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NO. 1

ORGANIZATION MEETING - 2007

FIRST DAY

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

Tuesday, January 2, 2007

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 2nd day of January, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., and were called to order by the Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett.

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SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

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

Mr. Antoine Griggs, Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts, sang The Battle Hymn of the Republic.

INVOCATION

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

“Oh God our health and age in past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home. We greet You this morning Lord and we offer You praise and thanksgiving for this new day and this new year. We thank You for Your faithfulness in the past and we implore You to continue to watch over our county, our cities and the people that dwell there in. Oh God walk with us, talk with us and lead us according to Your way. On this day we ask Your special blessings upon those that have been elected to serve the people of this county. We ask that You pour out in double portion the spirit of wisdom, justice and fairness to each Commissioner as they lead the people of their particular districts. Oh God we look to You to lead us because we know that with You at the lead and our commitment to walk with You, that indeed we will serve You and the people of this county in a greater capacity. Bless us in this New Year and may all that we do be pleasing in Your sight and to the good of the people of this place. In Your name we pray, 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	TIM KILLEEN
Second District	BERNARD PARKER
Third District	MOE BLACKWELL
Fourth District	JEWEL C. WARE
Fifth District	ILONA VARGA

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Sixth District	KEITH D. WILLIAMS
Seventh District	BURTON LELAND (EXCUSED)
Eighth District	ALISHA R. BELL
Ninth District	PHILIP M. CAVANAGH
Tenth District	LAURA COX
Eleventh District	KEVIN MCNAMARA
Twelfth District	KAY BEARD
Thirteenth District	GARY WORONCHAK
Fourteenth District	JOSEPH PALAMARA (EXCUSED)
Fifteenth District	EDWARD A. BOIKE, JR.

CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE

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

The Honorable Teresa Killeen, Judicial Attorney, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Tim Killeen of the First District.

Bernard Parker IV, grandson of Commissioner Parker, 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: “Good morning. I just want to say that it’s such an honor to swear in my nephew whose also my Commissioner, I live in his district and he is doing a phenomenal job and also after seeing Bernard’s grandson swearing him in I’m going to get replaced by the two cutest little boys Marcus and Moses.”

Mr. Jesse Long-Bey, husband of Commissioner Ware, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Jewel C. Ware of the Fourth District.

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The Honorable Mark J. Cavanagh, Judge of Court of Appeals, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Ilona Varga of the Fifth District.

The Honorable Ruth Ann Garrett, Judge of Thirty Six District Court, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Keith D. Williams of the Sixth District.

Edna Bell, mother of Commissioner Bell, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Alisha R. Bell of the Eighth District.

The Honorable Mark J. Cavanagh, Court of Appeals, brother of Commissioner Cavanagh, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Philip M. Cavanagh of the Ninth District.

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

The Honorable Milton Mack, Chief Judge of Probate Court, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kevin McNamara of the Eleventh District.

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Honorable Milton Mack made the following remarks:

JUDGE MILTON MACK: “As a former Commissioner, I can’t resist the opportunity to talk for a moment. I served for eight years as a Wayne County Commissioner. I sat at Commissioner Woronchack’s desk and some say I caused some trouble during my ten years in office but during my ten years in office I was honored to serve with Kevin’s dad and I am sure he is looking down here today and smiling and being very quite pleased and happy about the fact that his son is continuing the tradition of public service his dad started many years ago.”

The Honorable Milton Mack, Chief Judge of Probate Court, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kay Beard of the Twelfth District.

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Honorable Milton Mack made the following remarks:

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JUDGE MILTON MACK: "I always told Commissioner Beard that I was her most difficult student. I thought it was dumb for me to say such a thing because after all it should be up to her but as you can see she has confirmed my suspicion. Commissioner Beard has many years of distinguish service on the County Commission stretching back before I was appointed Commissioner actually and there has been a lot of change with County Government and she's kept up with it and kept pressing everybody along the way to make sure they faithfully discharged their duties with whatever office they hold. Are you ready to do it again?"

Mrs. Vivian Woronchak, wife of Commissioner Woronchak, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Gary Woronchak of the Thirteenth District.

