

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 17, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner’s 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. Carl Rutske was present via telephone from his hospital room at West Shore Medical Center.

Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O’Shea, Rutske

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Hilliard, supported by Kowalski to approve the Meeting Agenda with the following additions: A letter to the Board of Commissioners from Judge James M. Batzer recommending that Loretta McIntyre be re-appointed to the Manistee County Jury Board. Elaine Bush, MSU Extension Director, is requesting that the Board of Commissioners consider adopting a resolution in support of MSU Extension and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station.

YEAS: 7 Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O’Shea, Rutske

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Hilliard to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the February 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting and the March 2009 monthly appropriations and fund transfers.

YEAS: 7 Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O’Shea, Rutske, Haik

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Russell Pomeroy, Manistee County Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's report. The month of March is very busy in the Treasurer's Office. The local units of government have been bringing in their delinquent tax notices and we are using the new BS&A software for the first time.

Preliminary numbers for the delinquent taxes for 2008 show a 25% increase. Dollar wise that is about a \$725,000 increase over last year. This is very disturbing news, but it is certainly a sign of the economy.

Ninety parcels of property are on the Foreclosure List with a deadline date of March 31st, 2009. Eleven of those foreclosures are set up with payment agreements with the homeowners.

The Treasurer asked the Board of Commissioners to pass a resolution that they concur with the County Treasurer under the provisions of MCL211.7cc to make the election for Manistee County to audit the Principal Residence Exemptions for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014.

RESOLUTION TO AUDIT PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE EXEMPTIONS

Moved by Hilliard, supported by Krolczyk to pass a resolution that the Board of Commissioners concur with the County Treasurer under the provisions of MCL211.7cc to make the election for Manistee County to audit the Principal Residence Exemptions for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2014.

YEAS: 7 Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Haik, Hilliard

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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APPOINTMENT/MANISTEE-BENZIE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

One (1) appointment to the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Board for an unexpired term ending March 31, 2010. A letter from Joseph Johnston, Executive Director of Manistee Benzie Community Mental Health, was reviewed. This letter indicated that Monica Salingue may have a conflict of interest in applying for a Mental Health Board position, due to her employment with a Mental Health subcontractor. A letter from applicant Janice McCraner was also read by Commissioner Ken Hilliard prior to a vote taking place.

VOTE: Janice McCraner 2 Leslie Wilson 5

Leslie Wilson was appointed to the Manistee-Benzie Community Mental Health Board for an unexpired term which ends March 31, 2010.

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APPOINTMENT/MANISTEE COUNTY JURY BOARD

Moved by Lottie, supported by Hilliard to cast a unanimous ballot for Loretta McIntyre to be re-appointed to the Manistee County Jury Board for the six year term commencing May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2015.

YEAS: 7 Lottie, O'Shea, Rutske, Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk

NAYS: 0

Motion Carried

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Mr. Rutske had to leave the meeting from his hospital room at 9:40 a.m.

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 February 10, 2009 through March 10, 2009.

General Fund	\$207,685.17
County Employee Training Fund	2,779.19
District Court Services Fund	132.00
JAWS of Life Fund	153.60
Remonumentation Fund	482.50
Brownfield Site Assessment Fund	295.00
Health Insurance Fund	122,087.74
County Dive Equipment Fund	1,500.00
Law Enforcement Training Fund	565.00
Law Library Fund	2,726.50
Computer Technology Fund	22,643.42
CRA River Care Grant Fund	19,908.84
Community Corrections Fund	204.07
Child Care Fund	32,052.98
Veterans Trust Fund	881.14
Airport Fund	26,710.84
Compensated Services Fund	72,097.15
Unemployment Fund	7,032.81

Total Claimed and allowed March 17, 2009 \$519,937.95

Total Payroll for the period 02/17/09 through 03/17/09 \$436,370.67

Respectfully Submitted,

Ervin Kowalski
Glenn Lottie
Jim Krolczyk

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Moved by Kowalski, supported by Lottie to approve the bills and the same be paid in the amount of \$519,937.95.

