

**Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Democratic Caucus Agenda
6:00 pm, January 28, 2014
Caucus Room, Courthouse, Mason**

Appointments

Board / Commission	Appointee Eligible/Requests Reappt.	Expire	Applicants	Appointed by
Animal Control Advisory Committee	1 upcoming vacancy 1 Veterinary vacancy		Lorna Elliott Tyler Rulloch	BOC/L&C
Community Corrections Advisory Board	1 Business Representative vacancy			BOC/L&C
Community Health Center Board	4 vacancies		James Bell, III Hollis A.B. Hamel Rex Pierce	BOC/HS
Equal Opportunity Committee	1 vacancy		Kyle Binkley Heather Yevseyev Tyler Rulloch Floren시오 Hernandez	BOC/CS
Farmland Preservation Board	Paul Kindel ineligible request reappt. Kirk Heinze eligible requests reappt. Agriculture vacancy	2/8/14 2/8/14		BOC/CS
Historical Commission	1 vacancy		Bonnie Gurzenda i Perry Comstock i Sandy Petty	BOC/Board Chair
Ingham County Family Center Advisory Board	Community representative vacancy		Mae Tanner	BOC/L&C
Potter Park Zoo Board	2 vacancies		Monica List Kyle Binkley i Tyler Rulloch	BOC/CS
Senior Citizens Advisory Board	3 vacancies		Jane Wallin	BOC/Board Chair
Women's Commission	3 vacancies		Thuy Bui Dichondra Johnson Katie Van Schoick	BOC/CS
Youth Commission	Up to 14 Vacancies		Eriq Rivera Tajanae Burtley Ja"QaySha Benson Alex Champlin Abdullahi Gabayre Ashley Dyer	BOC/CS
Upcoming Vacancies				
Capital Area District Library Board	Sally Trout ineligible Deb Bloomquist ineligible	4/15/14 4/15/14		BOC/HS
Veterans Affairs Committee	Norvel Harris (Korea) Ineligible	5/8/14		BOC/HS

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1. Approval of the Minutes
2. Caucus Treasurer Report: (Comm. Hope)
3. Liaison Committee Report

4. Commissioner Concerns
5. Other Issues:
 - a. Parks Millage
6. Items/Amendments for Tonight's Board Meeting

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Commissioners Present: Anthony (via speaker phone), Hope, Tennis, Holman, Bahar-Cook, McGrain, Koenig, Tsernoglou and Crenshaw.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Nolan.

Others Present: Clerk Barb Byrum, Becky Bennett, Tim Dolehanty, Angela Wittrock, John Neilsen, Kay Taylor, Rebecca DeWitt, Peter Cohl, Eric Schertzing, and others.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hope at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of the Democratic Caucus Minutes:

MOVED BY COMM. BAHAR-COOK, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2013 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING, MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2013 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING AND MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2013 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS LEADERSHIP MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Nolan.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Hope presented a print out of the Treasurer's Report.

Commissioner Hope reported that \$300 had been spent on the Martin Luther King holiday ad, leaving a current balance of \$1,148.10.

Commissioner Hope also suggested that the Democratic Caucus members pay dues for the upcoming year. She recommended \$50 each. However, after a brief discussion, it was agreed that \$75 each would be a better amount in order to maintain a balance.

MOVED BY COMM. BAHAR-COOK, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, TO HAVE THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS PAY DUES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75 EACH TO BE PAID BY THE NEXT MEETING IN JANUARY 2014.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Nolan.

Liaison Committee Reports:

Commissioner Tennis spoke about the Resolution to authorize the purchase of 2316 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan for the purpose of housing a community health center facility that the Human Services Committee will be introducing at the Board of Commissioners Meeting. He offered to answer any questions the commissioners may have. Commissioner Tennis stated that the next year will be spent re-doing the building, closing down some sites and expanding others. He said he is looking forward to a top-notch facility to go with the top-notch services. Lastly, Commissioner Tennis stated that there had been discussion on whether or not the building would be purchased or financed. He said due to tax purposes, the building will be purchased with a portion of the one-time reimbursement for Medicaid services. Commissioner McGrain verified with Commissioner Tennis that this purchase method was recommended by the Financial Services Department.

Commissioner Tennis also addressed the Resolution approving the starting salary for a physician assistant at MCF 12 Step 4 that the Human Services Committee will be introducing at the Board of Commissioners Meeting. He stated that this Resolution will aid in the hiring process for a key candidate that the Health Department is hoping to retain.

Commissioner Tennis also informed the Caucus that the Human Services Committee held interviews for the resident vacancy on the Housing Commission and he said he believed the general consensus was to select Diane Henry Cunningham.

MOVED BY COMM. TENNIS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, TO APPOINT DIANE HENRY CUNNINGHAM TO THE HOUSING COMMISSION BOARD.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Celentino and Nolan.

Commissioner Concerns:

Peter Cohl, attorney, was present to answer any questions regarding the requirements of the minutes from the Democratic Caucus Meetings. Mr. Cohl stated that the Board of Commissioners determines what they want in the minutes, other than what is mandated in the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook asked if comments that are made can be kept in or pulled from the minutes and Mr. Cohl assured her that they can.

Commissioner Koenig stated that she felt there were accurate statements that they did not want published.

Mr. Cohl then stated that the Board can advise the Clerk or the Clerk's designee to not include specific discussion and just record that "discussion ensued."

Commissioner Bahar-Cook asked if they are allowed to enter into a closed session if the item is not on the agenda. Mr. Cohl stated that yes, that is allowed as long as a purpose is recorded as to why a closed session was necessary.

Commissioner Hope asked if any of the items that are internal to the Democratic Caucus such as house-keeping matters have to be included in the minutes. Mr. Cohl said only if there is a vote or deliberation.

Commissioner Tennis stated that he plans to ask to pull from the consent agenda, Item No. 12, the Resolution to establish timetables for transfer of funds from the City of Lansing for 911 employees, at the Board of Commissioners Meeting. He stated that he is not comfortable voting on this Resolution when he is hopeful on the matter.

Tim Dolehanty, Controller, stated that he appreciates Commissioner Tennis' comments, but he encourages the support of the Resolution. He assured the Caucus that no legal action will take place without coming back to the Board first to discuss the situation further.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook expressed her gratitude to the County Services Committee for taking a serious look at the language of the Resolution and making sure the message of that language wasn't threatening.

Commissioner McGrain stated that he thinks this situation is not scandalous, but he does think arbitration is necessary.

Other issues:

Commissioner Hope stated that the Health Officer Search Committee will be appointed at the Board of Commissioners Meeting and those members will be: Commissioners Celentino, McGrain, Holman, Bahar-Cook, Koenig, Nolan, Maiville, Tennis, Anthony, and Hope.

Items/Admendments for Tonight's Board Meeting:

Commissioner Koenig advised the Democratic Caucus that Agenda Item No. 3, the Resolution honoring Charles Goeke for service as the Fair Board Officer/Member, and 4-H Liaison to the Fair Board, will be pulled to honor him during the Board of Commissioners meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:28 p.m.