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**ORGANIZATION MEETING - 2005**

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**FIRST DAY**

Commission Chamber, 4th Floor, Wayne County Building, Detroit, Michigan

Tuesday, January 4, 2005

10:00 a.m.

In conformance with the Wayne County Home Rule Charter, the Constitution and applicable Statutes of the State of Michigan, and pursuant to the previous Commission's Rules, the Commissioners-elect to the Wayne County Commission assembled in the Commission Chamber in the Wayne County Building at Detroit on the first business day after January 1, the 4th day of January, 2005 at 10:05 a.m., and were called to order by the Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett.

## **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

Following the processional, the Wayne County Honor Guards led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **INVOCATION**

Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett introduced Reverend Skip Wachsmann, Pastor, Genesis Lutheran Church, Detroit, who delivered the following invocation:

“Would you bow your heads in prayer with me. Holy God we greet You this morning, thanking You for this day. For all of Your blessings and all of Your goodness. We come before You, calling on You by many names, but yet one God; calling on You from a variety of places throughout Wayne County; calling on You to bless this morning especially those who are sworn in, to carry out the business of their elected office. Oh God, we thank You for your faithfulness throughout the years. We thank You for the opportunity for a New Year and now we seek Your blessing upon each of the elected leaders of our county. Continue to instill in them Your insight and Your wisdom so that all that they do, each decision that they make, each issue that they discuss and even argue would be, Oh God, done to Your glory and for the good of the citizens of this county. Keep our elected officials ever mindful of the fact that they have been put into office to serve the electorate and that as our leaders we will follow them, we will honor them, and we will support them as long as they do what they do to the best of their ability and for the good of the community. Continue to smile upon this county. Continue to grace it with Your presence and we will collectively give You all the praise, all the honor and all the glory. This we pray in Your holy name and let those gathered here say, Amen.”

## **CERTIFICATION OF COMMISSIONERS-ELECT AND ROLL CALL**

Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett advised that the Board of Canvassers duly certified the following list of Commissioners-elect:

First District  
Second District  
Third District

**CHRISTOPHER F. CAVANAGH**  
**BERNARD PARKER**  
**MOE BLACKWELL**

Fourth District	<b>JEWEL C. WARE</b>
Fifth District	<b>ILONA VARGA</b>
Sixth District	<b>KEITH D. WILLIAMS</b>
Seventh District	<b>KWAME KENYATTA</b>
Eighth District	<b>ALISHA R. BELL</b>
Ninth District	<b>PHILIP M. CAVANAGH</b>
Tenth District	<b>LAURA COX</b>
Eleventh District	<b>JOHN J. SULLIVAN</b>
Twelfth District	<b>KAY BEARD</b>
Thirteenth District	<b>GARY WORONCHAK</b>
Fourteenth District	<b>JOSEPH PALAMARA</b>
Fifteenth District	<b>EDWARD A. BOIKE, JR.</b>

### **CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE**

The foregoing named Commissioners took and subscribed the Constitutional Oath of Office, which was administered to the Commissioners-elect by the following:

**The Honorable Justice Michael Cavanagh, Michigan Supreme Court,** administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Christopher F. Cavanagh of the First District.

Following which, Commissioner C. Cavanagh gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER C. CAVANAGH: “Thank you everyone and a hearty welcome to Laura, Gary and Moe our new Commissioners”.

**The Honorable Karen Fort Hood, Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals,** administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Bernard Parker of the Second District.

**The Honorable June Blackwell-Hatcher, Judge of Probate Court,** administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Moe Blackwell of the Third District.

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Judge June Blackwell-Hatcher made the following remarks with regard to swearing in her nephew, Commissioner Moe Blackwell:

HONORABLE JUNE BLACKWELL-HATCHER: “Before I start I just want to say that I am so honored. I’ve had the opportunity to swear in my brother, my dad and now my nephew. So again, I’m really touched by that”.

**The Honorable Terri Lynn Land, Secretary of State**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Jewel C. Ware of the Fourth District.