YEAS: 6 O'Shea, Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rutske

Motion Carried

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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT/MARCH 3, 2009

Ervin Kowalski presented the Ways & Means Committee Report of March 3, 2009.

The Committee reviewed and prioritized the grants to be submitted by the County to the Local Revenue Sharing Board.

No Action Items.

Moved by Lottie, supported by Haik to accept the Ways & Means Committee Report of March 3, 2009.

Motion Carried

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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT/MARCH 10, 2009

Ervin Kowalski presented the Ways & Means Committee Report of March 10, 2009.

GRAND TRAVERSE REGIONAL LAND CONSERVANCY

Moved by Krolczyk, supported by Hilliard to deny the request of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy for updated parcel data for the entire County of Manistee at no cost or at a reduced rate.

YEAS: 6 Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O'Shea
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rutske

Motion Carried

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DRAIN COMMISSIONER/TRANSFERS & BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Moved by Lottie, supported by Kowalski to contract with Spicer Group at a cost not to exceed \$1,400 and The Hubbard Law Firm, P.C., at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 to review all County drain records and authorize the transfer of \$3,826 from the Drain Commissioner Contingency Surplus Fund into the Drain Commission budget; and authorize the transfer of \$500 from the Contingency line item in the General Fund to the Drain Commission budget to cover future expenses incurred by the Drain Commissioner in FY 2008/09, and authorize the County Controller/Administrator to make the necessary transfers and budget amendments.

YEAS: 6 Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O'Shea, Haik
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rutske

Motion Carried

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Moved by Kowalski, supported by Hilliard to accept the Ways & Means Committee Report of March 10, 2009.

Motion Carried

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GREEN TEAM/RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT/MARCH 6, 2009

Glenn Lottie presented the Green Team/Recycling Committee report of March 6, 2009.

PURCHASE COUNTY VEHICLE

Moved by Lottie, supported by Kowalski to approve that a 2010 Ford Escape Hybrid be purchased using the municipal pricing when it becomes available.

YEAS: 5 Kowalski, Lottie, O'Shea, Haik, Hilliard
NAYS: 1 Krolczyk
ABSENT: 1 Rutske

Motion Carried

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**RESOLUTION FOR
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEEK
MAY 3-9, 2009
“GREENING OUR FUTURE”**

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 17th day of March, 2009.

PRESENT: 6 Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O’Shea

ABSENT: 1 Rutske

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

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Manistee County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, many county government initiatives and programs involve the protection of valuable and vulnerable environmental resources in communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties created National County Government Week in 1991 to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibilities of the nation’s counties to meet the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, NACo and Manistee County are working together to Restore the Partnership between all levels of government to better serve American communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as National County Government Week and encourages all Manistee County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government week activities.

Moved by Lottie, supported by Hilliard to adopt the resolution proclaiming May 3-9, 2009 National County Government Week, “Greening Our Future”.

YEAS: 6 Krolczyk, Lottie, O’Shea, Haik, Hilliard Kowalski

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Rutske

Motion Carried

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Moved by Lottie, supported by Kowalski to accept the Green Team/Recycling Committee Report of March 6, 2009.

Motion Carried

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CREATING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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Roger Williams, AICP, of Williams Consulting Services, and Sue Wagner, Manistee County Planner, appeared before the Board to present the concept of creating a Capital Improvement Plan for Manistee County. Public Act 33 of 2008 requires the County Planning Commission to prepare this type of plan. Discussion followed.

Moved by Lottie, supported by Hilliard to approve creating a Capital Improvement Plan for Manistee County through the County Planning Commission according to Public Act 33 of 2008.

YEAS: 6 Lottie, O’Shea, Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rutske

Motion Carried

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OVERVIEW FY 2007-08 MANISTEE COUNTY AUDIT REPORT

David E. Wilson, C.P.A., presented an overview of Manistee County’s FY 2007/08 Audit Report. A handout was presented to the Board entitled Manistee County, Manistee, Michigan, Audit Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2008. Discussion followed.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT/MARCH 13, 2009

Ervin Kowalski presented the Physical Resources Committee Report of March 13, 2009.

