

**SPECIAL MEETING  
FOR REVIEW OF THE  
1999 STRATEGIC PLAN  
April 20, 2004  
10:00 A.M.**

The meeting came to order at 10:15 a.m. in Room 302 on the third floor of the County Complex Building.

Present: Commissioners Ron Dahlke, Dyle Henning, Ian Kempf\*, Lenny Schneider, Joyce Bonesteel, Dave Taylor\*

Excused: Cheryl Clark

Others: John Biscoe, County Controller/Administrator, Craig Horton, Chief Financial Officer, Lynette Stanford, Deputy County Clerk

Commissioner Henning requested that the Board review the items listed as priorities of needs for Lapeer County. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the following items:

1. Increase secretarial Time for Administration
2. Establish position for Human Resources Director
3. Provide more information on County services and results on a regular basis
4. Train more staff in customer relations and do satisfaction surveys periodically
5. Begin Planning for new Jail Space
6. Board devotes more time to review of outcomes (results) from Departments
7. Increase communication, cooperation, and leadership to bring units of government in County together

The Commissioners also reviewed a list of mandated and non-mandated County Services.

Commissioner Taylor excused. 11:35 a.m.

Commissioner Taylor arrived. 1:35 p.m.

Commissioner Kempf excused. 1:35 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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David Taylor, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

**LAPEER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
August 24, 2004  
9:00 A.M.**

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. in the temporary Magistrate's Courtroom of the County Complex Building. Commissioner Taylor opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:	Cheryl A. Clark	District #1
	Dyle Henning	District #2
	Joyce Bonesteel*	District #3
	Lenny Schneider	District #4
	David Taylor	District #5
	Ron Dahlke	District #6
	Ian Kempf	District #7

*On those rare occasions that authority is given to the Committee of the Whole, it shall be the policy of the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners that those motions in the Committee of the Whole shall be forwarded to the next regular session to be recorded in the official minutes.*

**Others represented:** Elba Township, Goodland Township, Hadley Township, Marathon Township, Mayfield Township, Metamora Township, Oregon Township, Attica Township, Burnside Township, Lapeer County Treasurer and the Intermediate School District.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding a ballot proposal for a Separate Tax Limitation Proposal.

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Motion by Clark, Supported by Bonesteel, to approve the following ballot language for the 2004 November Election:

**LAPEER COUNTY, MICHIGAN BALLOT PROPOSAL  
NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION**

**LAPEER COUNTY**

**SEPARATE TAX LIMITATION PROPOSAL**

“Shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years, or until altered by the voters of the county, for the County of Lapeer, and the Townships and Intermediate School District within the County, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 6.6250 mills as follows:

(Separate Tax Limitation Proposal continued)

	<u>Mills</u>
County of Lapeer	4.5480
Townships	1.8520
Intermediate School District	.2250

Total: 6.6250

Yes

No

Roll Call Vote: Clark, aye; Bonesteel, aye; Dahlke, aye; Henning, aye; Kempf, aye; Schneider, aye; Taylor, nay. 6 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

\*Commissioner Bonesteel excused. 10:15 a.m.

Commissioners Henning and Schneider asked that their comments be placed in the record.

Commissioner Henning: I wanted to clarify my vote and say that I do this with very mixed feelings. It is an additional tax, but it is less than what I originally understood. My figures were higher, so that is not as big of an increase as I guess I was thinking originally. We need to work on establishing on how we use this money, because, as my questions would indicate, I do think we have already asked the voters for other monies. This is to some extent filling a hole that revenue sharing has already made for us and projecting where revenue sharing may go. But we don't know that, for certain. I have no trouble justifying part of this cost, but I struggle a bit more with the second half of the cost of the millage proposed. But I support it because it gives the voters the chance to look at it. It's anticipating the worse case scenario, because if we loose revenue sharing completely we will need every dollar just to make it through the fiscal year. But I want to indicate that I am very uncomfortable voting for this, especially with the haste we are going through this.

Commissioner Schneider: I appreciate everyone's comments. My biggest concern, and I was not initially supportive because of this, was the timing issue. But the clarification that we got about the 2 years wait until the next countywide election weighed heavily on my mind. And the other issue is that as much as I have objections to proposing any increase in taxation, I am doing it for the sake of the voters having the opportunity to decide. Because with one decision, namely voting not to put this request on the ballot, we won't give our citizens any opportunity to decide on probable service cuts. And the other decision, agreeing to put this proposal on the ballot, we do at least give the citizens the opportunity to decide and they live with the results. And I would much rather that they live with the democratic results.

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Motion by Clark, supported by Kempf, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 10:20 a.m.

David Taylor, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Marlene M. Bruns, County Clerk  
Clerk of the Board