Following which, Commissioner Ware gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER WARE: “Let me say good morning to everyone and peace and blessings. Thank you and love and kisses go to my volunteers, community leaders and precinct delegates. The people that stand behind me are very special to me. To my left is my husband and to my right is my staff because we all know as elected officials that family support is very important and we know that we cannot perform our duties and our jobs without our staff. So, I thank all of them this morning”.

**The Honorable Maria Oxholm, Judge of Thirty-Sixth District Court**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Ilona Varga of the Fifth District.

Following which, Commissioner Varga gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER VARGA: “Good morning. I’d just like to acknowledge my staff Joe and Charlie who are in the audience as well as my guest and thank you all for coming. And welcome to all the new Commissioners. Thank you.”

**The Honorable Cathy M. Garrett, Wayne County Clerk**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Keith D. Williams of the Sixth District.

**Mrs. Monifa Kenyatta, wife of Commissioner Kenyatta**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kwame Kenyatta of the Seventh District.

Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Kenyatta gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER KENYATTA: “Thank you very much. I too would like to welcome the

new Commissioners to the Wayne County Commission. I'd like to acknowledge of course, my family and all my friends and members of the Seventh District. Thank you very much."

**The Honorable Karen Fort Hood, Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals,** administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Alisha R. Bell of the Eighth District.

Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Bell gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER BELL: "Good morning. I also would like to welcome the new Commissioners aboard and I would also like to take this time to acknowledge my family and the members and constituents of District 8. If my family, friends and members of District 8 could please stand to be acknowledged. Everyone, thank you very much. And a special acknowledgement to my husband which I could not have done this without the love and support of him. Thank you very much."

**The Honorable Justice Michael Cavanagh, Michigan Supreme Court,** administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Philip M. Cavanagh of the Ninth District.

Following which, Commissioner P. Cavanagh gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER P. CAVANAGH: "I also would like to congratulate all of my new colleagues. I look forward to working with you all and I thank you all for being here to witness this. I, to the best of my ability will serve my constituency. I thank you for the trust and confidence not only in the people that voted for me but my family Mary, Veronica, Aaron and Lily that had unwavering faith. Thank you."

**The Honorable Michael Cox, Attorney General,** administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Laura Cox of the Tenth District.

Following which, Commissioner Cox gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER COX: "I just want to say hello to all my new colleagues which is everybody here and looking forward to serving the Tenth District and thank you to my

family and friends and the support of everybody that helped get me here and I hope I serve you well.”

**The Honorable Milton Mack, Chief Judge of Probate Court**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner John J. Sullivan of the Eleventh District.

Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Sullivan gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN: “Thank you and I’d like to acknowledge my family that is here. My wife Sharon, this is Sean our youngest, Kelly, Brendan. My parents are here. My in-laws and we’ve got some family friends, Tony and Rosie and Don. Thank you all of coming out and I just want to thank all my constituents that voted for me and supported me and everyone that put in so much effort in this election for me and I look forward to working with my colleagues over the next two years. Thank you.”

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Mayor Sandra A Cicirelli made the following remarks:

MAYOR CICIRELLI: 6 “Before I begin I’d like to say that it is an honor and a privilege to be able to swear in our longest serving county commissioner, Kay Beard beginning her 14th term this year and she has paved the way for many of us on politics.”

**The Honorable Sandra A. Cicirelli, Mayor of the City of Westland**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kay Beard of the Twelfth District.

Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Beard gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER BEARD: “Welcome to everybody here including those from the Twelfth District and welcome especially to the three new ones. I’ll do my very best to help you whenever you think that I can be of some help to you. That’s been my role on this Commission for many, many years as many including Judge Mack can tell you. Right, Milt? As Mayor Cicirelli said this is the start of my 14th term but I’ve also been sworn in 15 times because I was appointed April 6, 1978 to fill in on an expired term and of course had to be sworn in that very same day. So, even though this is the start of the 14th term, it’s my 15th swearing in, in a row and I really appreciate the fact

that the people of my district have shown great faith and confidence in me and I hope to never violate that. Thank you very much.”

