships and one city within Manistee County to ascertain whether the real and personal property in the respective townships and cities has been equally and uniformly assessed as true cash value; and

WHEREAS, based on its studies, the Equalization Department has presented to the Equalization Sub-Committee the 2008 Equalization data that equalizes the townships' and cities' valuations, by adding to or deducting from the valuations of the said taxable property in the 14 townships and one city, an amount which represents the true cash value; and

WHEREAS, the attached report is the result of the forgoing process.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Manistee, that the accompanying statements be, and the same hereby are, approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Manistee as the equalized value of all taxable property, both real and personal, for each of the 14 townships and 1 city in said County for real property values equalized at \$1,504,298,170 and personal property values equalized at \$107,901,030 for a total equalized value of real and personal property at \$1,612,199,200 pursuant to Section 211.34 M.C.L., 1948 as amended.

Moved by Lottie, supported by Kowalski to approve that the County Board of Commissioners adopt the above Resolution, Resolution to Adopt the 2008 County Equalization Report as Submitted by the Accompanying Statements.

YEAS: 6 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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Moved by Kowalski, supported by Lottie to accept the Ways and Means Committee Report of April 15, 2008.

Motion Carried

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PHYSICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT/APRIL 18, 2008

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Kathy Fenstermacher presented the Physical Resources Committee Report of April 18, 2008.

BUILD OFFICE FOR TREASURER AND FURNISH

Moved by Fenstermacher, supported by Lottie to approve that an office be built in the County Treasurer's Office, with the construction and furniture not to exceed \$7,000.

YEAS: 6 Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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PAVE PARKING AREA/SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Rutske to approve that a 3,600 square foot area at the Sheriff's Office be paved as a parking area by Ron Brown, with the cost not to exceed \$8,000.

YEAS: 6 Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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COURTHOUSE INTERCOM SYSTEM

Moved by Fenstermacher, supported by Kowalski to approve that Administration be given the power to act on the Courthouse intercom system at a cost not to exceed \$3,313.

YEAS: 6 Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski

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NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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SECOND FLOOR SHELVING UNITS

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Haik to approve that up to \$6,000 be spent on shelving units for the second floor.

YEAS: 6 O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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Moved by Fenstermacher, supported by Rutske to accept the Physical Resources Committee Report of April 18, 2008.

Motion Carried

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POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT/APRIL 4, 2008

Carl Rutske presented the Policy Committee Report of April 4, 2008.

EDUCATION EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Moved by Rutske, supported by Fenstermacher to approve to reimburse John O'Hagan for up to \$543.00 for education expenses toward obtaining a Bachelor of Arts Degree with proper written evidence of his grades with funds for the same being paid out of the Education Fund.

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YEAS: 6 Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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**RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE RATIFICATION OF THE
GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BASIN WATER RESOURCES COMPACT**

At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 22nd day of April, 2008.

PRESENT: 6 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

The following resolution was offered by Rutske and seconded by Lottie :

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and connecting waters represent an invaluable resource to the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this resource is a great risk of diversion by parties outside of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin; and

WHEREAS, this risk is increasing as water shortages become more acute and the parties that oppose ceding control of the waters of the basin to the Great Lakes states and provinces become more powerful; and

WHEREAS, this resource can only be protected by joint agreement and action by the eight states, including Michigan, and the two Canadian provinces that are wholly or partially within the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Compact will also require Congressional approval and a treaty with Canada; and

WHEREAS, bills that are required to implement the Compact have already been introduced in Michigan's House and Senate and they are nearly identical;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners urge the legislature, in the strongest possible terms, to ratify the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact without further delay.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor promptly sign the ratification into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Granholm, State Senator Michelle McManus and State Representative David Palsrok.

Moved by Rutske, supported by Lottie to adopt the above Resolution to Encourage Ratification of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact.

YEAS: 6 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

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Motion Carried

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Moved by Lottie, supported by Kowalski to accept the Policy Committee Report of April 4, 2008.

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT/APRIL 4, 2008

Ed Haik presented the Public Safety Committee Report of April 4, 2008.

FY 2008 COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Moved by Rutske, supported by Lottie to approve that the FY 2008 Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Manistee County Sheriff’s Department and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Huron-Manistee National Forests be approved and signed.

