

**Ingham County Board of Commissioners
Democratic Caucus Agenda
6:00 pm, October 14, 2014
Caucus Room, Courthouse, Mason**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the Minutes
3. Limited Public Comment

4. Caucus Treasurer Report: (Comm. Hope)

5. Appointments

Board / Commission	Appointee	Expire	Applicants	Appointed by		
Women's Commission	2 vacancies		Shannon Nobles Valerie Keefe			
Youth Commission	Up to 14 Vacancies		Eriq Rivera Tajanae Burtley Abdullahi Gabayre Titus Dodd Lillian Speers Amelia Acevedo Samantha Bird Hunter LaVigne Jentre Powell Beth Rosenbaum Keegen Royston Cheyann Scutt Jarrett Brown	BOC/HS		
Equal Opportunity Committee	One vacancy	9/30/14	Justin Hodge i	BOC/CS		
Upcoming Vacancies	Appointee	Eligible/Ineligible	Requests Reappt.	Expire	Applicants	Appt. By.
Animal Control Shelter Advisory Board	Angela Boulter Liz Kranz Susan Steinke	Eligible Ineligible Eligible	Yes Yes	12/31/14 12/31/14 12/31/14		BOC/L&C
Community Health Center Board	Jacqueline Schraft Mary Ellen Zeineh Michael Dayringer	Ineligible Eligible Eligible	No No No	12/31/14 12/31/14 12/31/14		BOC/HS
Board of Health	Saturnino Rodriquez Mark Kieselbach	Ineligible Ineligible		12/31/14 12/31/14		BOC/HS
Historical Commission	Craig Whitford Thomas Coulter vacancy	Ineligible Eligible	No	12/31/14 12/31/14	Jacob McCormick	
Housing Commission	Dianne Henty Cunningham	Eligible		12/31/14		
Ingham County Family Center Advisory Board	John Castillo Bryan Van Dorn	Ineligible Eligible		12/31/14 12/31/14		BOC/L&C
Potter Park Zoo Board	Richard Snider	Ineligible		12/31/14		BOC/CS
Women's Commission	Dichondra Johnson Thuy Bui Jennifer Flood	Eligible Eligible Eligible		12/31/14 12/31/14 12/31/14	Shannon Nobles Valerie Keefe	BOC/HS

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6. Liaison Committee Report

7. Commissioner Concerns
8. Other Issues:
 - A, Correct September 23, 2014 Board Bills
 - B. Update on PA 88
9. Items/Amendments for Tonight's Board Meeting

Ingham County Board of Commissioners Democratic Caucus
Minutes - Draft
September 23, 2014

Commissioners Present: Anthony, Bahar-Cook, Celentino, Crenshaw, Holman, Hope, Koenig (arrived at 6:12 p.m.), McGrain, Nolan, Tennis, and Tsernoglou

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Barb Byrum, Tim Dolehanty, John Neilsen, Becky Bennett, and Ryan Buck

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

Approval of the Democratic Caucus Minutes:

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. HOPE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 26, 2014 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS MEETING AS PRESENTED.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig.

Limited Public Comment:

None.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Hope reported that there was very little activity, including one payment of dues and a \$100 expenditure for the Cesar Chavez Music Fest Program. She further reported that they had a balance of \$1,209.96.

Commissioner Nolan thanked Commissioner Hope for keeping the records.

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

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig.

Appointments:

Chairperson Anthony stated that interviews for the Equal Opportunity Committee (EOC) occurred at the last County Services Committee meeting.

MOVED BY COMM. NOLAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TSERNOGLOU, TO APPOINT CHARLENE CROSBY AND TERRANCE MARQUIS BEAN TO THE EOC AND ALSO REAPPOINT GLORIA KEENE TO THE EOC.

Chairperson Anthony stated that there were three vacancies and one reappointment vacancy.

Commissioner Holman stated that Ms. Crosby, Mr. Bean, and Justin Hodge all interviewed at the last County Services Committee meeting and all three were objectively good.

Discussion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig.

MOVED BY COMM. HOLMAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO APPOINT JUSTIN HODGE TO THE EOC.

Commissioner Nolan stated that Mr. Hodge ran against Commissioner Koenig in the Democratic Primary Election.

Chairperson Anthony asked whether there were any red flags on Mr. Hodge's appointment to the EOC.

MOVED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NOLAN, TO TABLE THE MOTION TO APPOINT JUSTIN HODGE TO THE EOC.

THE MOTION CARRIED. **Yeas:** Anthony, Bahar-Cook, Celentino, Crenshaw, Holman, Hope, McGrain, Nolan, Tsernoglou **Nay:** Tennis **Absent:** Koenig

Commissioner Tennis stated that the Community Health Center Board (CHCB) nominated several current CHCB members for reappointment.

MOVED BY COMM. TENNIS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TSERNOGLOU, TO REAPPOINT DIALA RABAH, JACQUELINE CARSON, MARY MOLLOY, AND FLESHIA MCCLURKIN TO THE CHCB.

There was a discussion about the procedure by which new appointments and reappointments were considered and were made.

Commissioner McGrain asked whether there was a letter on file that stated that Ms. Rabah, Ms. Carson, Ms. Molloy, and Ms. McClurkin were nominated.

Commissioner Tennis stated that he did not know. He further stated that the CHCB voted unanimously to nominate the candidates at their last meeting. Commissioner Tennis stated that CHCB was looking for new members.

There was a discussion regarding term limits for CHCB positions.

Commissioner Nolan stated that these were all reappointments. She further stated that it was important to look for new members as well.

Commissioner Tennis stated that the CHCB had formed a new member search committee.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig.

Commissioner Crenshaw stated that the Caucus had received correspondence from the Youth Commission Coordinator who stated that the Commission was looking for new members. He asked whether interviews were going to be scheduled.

Becky Bennett, Board Coordinator, stated that the current applicants—Eriq Rivera, Tajanae Burtley, Abdullahi Gabayre, Titus Dodd, and Lillian Speers—had all been scheduled twice for interviews, however none had shown up. Ms. Bennett stated that she had since received new applications for appointment. She further stated that interviews would be scheduled for the Human Services Committee meeting on October 20.

Chairperson Anthony stated that she had reached out to one of the applicants who stated that he forgot he had applied because it took so long for the interview to be scheduled.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook stated that we should try to interview the applicants one last time and if they did not show, they should be removed from consideration.

MOVED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO REAPPOINT MOLLY POLVERENTO AND DENISE CHRYSLER TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig.

MOVED BY COMM. BAHAR-COOK, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, TO REAPPOINT THE INDIVIDUALS STATED BELOW TO THE COMMISSIONS AND BOARD ALSO STATED BELOW:

<u>APPOINTEE</u>	<u>COMMISSION/BOARD</u>
Veronica Sionakides	Historical Commission
Jane Wallin	Senior Citizens Advisory Board
Susann Baker	Senior Citizens Advisory Board
LaVerne Duncan Mickel	Women's Commission
Sarah Nicolls	Parks Commission
Matthew Bennett	Parks Commission

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig.

Commissioner Koenig arrived at 6:12 p.m.

MOVED BY COMM. CELENTINO, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO REMOVE FROM THE TABLE THE MOTION TO APPOINT JUSTIN HODGE TO THE EOC.

Commissioner Koenig stated that she had two people who were interested in applying for the remaining vacant position.

THE MOTION CARRIED. **Yeas:** Anthony, Bahar-Cook, Celentino, Crenshaw, Holman, Hope, Koenig, Tennis, Tsernoglou **Nay:** McGrain, Nolan **Absent:** None

Commissioner Holman stated that she believed Mr. Hodge was qualified, however he was the weakest of the three applicants. She further stated that if we had others who were interested in appointment, we could interview them as well.

Commissioner Koenig stated that her concern about Mr. Hodge was not that he was her primary election opponent, but rather that she had heard that Mr. Hodge stated that he did not live in the district for which he ran for commissioner. She further stated that Mr. Hodge had stated that he would move into the district later. Commissioner Koenig stated that she did not think Mr. Hodge lived in the district at present or ever did.

