

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 21, 2019

THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019, IN THE FOURTH FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE BAY COUNTY BUILDING. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN MICHAEL DURANCZYK AT 4:25 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT.

ROLL CALL: COMMISSIONERS ERNIE KRYGIER, VAUGHN J. BEGICK, THOMAS HEREK, TOM RYDER, MICHAEL LUTZ AND MICHAEL DURANCZYK

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONER KIM COONAN

OTHER MEMBERS: CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK, BAY COUNTY CLERK
DIANE YAWORSKI, SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY CLERK
ROBERT J. REDMOND, FINANCIAL ANALYST
DEANNE C. BERGER, BOARD COORDINATOR

ALSO PRESENT: JIM BARCIA, COUNTY EXECUTIVE
TIFFANY JERRY, PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE RELATIONS DIRECTOR
JAN HISTED, FINANCE OFFICER
AMBER DAVIS-JOHNSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL
CRAIG GOULET, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR
CRISTEN GIGNAC, RECREATION AND FACILITIES
VARIOUS ELECTED OFFICIALS
VARIOUS DEPARTMENT HEADS
NEWS MEDIA

INVOCATION: THE INVOCATION WAS GIVEN BY THE BAY COUNTY CLERK, CYNTHIA A. LUCZAK.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CITIZENS INPUT

THERE WERE NO CITIZENS PRESENT WHO CAME FORWARD TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

RES. 2019-111: COMM. RYDER MOVED TO ADOPT RES. 2019-111 APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 CHEVROLET TAHOE AND ALL NECESSARY

EQUIPMENT FOR SAID VEHICLE FOR THE BAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WITH PINCONNING TOWNSHIP COVERING THE COST OF THE 2019 CHEVROLET TAHOE, NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE MAINTENANCE. THERE WAS NO ADDITIONAL COST FOR THIS PURCHASE TO THE 2019 BUDGET AS PINCONNING TOWNSHIP WAS FUNDING THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE, EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VEHICLE AT APPROXIMATELY \$59,100 AND THE BAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE BENEFITS FROM THE USE OF THESE VEHICLES FOR THEIR USEFUL LIFE. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. KRYGIER AND ADOPTED BY A VOICE VOTE OF: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 EXCUSED - COMM. COONAN.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

THERE WAS NO NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

THERE WAS NOTHING NEW FOR MISCELLANEOUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMM.
DURANCZYK:

COMMISSIONER MIKE DURANCZYK ANNOUNCED THE 36TH ANNUAL CHEESE TOWN CHALLENGE RACES, HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 IN PINCONNING. THERE WILL ALSO BE FIREWORKS THAT WILL BE HELD AT DUSK, CO-SPONSORED BY THE CHIPPEWA TRIBE. A PARADE WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 AM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH. THERE WILL ALSO BE A CHEESE TOWN - CAR CRUZ, HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH.

COMM. KRYGIER:

COMMISSIONER ERNIE KRYGIER ANNOUNCED HE BEACH WELLNESS RACE, TO BE HELD JUNE 29, 2019, RACES TO START AT 9:00 AM.

COMM. BEGICK:

COMMISSIONER VAUGHN BEGICK ANNOUNCED THAT MONDAY, JUNE 27TH WAS MEMORIAL DAY, THERE WILL BE A CEREMONY HELD AT THE BAY COUNTY BUILDING, AT 9:15 AM. THERE WILL ALSO BE CEREMONIES HELD THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THEY WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER AND ON THE BAY COUNTY WEB SITE.

JIM BARCIA:

BAY COUNTY EXECUTIVE, JIM BARCIA STATED THAT LAST NIGHT HE ATTENDED A MEETING, AT THE BAY CITY COMMISSION. IT WAS BROUGHT TO BARCIA'S ATTENTION THAT ONE OF THE ATTENDEES

HAD POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA THAT THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECENTLY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A WATER RATE INCREASE FOR THE WATER SERVICE DISTRICT THAT WAS COMPRISED OF THE CITY OF BAY CITY, CITY OF AUBURN, ESSEXVILLE AND TWELVE TOWNSHIPS. BARCIA CONTINUED, LAST YEAR BAY CITY INCREASED THEIR WATER RATES 5% WHILE THE TOWNSHIPS, INDIVIDUALLY INCREASED ABOUT ½%. BARCIA STATED HE SPOKE WITH THE CITY COMMISSIONERS, THE CITY MANGER AND STAFF, SPECIFICALLY GEORGE MARTINI, WHO INSISTED THAT RECENTLY THE BAY COUNTY BOARD HAD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE WATER RATE INCREASES AND AGAIN THE CONTENTION WAS THAT THE COUNTY OVER BILLED THE WATER PLANT IN BANGOR TOWNSHIP. BARCIA EXPRESS TO DANA MUSCOTT, BAY CITY MANAGER, AND SOME OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS THAT WE, IN THE COUNTY, ARE GETTING TIRED OF BEING BLAMED WHENEVER A CONTROVERSIAL DECISION COMES BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION. BARCIA REITERATED THAT THE BAY COUNTY BOARD HAS NOT APPROVED ANY WATER RATE INCREASES, AND IT WOULD CARRY NO AUTHORITY AS WE ARE NOT A PART OF THE SYSTEM. EXECUTIVE BARCIA, SUGGESTED THAT ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, A COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OFFICIALS MEET WITH THE CITY COMMISSIONERS. BARCIA STATED, WE NEED BETTER COMMUNICATION AND MORE FORTH-COMING STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS ABOUT HOW THESE ISSUES ARE DECIDED.

BARCIA CONTINUED WITH THE STORY OF BENNY THE CALIFORNIA DOG FOUND IN THE BAY COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER. BENNY WAS A 2 TO 3 YEAR PIT/LAB MIX, WHO WAS FOUND RUNNING LOOSE AND LEFT IN THE OVERNIGHT DROP BOX AT BAY COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL. BENNY WAS CHECKED FOR A MICROCHIP AND FOUND TO BE OWNED BY A MILITARY FAMILY WHO WAS STATIONED IN CALIFORNIA, BENNY HAD BEEN MISSING FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS. HOW BENNY ENDED UP IN MICHIGAN REMAINS A MYSTERY. ANIMAL CONTROL STAFF WORKED WITH UNITED CARGO, WHICH WAS WILLING TO FLY BENNY HOME. HE WAS LEAVING FROM FLINT BISHOP INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN FLINT, TO CATCH A FIVE-HOUR FLIGHT TO MEET HIS FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA.

CLOSED SESSION

THERE WAS NO NEED FOR A CLOSED SESSION

RECESS/ADJOURNMENT

MOTION 51: COMM. KRYGIER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL BOARD SESSION OF MAY 21, 2019. IT WAS SUPPORTED BY COMM. BEGICK THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 4:40 P.M. BY A VOICE VOTE OF: 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 EXCUSED - COMM. COONAN.

MICHAEL DURANCZYK, CHAIRMAN
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