

Bad Axe, Michigan
Tuesday, March 23, 2010

The regular meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, commencing at 10:04 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners office, Third Floor, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peruski with The Lord's Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

Commissioners present: Chairman Dave Peruski, Steve Vaughan, Kurt Damrow, Clark Elftman, John Horny, Jim Leonard, and Ron Wruble.

The agenda was reviewed. Properties Committee will have three late motions. The Board will go into closed session after the Motion agenda to discuss contract negotiations with unions.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Elftman to approve the agenda as corrected. Motion carried.

Motion by Leonard, seconded by Vaughan to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Elftman, seconded by Horny to turn communications over to proper committee. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

- Letter from David Rapson requesting reappointment to the Construction Code Board of Appeals.
- Invitation to attend the Thumb Industries Annual Walk-A-Thon on Saturday, May 15, 2010.
- Resolution from Alger County concerning the Asian Carp migration into the Great Lakes.
- Thank you note from Booms Construction for allowing them to do the remodeling work on the Senior Center.
- Letter from Booms Design and Engineering, P.L.C. thanking the Board for giving him the opportunity to work on the Senior Center.
- March 2010 Newsletter from the Huron County Health Department.
- Letter from James Czewski requesting appointment to the County Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Letter from Robert McLean requesting appointment to the County Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Letter from Jeffrey Krohn requesting appointment to the County Planning & Zoning Commission.
- Letter from Relay for Life requesting permission to place banners for Relay for Life on the Courthouse lawn on June 26 and June 27.
- Resolution from Bay County supporting remedies to stop the Asian Carp.
- Letter from Huron County Building & Zoning Department Director Russ Lundberg stating his recommendations for Planning Commission Appointments.

10:11 a.m.

Time scheduled for Open Meetings Act. Lou Colletta appeared and questioned the Board why Huron County has not requested a membership on the State Board discussing offshore wind power. He went on to discuss the upcoming appointments to the planning commission. Veteran's Affairs Counselor Steve Young appeared to discuss Project Salute, at which law students will be coming up on April 2, 2010, from 11 – 2 p.m. to discuss and education veterans on their legal rights. Meeting concludes.

Jim Leonard announces that he will not be seeking re-election this year. John Horny announced that he will be seeking re-election this year.

Motion by Wruble, seconded by Vaughan to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Resolutions adopted.

CA RESOLUTION by Agencies Committee: #10-51C (Authorize the Chairman to sign MDOT Agreement #2007-0227/Z10 (Huron Transit Corporation.)

CA RESOLUTION by Finance Committee: #10-52C (Transfer \$653,677 from General Fund to the 2009 Retirees Health Insurance Fund 728 Budget.)

CA RESOLUTION by Finance Committee: #10-53C (Transfer funds from Contingency in the amount of \$64,830 to various departments to cover unbudgeted expenditures.)

CA RESOLUTION by Finance Committee: #10-54C (Transfer \$50,000 from General Fund to the 2009 General Public Improvement Fund 245.01 budget.)

CA RESOLUTION by Finance Committee: #10-55C (Authorize Kanaby Surface & Cabinet to construct a storage cabinet in the Friend of the Court Office at a cost of \$1,100, to be taken from the Friend of the Court Fund 215.)

CA RESOLUTION by Finance Committee: #10-56C (Appropriate \$5,000 from Contingency to the 2010 Coalition Against Domestic Abuse budget for assistance with the continued operation of an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence.)

CA RESOLUTION by Finance Committee: #10-57C (Purchase equipment from Standard Electric and authorize Demand Electric to install said equipment to upgrade the light of the Senior Center at a total cost of \$5,648.93, to be taken from the Older Citizens Fund 296.)

CA RESOLUTION by Personnel Committee: #10-58C (Employ Melissa Stirrett as a part-time Parenting Program Assistant in the MSU Extension, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective March 22, 2010.)

CA RESOLUTION by Safety Committee: #10-59C (Oppose the proposed \$2.6 million reduction to Secondary Road Patrol funds.)

RESOLUTION by the Huron County Board of Commissioners: #10-60C (Congratulate Bob Murawski for his Academy Award for his work done on "The Hurt Locker".) Motion by Damrow, seconded by Elftman for approval. Motion carried.

Chairman Peruski announces the election of 4 members to a 3-year term on the Mental Health Services Board. **Motion** by Leonard, seconded by Horny to cast a unanimous vote for Hank Weitenberner and Peter Ney inasmuch as there were four openings and only two applications. Motion carried.