NEW SIGNAGE/SHERIFF’S OFFICE/COURTHOUSE

Moved by Kowalski, supported by Krolczyk to make improvements to the door and signage of the Sheriff’s Office located at the Courthouse, and the cost is not to exceed \$3,000. The cost will be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund.

YEAS: 6 O’Shea, Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 Rutske

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Moved by Kowalski, supported by Hilliard to accept the Physical Resources Committee Report of March 13, 2009.

Motion Carried

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MANISTEE COUNTY TECHNOLOGY/INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

MARCH 12, 2009

Glenn Lottie presented the Manistee County Technology/Information Committee Report of March 12, 2009.

No Action Items.

ITEMS NOT REQUIRING BOARD ACTION:

1. The Sheriff and Undersheriff were given permission to proceed with developing their own web page link off the Manistee County web page.
2. Accucomp Systems will run concurrently with BS & A for at least one tax season per Ms. Falk.
3. Employees have been strongly encouraged to provide news, events or updates of things happening in each individual office for the front page of the web site.
4. New Court Recording Equipment for the 85th District Court.
5. High Speed Internet available throughout Manistee County.

Moved by Lottie, supported by Kowalski to accept the Manistee County Technology/Information Committee Report of March 12, 2009.

Motion Carried

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**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO FUNDING CUTS FOR
MSU EXTENSION 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 17th day of March, 2009.

- PRESENT: 6 Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O'Shea
- ABSENT: 1 Rutske

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

WHEREAS, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension helps people improve their lives through an

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educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, MSU Extension in Manistee County utilizes the research and knowledge base of the state’s land grant university, first established by President Lincoln through the Smith-Lever Act to extend the university to the people; and

WHEREAS, MSU Extension in Manistee County provides 4-H programming for youth, offers Master Gardner training, works with agricultural producers, offers nutrition education and breastfeeding peer support, conducts wildfire prevention education, offers training about land use and planning laws and policies, provides family financial management education, educates county commissioners and other officials on local government issues, policies and procedures, and provides volunteer development programming; and

WHEREAS, MSU Extension helps to reduce economic losses by providing the most current research to agricultural producers and industries, offers opportunities for youth to grow and learn in safe environments with caring adults, and reduces health care costs by teaching youth and families how to select and prepare nutritious meals; and

WHEREAS, Manistee County currently provides \$84,535 to help support MSU Extension programming. The County investment is coupled with state and federal appropriations, as well as grants, ensuring that the programming will meet the needs and interests of the county’s citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan currently provides \$30 million in funding for MSU Extension, and eliminating half of that funding would destroy this important educational network; and

WHEREAS, MAES and MSU Extension leverage another \$148 million in other funding sources based on the \$63 million appropriation of state funds to both programs and generates a total economic impact of \$1.062 billion per year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners opposes a 50% reduction of funding for MSU Extension and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board wishes to convey to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and to state legislators that the 50% reduction of state funding for MSU Extension and the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station is an unacceptable solution to the state’s budget problem.

Moved by Lottie, supported by Haik to approve the Resolution in opposition to funding cuts for MSU Extension in Manistee County.

YEAS: 6 Haik, Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O’Shea

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Rutske

Motion Carried

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ABSENT: 1 Rutske

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners wishes to stop the action on the Inland Consent Decree between the Department of State Police and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians allowing Tribal Conservation Officers to stop anglers and hunters on other than Tribal Trust Land to determine whether they were State licensed or Tribally licensed. The public opinions need to be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the Department of State Police and Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Moved by Haik, supported by Lottie to approve the Resolution in opposition to the Inland Consent Decree.

YEAS: 6 Hilliard, Kowalski, Krolczyk, Lottie, O'Shea, Haik

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 Rutske

Motion Carried

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Adjourn at the Call of the Chair.

CLERK