



Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

Laura McCollum, Chairperson
George Bailey Jan Bunting
Tim Lambrecht John Renneberg
Jeff Huff, County Administrator

Carol A. Vernon, Clerk
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Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 5:30 PM
Organizational & Regular Meeting
Minutes Proposed for Approval on January 20, 2015

- A. Call to Order by County Clerk Carol Vernon, Welcome and Introductions.
- B. Roll Call of Commissioners Elect. Present: Laura McCollum, George Bailey, Jan Bunting, Tim Lambrecht and John Renneberg. Also present: Administrator Jeff Huff and Clerk Carol A. Vernon.
- C. Oaths of Office by Clerk Vernon.
- D. Invocation by Commissioner Bailey.
- E. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- F. Election of County Board Chairperson for current year in accordance with Gratiot County Board of Commissioners Policies and Procedures.

- 1. Request for nominations for chairperson.
- 2. Roll of the commissioners called; or upon the adoption of a motion, the election of the chairperson may be conducted by secret ballot (MCL 46.3)

Board Action: Motion by Bunting, second by Renneberg to nominate McCollum as Chairperson. Motion by Bailey, second by Renneberg to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote. Motion carried 5-0.

- 3. Chair is presented gavel by Clerk and assumes the duties of Chairperson.
- G. Election of Vice-Chairperson.

- 1. Request for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.
- 2. Vice-Chairperson selected by majority vote of all the members present.

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Bailey to nominate Bunting as Vice Chairperson. Motion carried 5-0.

- 3. Vice-Chairperson assumes duties.
- H. Appointment of Finance Chairperson by Board Chairperson with the consent of the majority of the board present. Request for a motion to approve.

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Bailey to appoint McCollum as Finance Chairperson. Motion carried 5-0.

- I. Appointment of Finance Vice-Chairperson by Board Chairperson with the consent of the majority of the board present. Request for a motion to approve.

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Bunting to nominate Lambrecht as Finance Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried 5-0.

- J. Additions/Deletions to Agenda.

1. Bunting added on discussion about county attorney.

- K. Approval of the agenda.

Board Action: Motion by Lambrecht, second Renneberg by to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

- L. Brief public comment

The Board welcomes all public input and appreciates adherence to the time limits established. Each period shall be limited to one 3 minute comment per period.

Don Lehman, MSUE Director gave an update on their relocation to Alma.

- M. Consideration of consent calendar: Board Minutes, Communications and recommendations from committees.

1. Commissioners Minutes of December 16, 2014.

2. Communications:

- a. Drilling information.
- b. COA December 2014
- c. Road Commission Minutes November 26 2014
- d. Veterans November and December 2014

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Bailey to approve the Minutes and receive the communications. Motion carried 5-0.

- N. Consideration of Finance Matters.

1. Budget Discussions.

Administrator Huff introduced the Draft Board Goals, Draft Budget Calendar and Draft Capital Improvements.

2. Parks and Recreation Director Salary Review.

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Bailey to approve a reclassification for Parks and Recreation Director to Grade 11 effective 10/1/2014 as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Animal Control Lease.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Bunting to approve the lease as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

O. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

1. Gratiot County Resolution Similar to Antrim County's from former Commissioner Keon.

Board action: Tabled to the next meeting.

P. Consideration of New Business.

1. Consideration to adopt Gratiot County Board of Commissioners Policies and Procedures.

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Lambrecht to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consideration to adopt Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised).

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Bailey to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consideration to set regular meeting schedule for current year. *The county clerk shall post a notice within 10 days after the first meeting of the county board in each calendar year indicating the date, time, place, telephone number and address of the board's regularly scheduled meetings. (OMA 15.264a)*

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Renneberg to approve as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consideration to set holiday schedule for the year.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey second by Renneberg to approve as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consideration to adopt the IRS mileage rate at 57.5 cents a mile.

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Lambrecht to approve. Yes: Lambrecht, Renneberg and McCollum. No: Bunting and Bailey. Motion carried 3-2.

6. PA88 Discussion - Commissioner Renneberg.

7. Administrator Huff's Report.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Renneberg to allow the administrator to spend up to \$2,000 for the setup of a smart TV for presentations in the board room as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

8. EDC Project and Resolution. Don Schurr.

Board Action: Motion by Renneberg, second by Lambrecht to adopt the resolution and project area of Warwick Living Center as presented. Yes: Bunting, Bailey, Lambrecht, McCollum and Renneberg. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Parks & Recreation Vacant Position for Member at Large created when Commissioner Lambrecht was appointed as commissioner representative. Application received from Jacci Davis.

Board Action: Motion by Lambrecht, second by Renneberg to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

Q. Consideration of New Business Added at the Meeting.

1. Discussion of county attorney to be placed on the next meeting.

R. Additional public comment and board comments.

Commissioner Lambrecht provided information regarding the Mill Pond.

Don Schurr provided information on the 2015 calendar they developed.

Commissioner Bunting commented on the outside of the Greater Gratiot building.

S. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Renneberg to adjourn at 6:20. Motion carried 5-0.



Carol A. Vernon, Gratiot County Clerk

Approved: