

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MARCH 5, 2020 SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on March 5, 2020 at 9:03 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of February 27, 2020, and rules of this board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #2 Commissioner Storey.

The Deputy Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

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| DIST #1 | DEAN KAPENGA | DIST #5 | TOM JESSUP - left 11:35AM |
| DIST #2 | JIM STOREY | DIST #6 | GALE DUGAN |
| DIST #3 | MAX THIELE | DIST #7 | RICK CAIN |
| DIST #4 | MARK DeYOUNG - arrived 9:05AM | | |

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

2/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individual offered comment:

1. Mark Ludwig - 5920 115th Ave in Clyde Township and Vice Chair of the Allegan Conservation District addressed the board requesting a millage of .2 mil for 5 years be placed on the November 2020 ballot for the Conservation District

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

TEMPORARILY AMEND EXISTING BOARD RULE

4/ Existing Board Rule: *"Departmental Informational Sessions or presentations from public or other agencies shall be given a specific time and duration. All presenters shall be limited to a twenty (20) minute maximum, including a question/answer period. Departments will be asked to supply their presentation to the BOC prior to their scheduled date to allow the BOC's review and an opportunity to supply questions to departments in advance of their presentation."*

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Cain, to temporarily amend the Board rule (above) to allow each presentation to be 15 minutes for the purpose of this planning session. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 7 votes. Nays: 0votes.

2020 BOARD PLANNING:**SERVICE PRESENTATIONS - SHERIFF DEPT & FINANCE**

5/ Administrator Sarro gave a presentation on tax limitation and service levels in Allegan County. Topics included: taxable value, Headlee rollback impact, prioritization of additional tax funds, funding mandates, law enforcement service levels, and pension liability.

SERVICE PRESENTATIONS - MEDICAL CARE COMMUNITY

6/ Allegan County Medical Care Community Administrator Kimberly Turcott addressed the board with the issues facing the Medical Care Community. The Allegan County DHHS Board approved a request to levy up to 0.25 mils for 10 years and is asking the Board of Commissioners to approve the request. The funds would be used for the purpose of operations and maintenance of, future improvements to, and other needs of the Allegan County Medical Care Community.

BREAK - 9:55 A.M.

7/ Upon reconvening at 10:10 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Kapenga, Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Jessup, Dugan and Cain. Absent: None.

SERVICE PRESENTATIONS - TRANSPORTATION

8/ Transportation Director Dan Wedge addressed the board with issues facing Transportation Services. He outlined the ACT Transit five-year strategic plan. The desire is to develop Allegan County Transportation into a county-wide transit system that effectively and efficiently meets the ridership demand at an affordable price.

HEADLEE RESET ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

9/ Administrator Sarro presented a timeline for the resolution of intent, committee selection process on the Tax Limitation Committee and ballot language deadlines.

DETERMINATION OF FUNDING METHODOLOGY (CONSIDERATION OF DEDICATED MILLAGE VS. INCLUSION IN THE OPERATING RESET)

10/ Administrator Sarro broke down options with the Headlee Reset under law enforcement stabilization, transportation and debt/operating expenses; and having a dedicated millage for the Medical Care Facility and the Conservation District.

LUNCH BREAK - 11:35 A.M.

11/ Upon reconvening at 12:15 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Kapenga, Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Dugan and Cain. Absent: Jessup

ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY MEDICAL CARE COMMUNITY MILLAGE REQUEST

12/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Cain to take immediate action on the DHHS request for .25 mils be placed on the August 4, 2020 Primary Election with the ballot language as submitted for the Allegan County Medical Care Community.

Moved by Commissioner Storey, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to amend the motion that the ballot language be subject to Allegan County’s legal counsel review and advice. Amendment carried by voice vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

Final amended motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

13/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individual offered comments:

- 1. Carl Avery of 3196 127TH Ave in Monterey Township addressed the board regarding medical services he was able to have accomplished due to the transportation system in Allegan County

BREAK - 12:45 A.M.

14/ Upon reconvening at P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Kapenga, Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Dugan and Cain. Absent: Jessup.

RESOLUTION TO ALTER OR EXTEND THE FIXED SEPARATE TAX LIMITATION AND TO CREATE A COUNTY ADVISORY TAX LIMITATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

15/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to have the below resolution given to Legal Counsel for their review and then brought back before the board as an action item for March 12, 2020. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

WHEREAS, the Property Tax Limitation Act, being Public Act 62 of 1933 (MCL 211.201 *et seq*), allows for separate tax limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Allegan County voters approved such a separate limitation in 1965; and

WHEREAS, the 1965 separate millage limitations have been substantially reduced by State rollback provisions from the levels approved by Allegan County voters in 1965; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to initiate a review and vote of the electorate as to the appropriateness of altering the current fixed millage limitations pursuant to Section 5k of the Property Tax Limitation Act (being MCL 211.205k); and

WHEREAS, that upon resolving to alter or extend the fixed millage limitation, the Board of Commissioners is to then notify persons and bodies having appointive powers of the resolution so that a County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee can be created to review and provide a recommendation as to the county fixed millage limitation; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners resolves to initiate the statutory procedure to consider altering or extending the existing Allegan County fixed mill separate tax limitations of the county and the townships and intermediate school districts in the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee shall be created composed of the following:

- (a) The County Treasurer.
- (b) The Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners.
- (c) The Intermediate School District Superintendent or his/her representative.
- (d) A resident of a municipality within the county who shall be selected by the judge or judges of the probate of the county.
- (e) A member not officially connected with or employed by any local or county unit, who shall be selected by the Board of County Commissioners.
- (f) A member who shall be a township supervisor and who shall be selected by a majority of the township supervisors in the county.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as required by statute, the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee shall meet within 10 days of its selection and shall prepare separate tax limitations for the county and the townships and intermediate school districts in the county, aggregating not more than {6.91 or 9.09} mills that the majority of committee considers will provide for the financial needs of the county, townships, and intermediate school districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the separate tax limitations shall be promptly transmitted to the County Board of Commissioners and the functions of the County Advisory Tax Limitation Committee shall then cease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners will then propose a resolution submitting the question of adopting separate tax limitations to a vote of the registered and qualifies electors of Allegan County.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MARCH 12, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.

16/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adjourn until March 12, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Jennifer Diem

Deputy Clerk

James M. Storey
Board Chairperson

Minutes approved during the ~~00/00/2020~~ Session

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