

**Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Democratic Caucus Agenda
6:00 pm, April 15, 2015
Caucus Room, Courthouse, Mason**

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

Board / Commission	Appointee	Eligible/Requests Reappt.	Expire	Applicants	Appointed by
Community Corrections Advisory Board	1 Business Representative vacancy				BOC/ L&C
Farmland Preservation Board	1 vacancy Agriculture Representative			Robert Fogg	BOC/CS
Ingham County Family Center Advisory Board	Community representative vacancy			Mae Tanner	BOC/ L&C
Senior Citizens Advisory Board	1 vacancy				BOC/ Board Chair
Women's Commission	1 vacancy			Katie Van Schoick <i>i</i>	BOC/CS
Youth Commission	Up to 14 Vacancies			Eriq Rivera Tajanae Burtley Abdullahi Gabayre Titus Dodd	BOC/CS
Upcoming Vacancies					
Veterans Affairs Committee	Norvel Harris (Korea) Ineligible		5/8/14	Donald Caswell	BOC/HS

i – interviewed c- committee recommended

4. Liaison Committee Report
5. Commissioner Concerns
 - a. Honorary and Late Resolutions
6. Other Issues:
 - a. Sponsorship Opportunities (APRI, EVE)
7. Items/Amendments for Tonight's Board Meeting

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

Commissioners Absent: Koenig and Tennis.

Others Present: Clerk Barb Byrum, Tim Dolehanty, Becky Bennett and Jennifer Shuster.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Hope at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of the Democratic Caucus Minutes:

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TSERNOGLOU, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2014 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Koenig and Tennis.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Hope stated that the current balance of the account is \$914.96. However, she said this did not include dues recently paid by Commissioners Celentino and McGrain. Commissioner Hope reminded the Commissioners that she is still accepting dues.

COMM. MCGRAIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER'S REPORT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NOLAN.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Koenig and Tennis.

Appointments:

No appointments were made.

Liaison Committee Reports:

Commissioner Bahar-Cook reported that the Trails and Parks Taskforce held its first meeting on March 24. She said the Taskforce set the meeting schedule and composed a list of items needed from staff. The next meeting is scheduled for April 14.

Commissioner McGrain addressed the correspondence from Capital Area Community Services regarding a potential millage. He confirmed that the request would be referred to the Human Services Committee.

Commissioner Concerns:

- Late resolutions and honorary resolutions

Commissioner Celentino requested that the above agenda item be pulled until Commissioner Koenig is present.

Commissioner Celentino brought forward two letters that he has been asked to sign as the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners. The first was to show support of CATA's application for \$3,000,000 in project-level planning grant funds to conduct design and engineering activities. The second was to show support of CATA's application for \$150,000,000 in grant funds for construction, infrastructure, and vehicle acquisition.

Becky Bennett, Board Coordinator, stated that each year CATA asks for letters in support of the grant applications.

Commissioner McGrain stated that he is fine with the signing of these letters, but would like to see a better level of coordination since three commissioners serve on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

COMM. CRENSHAW MOVED TO ALLOW CHAIRPERSON CELENTINO TO SIGN THE TWO LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF CATA'S GRANT APPLICATIONS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. BAHAR-COOK.

Discussion.

Commissioner Holman stated that by signing these letters, it is stating that the Board of Commissioners supports the Michigan Avenue/Grand River Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

Commissioner McGrain stated that he supports the motion, but pointed out that he believes the project is controversial.

Commissioner Hope stated that there would not be enough to send this to the County Services Committee before the deadline that these letters are needed by.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Koenig and Tennis.

Tim Dolehanty, Controller, also brought forward a requested letter, also to be signed by Chairperson Celentino, for the Lansing Economic Area Partnership to show commitment to partner with Wayne County EDGE for the designation of Michigan through the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP) Program. He said the letter is typical of these state grant programs. However, Mr. Dolehanty stated that they are also asking that a number be plugged into the letter that reflects a value of in-kind support towards this effort over the course of the two year IMCP initial designation. He said the Economic Development Corporation budget for the year is \$122,000 and that Sandy Gower, Economic Development Director, would spend roughly 20% of her time on this and that would be approximately \$25,000. Mr. Dolehanty also stated that this letter does not commit to anything yet, but is rather a part of the grant process.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook confirmed with Mr. Dolehanty that the dollar amount to plug in would be \$50,000 since it is over a period of two years.

Commissioner Nolan confirmed with Mr. Dolehanty that Ms. Gower was okay with the \$25,000 per year.

COMM. CRENSHAW MOVED TO ALLOW CHAIRPERSON CELENTINO TO SIGN THE LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PARTNERING WITH WAYNE COUNTY EDGE FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MICHIGAN THROUGH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION INVESTING IN MANUFACTURING COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP (IMCP) PROGRAM ON BEHALF OF THE INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WITH AN IN-KIND SUPPORT TOWARDS THIS EFFORT OF \$50,000 OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NOLAN.

Discussion.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Koenig and Tennis.

Other issues:

None.

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Commissioner Bahar-Cook stated that she will ask to pull Agenda Item No. 38 at the meeting as she and Commissioner Hope will be presenting resolutions to staff of the Ingham Academy.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.