**The Honorable Mary Beth Kelly, Chief Judge of Third Circuit Court**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Gary Woronchak of the Thirteenth District.

Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Woronchak gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER WORONCHAK: “Good morning. I’d like to acknowledge my wife, Vivian and my daughter, Diane and her husband, Mark for joining me here today. I’d like to thank all of my colleagues for making me feel very welcome. I appreciate that and with me being one of the newcomers here, Commissioner Beard I look forward to your mentorship. I’d like to also acknowledge Marianne Rea who worked for my predecessor Commissioner Hubbard for many years. Marianne has agreed to stay on and continue to serve the constituents of the Thirteenth District and I think that will ensure a continuation of service and I am very pleased about that. Thank you all very much and I look forward to working with you.”

**The Honorable Mary Beth Kelly, Chief Judge of Third Circuit Court**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Joseph Palamara of the Fourteenth District.

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Judge Mary Beth Kelly made the following remarks:

JUDGE MARY BETH KELLY: “Mr. Palamara is my Commissioner and if you have any problems don’t call me. Call his very able staff.”

Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Palamara gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER PALAMARA: “I know the last place my wife wants to be right now is here but I am so honored and glad that she’s here. I want to thank my neighbor friend and Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly for swearing me in this morning. Welcome the new Commissioners Blackwell, Cox and Woronchak and to the Commissioners that we have served with in the past. We are all here to do the same thing and that’s represent the will of the people and I stand with you ready and able to do that and if that means cutting some taxes let’s do it and let’s have a great term.”

**The Honorable Milton Mack, Chief Judge of Probate Court**, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Edward A. Boike, Jr. of the Fifteenth District.

Following the Oath of Office, Commissioner Boike gave the following remarks:

COMMISSIONER BOIKE: "Don't run away Milt because it is a pleasure to have you here. When I entered the scene in 1989 Milt was a County Commissioner and I certainly learned a lot from that group of individuals. I am so proud to work with these dedicated legislators and I want to thank the people of the Fifteenth District, welcome the new commissioners and understand that there are fifteen of us and by the time you get to me this part of the program is almost over. But understand that if you believe in smaller government like I do that at one time, Milt there were over a thousand of us but then Wayne County was the upper peninsula, all the State of Michigan, the East Coast to Wisconsin and the upper third of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. So we have considerably cut it down to smaller government. I want to take this moment and I want to thank my office staff. The first voice of the people here is Sandy Thompson. Sandy, thank you very much. I'd love to take this opportunity and a person that's been with me for a considerable amount of time and who has been doing just a superb job on the Noise Mitigation Program is Lanny Hall. Thank you very much. I am so looking forward to working with everyone. Again, the dedication out of this group has been, and I know it will continue to be one of the best that you're ever going to see and the new Commissioners, it is great having you here and you will love being a part of this group. Milt, thank you again so very much. Thank you."

Following the Constitutional Oath of Office and Acknowledgement by each Commissioner, Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett made the following remarks:

WAYNE COUNTY CLERK GARRETT: "That concludes our Oath of Office and on behalf of the Wayne County Clerk's office we want to say welcome to the new Commissioners and we look forward to the new and the present and the current working relationship that we have with all fifteen of you. We will proceed now with the election of the Wayne County Commission Officers election."

### **ELECTION OF WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICERS**

#### **A. Chairperson of the Commission**

The Constitutional Oath of Office will be administered by the Honorable Christopher Dingell, Judge



of Third Circuit Court.

**B. Vice-Chair of the Commission**

The Constitutional Oath of Office will be administered by the Honorable Christopher Dingell, Judge of Third Circuit Court.

**C. Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Commission**

The Constitutional Oath of Office will be administered by the Honorable Christopher Dingell, Judge of Third Circuit Court.

Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett announced that the order of business was the election of the Chairperson of the Commission. Following which, she requested nominations for the Chairperson of the Commission.