Chairman Peruski appoints David Rapson to the Construction Code Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Horny to approve the Chairman's appointment. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Chairman Peruski announces that Fred Hasen, Ted Sheldon, Ervin Haley, James Czewski, Robert McLean, and Jeffrey Krohn have applied for appointment to the Huron County Planning Commission Board for a 3-year term. There are three openings on the Board. **Motion** by Damrow, seconded by Leonard to have a special meeting on April 1, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. to interview the applicants. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Motion by Damrow, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for vacancies on the following Boards, with an application deadline of noon on Thursday, April 22, 2010. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

- Mental Health Services Board – 2 vacancies, 3-year term.
- Health Board – 1 member, 5-year term
- Construction Code Board of Appeals – 4 vacancies, 2-year term
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 3 members, 3-year term
- Nature Center – 1 vacancy, 3-year term

Motion by Damrow, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the Chairman to sign the “Agreement between Huron County and Jami R. Allen & Betty J. Durr”. Ms. Allen and Ms. Durr will instruct cognitive restructuring group counseling services provided to PA 511 eligible felony and high-risk misdemeanor offenders, including probation violators, of Huron County. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Elftman to grant permission to Relay for Life to place banners on the lawn of the County Building for June 26 and 27, 2010. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Elftman to grant permission to Rick Beaver to place a 4’ x 4’ sign on the west Courthouse lawn announcing the placement of the Veterans memorial. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Elftman to remove the flag pole from the west lawn. Discussion followed. The flag pole will be removed at such time as the project is ready to begin. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Damrow to remove the blue spruce on the west lawn that is leaning toward the Courthouse and replace with a smaller spruce. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Vaughan, Damrow, Horny, Wruble, and Peruski. Nays – Elftman and Leonard. Motion carried.

Chairman Peruski gives the audience a chance to comment on the motions. Mr. Colletta questions why the Board is waiting for Mr. Lundberg to get back to the office on March 31st to have the special meeting. Chairman Peruski informed Mr. Colletta that Mr. Lundberg has provided a letter of recommendation and as such, he is entitled to sit in on the interviews on April 1st.

Motion by Damrow, seconded by Vaughan to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations with unions. Roll call vote: Ayes – Damrow, Vaughan, Horny, Elftman, Wruble, Leonard, and Peruski. Nays – None. Motion carried.

10:45 a.m.

Recess to go into closed session.

11:32 a.m.

Back in session. Recess.

11:40 a.m.

Horny attended: March 9 – regular Board meeting, Finance Committee meeting with MSU; March 15 – Senior Advisory meeting; Asian Carp meeting; March 16 – Committee of the Whole meeting, Fairhaven Township meeting, Farm Bureau luncheon; March 18 – Road Commission meeting with townships.

Peruski attended: March 9 – regular Board meeting, meetings with EDC Director and HC Health Department Director; March 10 – meetings with Personnel, Finance, Safety, Agencies Chairpersons, Bingham Township meeting; March 11 – meeting with constituent; March 12 – meetings with EDC director, Properties and Legislative Chairmen; and HC Health Department representatives; March 15 – Wind Turbine Subcommittee meeting, Sheridan Township meeting; March 16 – Committee of the Whole meeting, Farm Bureau luncheon; March 17 – Sherman

Township meeting, Paris Township Planning Commission meeting; March 19 – meetings with Treasurer and Clerk; March 22 – meetings with BOC Vice Chairman Leonard, Properties Chairman, Huron County Hockey Association Championship Game at Expo Center.

Elftman attended: March 9 – regular Board meeting; March 10 – SBCI meeting; March 11 – 911 meeting; March 15 – MAC meeting, DPW meeting, Village of Pigeon meeting; March 16 – Committee of the whole meeting, Farm Bureau luncheon, Safety Committee meeting; March 17 – SBCI meeting, RC&D meeting, Embracing Our Earth meeting, Township Association dinner; March 18 – Road Commission meeting with townships; March 19 – Emergency Services meeting, Safe Communities meeting; March 20 – Pigeon Historical meeting.

Vaughan attended: March 9 – regular Board meeting; March 10 – Colfax Township meeting; March 12 – Senior Advisory Board meeting, Finance Committee meeting; March 15 – MAC meeting, MDOT meeting, ISD Epic dinner; March 16 – Committee of the Whole meeting, Health Department meeting, Farm Bureau luncheon; March 17 – Road Commission meeting with townships, HDC meeting; March 18 – Building & Zoning inspection of Senior Center, Legislative meeting.

Wruble attended: March 9 – regular Board meeting, Finance Committee meeting, meetings with Treasurer and Personnel Committee; March 11 – meeting with Chairman Peruski, EDC Director, and TEC Director Mike Kraus; March 16 – Committee of the Whole meeting, Farm Bureau luncheon; March 18 – Ad Hoc union negotiations; March 19 – Road Commission meetings with Townships.

Damrow attended: March 9 – Personnel Committee meeting, regular Board meeting; March 11 – VA Clinic meeting, Ugly Wind Turbine meeting; March 12 – Michigan Works! Meeting, VA Clinic meeting; March 15 – MAC meeting, MDOT meeting, Wind Energy meeting, ISD Epic dinner; March 16 – Committee of the Whole meeting; March 17 – Ad Hoc negotiations; March 18 – Ad Hoc negotiations, Legislative meeting; March 22 – Health Department meeting, ISD Open House, EDC meeting, and Port Austin Village meeting.

Motion by Wruble, seconded by Horny to approve monthly Board bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Health Department	\$ 82,222.83
Board Bills Approved	\$ 37,470.25
Paid Without Presentation	<u>\$ 892,277.37</u>
	\$1,011,970.45

Motion by Leonard, seconded by Elftman to allow Vaughan to attend the meeting “Moving Children Out of Poverty” and reimbursing him up to \$50.00 in costs. Motion carried.

12:06 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

s/ David G. Peruski
David G. Peruski, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

s/ Peggy A. Koehler
Peggy A. Koehler
Huron County Clerk