YEAS: 6 Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O’Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING ROAD RAGE AWARENESS WEEK
JULY 13-19, 2008**

At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 22nd day of April, 2008.

PRESENT: 6 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O’Shea, Rutske
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

The following resolution was offered by Lottie and seconded by Rutske :

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WHEREAS, Reaching Out Against Road Rage (ROARR) a non-profit 501c3 organization located in Muskegon County, has a mission which consists of the three P's: prevention of road rage, protection and support or victims against road rage, and the promotion of life by the saving of lives; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this mission, ROARR is promoting awareness of and education on the prevention of road rage, working in an effort to reduce the number of road rage incidents, and advocating support and assistance to victims and their families during their recovery process; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) defines road rage as "an assault with a motor vehicle or other dangerous weapon by the operator or passenger(s) of another motor vehicle or an assault precipitated by an incident that occurred on a roadway", and

WHEREAS, a study completed by the AAA Foundation indicated that an average of at least 1,500 men, women and children are injured or killed each year in the United States as a result of violent acts of road rage; and

WHEREAS, ROARR understands that to solve a problem, we must first be aware of the problem which is a growing one in Michigan as well as in our nation; and

WHEREAS, ROARR recognizes that younger and older drivers face death and crippling injury due to road rage in other drivers and themselves; and

WHEREAS, concerned citizens must work together as a community to stop the killing, injuries and mental anguish as a result of road rage and reprogram the destructive attitudes and behaviors that lead to road rage; and

WHEREAS, ROARR and its president, Kay Shabazz, and its Board of Directors and other individuals and organizations are partnered in a "Road Rage Awareness Campaign" to bring closure to the escalating road rage problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the period of July 13-19, 2008, as Road Rage Awareness Week in Manistee County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be duly signed, sealed and prominently displayed to encourage all citizens to take precaution in the prevention of road rage incidents.

Moved by Lottie, supported by Rutske to adopt the Resolution Proclaiming Road Rage Awareness Week
July 13-19, 2008.

YEAS: 6 Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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Moved by Fenstermacher, supported by Kowalski to accept the Public Safety Committee Report of April 4, 2008.

Motion Carried

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MANISTEE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY/INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 17, 2008

Glenn Lottie presented the Manistee County Technology/Information Committee Report of April 17, 2008.

No Action Items.

Items not requiring Board action:

Penny Pepera, Register of Deeds, appeared before the Committee with an update on the new software package that was installed in the Register of Deeds Office. She is also purchasing software for digitizing old records and that process will be operating in approximately one month.

Russell Pomeroy, Treasurer, appeared before the Committee with two proposals from BS&A Software. He would like the Committee to consider purchasing this software. Peggy Falk, Equalization Director, appeared before the Committee in opposition to this purchase.

Gordon McLellan, Network Administrator, will work with the Sheriff's Department and Jail Personnel to gather information for their Departmental Page on the Manistee County Website.

Allan O'Shea, County Commissioner, would like to conduct an experiment to "green up" the Courthouse.

Moved by Lottie, supported by Rutske to accept the Manistee County Technology/Information Committee Report of April 17, 2008.

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT/APRIL 15, 2008

Carl Rutske presented the Personnel Committee Report of April 15, 2008.

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PART-TIME DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURER POSITION

Moved by Rutske, supported by Fenstermacher to approve that the County Treasurer create and post a part-time Deputy County Treasurer position in the Treasurer's Office.

YEAS: 6 Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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PLANNER/STEP INCREASE IN PAY GRADE

Moved by Rutske, supported by Fenstermacher to approve that Susan Wagner, County Planner, be raised from Pay Grade 10, Minimum Step, to Pay Grade 10, Step 3, effective October 1, 2008.

YEAS: 6 O'Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR POSITION

Moved by Fenstermacher, supported by Haik to approve to place the Maintenance Supervisor position in Pay Grade 7 of the Salary Progression Schedule and authorize the County Controller/Administrator's Office to solicit candidates for this position in the local newspapers.