**Commissioner Boike, supported by Commissioner Parker, nominated Commissioner Jewel Ware as Chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission.**

There being no other nominations, **Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett proceeded to announce that Commissioner Jewel Ware, having received the unanimous vote of the members serving, was duly elected Chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission, and the resolution was thereby adopted by the following Affirmative Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Beard, Bell, Blackwell, Boike, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cox, Kenyatta, Palamara, Parker, Sullivan, Varga, Ware, Williams, Woronchak -- 15  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2005-1]

The Wayne County Clerk introduced **The Honorable Christopher Dingell, Judge of Third Circuit Court**, to administer the Oath of Office.

**The Honorable Christopher Dingell**, administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Commissioner Jewel Ware as Chairwoman of the Wayne County Commission.

Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett announced that the order of business was the

election of the Vice-Chair of the Commission. Following which, she requested nominations for the Vice-Chair of the Commission.

**Commissioner Palamara, supported by Commissioner Williams, nominated Commissioner John Sullivan as Vice-Chair of the Wayne County Commission.**

**There being no other nominations, Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett proceeded to announce that Commissioner John Sullivan, having received the unanimous vote of the members serving, was duly elected Vice-Chair of the Wayne County Commission, and the resolution was thereby adopted by the following Affirmative Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Beard, Bell, Blackwell, Boike, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cox,  
Kenyatta, Palamara, Parker, Sullivan, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Chairwoman Ware  
-- 15  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2005-2]

**The Honorable Christopher Dingell**, administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Commissioner John Sullivan as Vice-Chair of the Wayne County Commission.

Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett announced that the order of business was the election of the Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Commission. Following which, she requested nominations for the Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Commission.

**Commissioner Parker, supported by Commissioner P. Cavanagh, nominated Commissioner Edward A. Boike, Jr. as Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Wayne County Commission.**

**There being no other nominations, Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett proceeded to announce that Commissioner Edward A. Boike, Jr., having received the unanimous vote of the members serving, was duly elected Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Wayne County Commission, and the resolution was thereby adopted by the following Affirmative Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Beard, Bell, Blackwell, Boike, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cox,  
Kenyatta, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Sullivan,  
Chairwoman Ware -- 15  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2005-3]

**The Honorable Christopher Dingell**, administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Commissioner Edward A. Boike, Jr. as Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Wayne County Commission.

At this point in the proceedings, Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett relinquished the Chair to Chairwoman Ware.

The Deputy Clerk of the Commission announced the order of business was the Report from the Chairwoman.

### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN**

CHAIRWOMAN WARE: "Good Morning and peace and blessings to everyone. I would like to take a moment to introduce some special people in my life. Earlier you met my husband and my soulmate, Jesse Long-Bey. He is my strongest supporter and my closest advisor and he's also the best campaign manager that a politician could ever have. So, thank you Jesse. I must acknowledge the individual who guides me with spiritual guidance, my pastor Skip Wachsmann of Genesis Lutheran Church.

I am looking out at the audience. I believe that Mary Waters is here and we are honored to have my State Representative. She is the minority leader in the House in Lansing and she always stands tall and fights for Detroit and Wayne County. The Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano has joined us this morning and I say thank you to Mr. Ficano. The Wayne County Commission looks forward to working with you and your administration in making Wayne County a better place in the coming year. There are other elected officials that have joined us. We have Senator Bruce Patterson here and Bruce Patterson and I started off together on the Wayne County Commission. Our Register of Deeds, Bernard Youngblood. The Mayor of the City of