Commissioner Tennis stated that he appreciated Commissioner Koenig's comments because he did not want to disqualify someone merely because that person ran against one of the sitting commissioners. He further stated that it was fair game to consider one's application if there were reasons to doubt a person's integrity or honesty.

COMM. HOLMAN WITHDREW HER MOTION TO APPOINT JUSTIN HODGE TO THE EOC. COMM. TENNIS WITHDREW HIS SUPPORT.

Liaison Committee Reports:

Commissioner Bahar-Cook announced that the Tri-County Office on Aging was hosting their Annual Dinner and Auction on Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eagle Eye Banquet Center. She further announced that raffle tickets were available for sale at \$5 per ticket.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook stated that the Law & Courts Committee was keeping an eye on what was occurring at Animal Control. She further stated that they had some ideas that they were referring to the Animal Control Advisory Board for their review and recommendations.

Commissioner Hope stated that a Senior Citizen's Services Millage was suggested at the last Tri-County Office on Aging meeting. She further stated that there were some technical questions that still needed to be addressed.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook stated that we needed to protect the County and it could not be just another airport.

Commissioner McGrain stated that he had met with the Chamber of Commerce. He further stated that the Chamber stated that the county was overtaxed and they did not support the Trails and Parks Millage.

Commissioner Tsernoglou announced an event to support the Ingham County Animal Shelter fund. She further stated that the event was a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 25 at the Lansing Center. Commissioner Tsernoglou stated that the theme was, "Hollywood Horror" and there would be a live DJ, red carpet, costume contest, and prizes. She further stated that everyone should go to the event's website, www.lansinghalloweenparty.com, for details. Commissioner Tsernoglou invited all to attend.

Chairperson Anthony announced that the Power of We Consortium Community Summit was scheduled for October 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. She further announced that U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow would be presenting.

Commissioner McGrain announced that the Catalyst: Capital Region Prosperity Project Community Summit was scheduled for October 21 and everyone should have received a letter regarding the details.

Commissioner Tsernoglou stated that a committee had formed in opposition to the Trails and Parks Millage called the Red Cedar Conservatives.

Discussion.

Commissioner Hope stated that one of her constituents had scheduled what her constituent called, a "town hall meeting," the topic of which was opposing the Trails and Parks Millage. She further stated the meeting was scheduled for September 24.

Commissioner Concerns:

None.

Other issues:

- a. Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board

MOVED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, TO APPOINT PAT WHEELER AND COMM. CAROL KOENIG (AS ALTERNATE) TO THE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- b. Organizational Meeting - January 2, 2015

Ms. Bennett stated that the law required that the organizational meeting be held the first business day of the New Year. She further stated that the organizational meeting would then be scheduled for Friday, January 2, 2015.

Commissioner McGrain stated that we should discuss whether there would be enough commissioners present at the organizational meeting to ensure quorum.

Commissioner Tennis stated that he would be out of town.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook stated that she did not know whether she would be available.

Commissioner Celentino stated that leadership was elected at the organizational meeting. He further stated that if a commissioner was unable to attend, he or she would need to make alternative arrangements to be sworn in by the County Clerk.

Chairperson Anthony stated that the organizational meeting would be scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Friday, January 2, 2015.

Items/Amendments for Tonight's Board Meeting:

Commissioner Koenig stated that the County Services Committee passed the Resolution Authorizing a Change of Fees for the Charitable Events at Potter Park Zoo on its consent agenda at their last meeting and the resolution failed at the last Finance Committee meeting. She further stated that there no Zoo representative attended the Finance Committee meeting to speak on the resolution.

Commissioner Celentino stated that the resolution would be pulled from tonight's Board of Commissioners's agenda and it would be referred back to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Bahar-Cook stated that she would pull Agenda Item No. 27. so that the Board could present the resolution to Officer LeBombard.

Commissioner Celentino stated that Agenda Item No. 18, Resolution to Adopt Amendments to the Ingham Community Health Center Board Bylaws, would also be pulled from tonight's agenda.

Commissioner Nolan asked that the Zoo also attend the next County Services Committee meeting to speak about the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.