YEAS: 6 Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 McCraner

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Motion Carried

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MERS APPLICATION/ADDITIONAL CREDIT SERVICE

Moved by Rutske, supported by Lottie to approve the MERS Application for Additional Credited Service for Ginny Martz, Appraiser/Assistant to the Equalization Director, with the understanding that there is no cost to the County for the same.

YEAS: 6 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 McCraner

Motion Carried

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Moved by Rutske, supported by Kowalski to accept the Personnel Committee Report of April 15, 2008.

Motion Carried

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RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT/APRIL 4, 2008

Allan O'Shea presented the Recycling Committee Report of April 4, 2008.

No Action Items.

Betsy Keson, Alliance for Economic Success, appeared before the Committee to give a power point presentation of the Preliminary Project Report for the Community Issues, Concerns, Priorities: Recycling in Manistee County.

Moved by Rutske, supported by Kowalski to accept the Recycling Committee Report of April 4, 2008.

Motion Carried

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Janice McCraner was present at 11:00 a.m.

WEST SHORE MEDICAL CENTER/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Burt Parks, President of West Shore Medical Center, appeared before the Board to present a report and address issues regarding Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S.) in Manistee County. The Board was

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presented with a handout entitled: West Shore Medical Center Improvement of Financial Performance
Revised 3/08. Discussion followed.

BALLOT PROPOSITION/PROPOSITION 1:

AMBULANCE ACQUISITION, EQUIPMENT AND OPERATIONS

Moved by Kowalski, supported by McCraner to approve the Ballot Proposition language (Proposition 1:
Ambulance Acquisition, Equipment and Operations), and place it on the ballot for the November 4, 2008
Election.

YEAS: 7 Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, McCraner, O’Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher
NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE REPORT/APRIL 4, 2008

Allan O’Shea presented the Green Team Committee Report of April 4, 2008.

HYBRID VEHICLES

Moved by McCraner, supported by Rutske to approve that when new vehicles are being considered by the
County, hybrid vehicles be purchased when appropriate..

YEAS: 7 Kowalski, Lottie, McCraner, O’Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik
NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by McCraner, supported by Fenstermacher to accept the Green Team Committee Report of April 4, 2008.

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION TO INSURE REASONABLE USE OF COMMON WATER IN MANISTEE COUNTY

At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 22nd day of April, 2008.

PRESENT: 7 Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski, Lottie, McCraner, O’Shea, Rutske

ABSENT: 0

The following resolution was offered by Rutske and seconded by Lottie :

WHEREAS, the conservation and development of the natural resources of the State are hereby declared to be of paramount public concern in the interest of health, safety and general welfare of the people; and

WHEREAS, proper management of the watersheds and aquifers is necessary to insure water quality and sustainability within the County; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure that the general welfare of the residents of Manistee County now, and for future years to come, are not infringed upon by the removal of any unnecessary water use from its watershed or aquifers, any withdraws of water from Manistee County’s watershed or aquifers which have no direct benefits to the residents of the County and which do not increase public safety, health or welfare shall be prohibited;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee County Master Plan, currently being rewritten, contain an objective to advocate for protection of all surface and ground water resources and to establish a policy to protect the natural resources of the County from excessive use and depletion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this adopted resolution be sent to the Manistee County Planning Commission.

Moved by Rutske, supported by Lottie to adopt the Resolution to Insure Reasonable Use of Common Water in Manistee County.

YEAS: 7 Lottie, McCraner, O’Shea, Rutske, Fenstermacher, Haik, Kowalski

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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MANISTEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION DISCUSSION

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Ervin Kowalski, Manistee County Commissioner, is the liaison to the Manistee County Road Commission Board. Mr. Kowalski informed the Board that shrinking gasoline and diesel tax funds are a problem. The Road Commission receives those funds from the State to finance its road repairs and the loss of that revenue has caused a big dent in the 2008 repair plans. Discussion followed.

Moved by McCraner, supported by Fenstermacher to instruct Tom Kaminski, County Controller/Administrator, to send a letter to the Manistee County Road Commission Manager asking him for a detailed report on the exact status of the Road Commission at this time. A Study Session will be set up with the Road Commission Board and open to the public to discuss this report. The Commissioners would like to receive their detailed report seven days prior to the study session.

Motion Carried

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Adjourn at the Call of the Chair.

CLERK