Detroit could not be with us today because they have an Economic Summit Plan for the next two days, but he sends his congratulations and his best wishes. He sent his number one person, Mike Turner to represent him today. I would be remiss if I would not introduce a former chair of the Wayne County Commission but not only a former Chair but my mentor and advisor, Art Blackwell. Also, we have with us today someone that when I started as a Wayne County Commissioner as a social worker, always talking about the needs of the people, she brought me around a circle and reminded me that we also stand for women. I never forgot what she shared with me and she is here with us today. Our former Commissioner and my friend, Commissioner Edna Bell. There are so many people that I need to introduce but I must take time out to introduce my political Godmother, Annette Rainwater. My big sister, Gloria Killebrew. Could you all stand? And two people that I met along the way and I don't know if both of them are here today but I would like to share with everyone here that when you first get elected, you're nervous and you don't know who your friends are and who really want to be with you and just want to be with the Commission but I've grown to love them. They have been very good to me and my husband. Loyalty and dedication has come to be number one with them and that's Jerry and Pat Garrett. And Jerry will never stand. Thank you.

I'm humbled by my re-election as the Wayne County Commission Chairperson and I am greatly appreciative of the confidence that my colleagues on the Commission have shown me. Being the Chairperson of the County Commission is a great honor and a great privilege. Wayne County is the State's largest county with more than two million residents. We are Michigan's true economic leader with more jobs than any other county. We have forty-three separate and distinct communities. Our budget is over two billion dollars. The responsibility of the Commission and each commissioner are very detailed and I will work hard to provide the leadership needed to maintain the Commission's effectiveness as a legislative body.

During my first term as Chairperson we made great process. We made the Commission more efficient and responsive. We cut costs and added talented and professional staff people. We served as a role model for other elected office holders. We showed how we could do more with less. Over the next two years, I pledge to make additional improvements to the Commission operations. My goals for the coming term include switching the Commission to a paperless environment with new technology and training. We hope to eliminate the overwhelming volumes of paperwork that Commissioners and staff must sort through. We will save costs on paper and staff time required to make copies. When you consider the number of contracts the Commission move each year, this will be a significant cost-savings. We will provide great financial oversight for county operations. Wayne County like all other governments across Michigan continue to face major challenges. Our revenues continue to decline while expenses increase. We need to be more proactive in controlling expenses. That's why the Commission will provide greater oversight to

each department's expense. If you are over budget one quarter, we will cut your allocations the next quarter to bring you back in the black.

We also show a united front. We need to work really hard to work with our State Legislatures and the Governor to guard our funding source. As county elected officials, we must remember how we got here and who comes first, the citizens who elected us from the forty-three communities. I pledge that the Commission will work closely with the mayors and the supervisors to make sure the county is providing services and addressing the needs, and we will be supportive of our cities and townships as they are confronted with their own financial challenges. On the Detroit-Wayne County Mental Health Agency, we need to set aside politics and make sure that the agencies focus on providing services to the consumer. Our number one priority must be the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled. Over the next fourteen months Detroit and Wayne County will be the national and international spotlight. In addition to two auto shows we will also host next summers Baseball All-Star game and the Super Bowl XL. I pledge the Commission's full support of these activities. We will make sure that Wayne County puts our best foot forward and showcase our many assets. Clearly the Wayne County Commission has a full agenda. Our priorities for the coming year include building a safety net for our citizens who don't have health care, who don't know how to receive healthcare and where to go. Working with Mr. Birru, our new Economic Development Chief to grow the county's economy and create jobs, helping reduce crime and maximizing public safety, making our neighborhood stronger by improving our housing stock, maintaining and improving county roads, drains and parks. I put that part in there for Commissioner Keith Williams because to our new colleagues you will not have to do anything with county and roads and parks because Keith Williams is on it.

I look forward to the challenges and the trust you have put in me. Our agenda will require teamwork and partnership. I will need your full support and your prayers going forward. Together we can achieve great things through Wayne County and for the people who elected us. Let's roll up our sleeves and get busy. Thank you and peace and blessings."

### **CONSIDERATION OF STANDING RULES OF THE COMMISSION**

Rule 2 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure provides, in part:

"...The Commission shall also adopt Temporary Rules of Procedure. ..."

**Commissioner Beard, supported by Commissioner Parker, pursuant to the Commission's Standing Rules of Procedure, moved adoption of the Rules as the**

## **Temporary Rules of Procedure for 60 days.**

There being no discussion, **Chairwoman Ware requested a vote on adoption of the foregoing matter and resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Beard, Bell, Blackwell, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cox, Kenyatta, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Boike, Vice-Chair Sullivan, Chairwoman Ware -- 15  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2005-4]

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Pursuant to Rule 2 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, any matters not having received final action by the outgoing Commission shall be referred back to the Committees for consideration, except those matters "...declared as requiring emergency action involving civil disaster, public health, and public safety...".

Note: A report will be submitted by the Deputy Clerk of the Commission detailing those matters which have been submitted to the Commission for consideration, but which did not receive final action during the 2003-2004 Session.

**Commissioner Parker, supported by Commissioner Beard, moved to refer the foregoing matter to the appropriate Committees.**

## **The Commissioners voted as follows:**

Yea -- Commissioners Beard, Bell, Blackwell, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cox, Kenyatta, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Boike, Vice-Chair Sullivan, Chairwoman Ware -- 15  
Nay -- None  
Abstain -- None  
Not Voting -- None  
Excused -- None

## **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS**

The Deputy Clerk of the Commission advised there were no Presentation of Petitions, Ordinances and Resolutions.

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES**

To Committee and Set Dates for Nominations as Appropriate	1.	Communication from the Deputy Clerk of the Commission Joyua A. Bouldes advising as to the various boards and commissions and other appointed positions in which vacancies shall occur in the coming year. (2004-68-001)
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**Commissioner Beard, supported by Commissioner Parker, moved that the foregoing communication be referred to the Committee of the Whole.**

### **The Commissioners voted as follows:**

Yea	--	Commissioners Beard, Bell, Blackwell, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cox, Kenyatta, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Boike, Vice-Chair Sullivan, Chairwoman Ware	--	15
Nay	--	None		
Abstain	--	None		
Not Voting	--	None		
Excused	--	None		

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES**

The Deputy Clerk of the Commission advised there were no Communications.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Deputy Clerk of the Commission advised there was no New Business.

### **RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORIAM**

1. By Commissioner Parker for the **loss of lives in Asia and Africa.**
2. By Commissioner Ware in honor of **Shirley Chisholm.**

**Chairwoman Ware requested all to stand for a moment of silence in honor of the foregoing individuals, following which she declared the Resolutions in Memoriam adopted.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Deputy Clerk of the Commission advised that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

The Deputy Clerk of the Commission introduced Reverend Marvin N. Miles, Pastor, International Gospel Center, Ecorse, MI, who delivered the following benediction:

“I don’t have to tell you to stand. If everyone would just bow their heads. We do honor the Chair of this house, Jewel Ware. We do honor our Wayne County Executive and County Clerk. Father, God we thank You for old business and now a new beginning. In Your word You said if we would just trust in You in all of our ways and acknowledge You, You would direct our path. Lord, I pray over every district, the fifteen that make up this county and God I ask for Your favor that don’t make no sense and a peace that surpass all understanding. Lord, I come against conflict and division in advance that we can come together to lift Wayne County as it has never been lifted before. God as we close this session we ask for Your favor upon Your people and we pray for Your wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in Jesus name and everyone say, Amen.”



### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pursuant to the County Commission's Rules of Procedure, Chairwoman Ware invited comments from the public. There were no public comments.

At this point in the proceedings, Chairwoman Ware recognized former Commissioner and Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Commission, Robert Blackwell, who was in attendance.

As no other business was presented, **Chairwoman Ware thereupon requested a Quorum Call, and the Deputy Clerk of the Commission reported that the following Commissioners were in attendance:**

**PRESENT: Commissioners Beard, Bell, Blackwell, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Cox, Kenyatta, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Boike, Vice-Chair Sullivan, Chairwoman Ware -- 15**

**EXCUSED: None**

**A quorum being present, Chairwoman Ware declared the Commission adjourned until Thursday, January 20, 2005, the time being 10:56 a.m.**

JOYUA A. BOULDES  
Deputy Clerk of the Commission

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