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

Prior to administering the Oath of Office, Honorable Milton Mack made the following remarks:

JUDGE MILTON MACK: "My clock appears to be drawing but I do appreciate coming back here and to the swearing in ceremonies every two years and I have to tell you that I'm starting my tenth year as Chief Judge of Wayne County Probate Court, but my eight years as Wayne County Commissioner was a whole lot more fun then being Chief Judge of anything really. One of the reasons I really enjoyed service at the Wayne County Commission were the people I got acquainted with honorable, straight forward, diligent and always watching out for the best interest of their constituents. I'll come back in a couple of years hopefully and maybe I'll pick up a couple more Commissioners along the way."

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."

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ELECTION OF WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICERS

A. Chairperson of the Commission

The Constitutional Oath of Office will be administered by the Honorable Edward Ewell Jr., Judge of Third Judicial Circuit Court.

B. Vice-Chair of the Commission

The Constitutional Oath of Office will be administered by the Honorable Edward Ewell Jr., Judge of Third Judicial Circuit Court.

C. Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Commission

The Constitutional Oath of Office will be administered by the Honorable Edward Ewell Jr., Judge of Third Judicial 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, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, McNamara, Parker, Varga, Ware, Williams, Woronchak -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- Commissioners Leland, Palamara -- 2

[Resolution No. 2007-001]

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

The Honorable Edward Ewell, 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 Parker, supported by Commissioner Blackwell, nominated Commissioner Boike as Vice-Chair 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 of the Wayne County Commission, and the resolution was thereby adopted by the following Affirmative Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Beard, Bell, Blackwell, Boike, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, McNamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Chairwoman Ware -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- Commissioners Leland, Palamara -- 2

[Resolution No. 2007-002]

The Honorable Edward Ewell, Judge of Third Circuit Court, administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Commissioner Edward A. Boike Jr., 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.

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Commissioner Woronchak, supported by Commissioner Bell, nominated Commissioner Kay Beard 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 Kay Beard 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, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, McNamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- Commissioners Leland, Palamara -- 2

[Resolution No. 2007-003]

The Honorable Edward Ewell, Judge of Third Circuit Court, administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Commissioner Kay Beard 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.

Following which, the Acting Clerk of the Commission announced that Commissioners Burton Leland and Joseph Palamara were previously sworn-in and requested to be excused from today's meeting.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

CHAIRWOMAN WARE: Peace and blessings to each and every one of you and thank you for joining us today. I would like to take a moment of silence in honor of our former president Gerald Ford. Thank you.

I know I've done this a couple of times before and each time I do it, it has a different meaning to me and of course today has a different meaning to me. To my colleagues I would like to say that I am honored and humbled by the re-election by each of my

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colleagues for your confidence, and your faith, the support that you give me means so much to me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners who have joined us today. Our County Executive, Robert Ficano; our Register of Deeds, Bernard Youngblood, and again we want to take this opportunity to thank our Clerk for being with us today Cathy Garrett, our Sheriff, Warren Evans. We have many representatives from our Mayor's office from the City of Detroit. Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, I thank them for joining us today. Councilmember Kwame Kenyatta, I hope I haven't missed anyone. I don't know if he arrived yet and I know that he is also a very busy person but I need to always mention him and thank him for his guidance and the time that he has given me and that is our former Chair of the Wayne County Commission, Art Blackwell and his dad who I affectionately call "Daddy Bob," Robert Blackwell. I hope I haven't missed anyone. I am a member of Genesis Lutheran Church and the invocation given today was by my Pastor, Skip Wachsmann.

Being chairperson of the Wayne County Commission is a huge responsibility, and it's one I do not take lightly. I have been entrusted with providing the leadership and oversight of the County's Legislative body. This body must uphold the County Charter, set policy and provide financial accountability for the taxpayers of Wayne County.

To our 11 returning Commissioners, thank you for your cooperation and participation during our previous term. We accomplished much during trying times. We have faced the worst economy Wayne County has encountered in decades. But we are weathering the storm, keeping layoffs and service cutbacks to a minimum.

Your hard work and attention to the bottom line have been very valuable to me and to the county.

To Tim Killeen and Kevin McNamara I extend a warm welcome to our Wayne County family. Each of you bring special talents and career experiences that will impact our legislative body in a big way.

Our challenges for the coming 2007-2008 legislative session are many. As the Chair of the Commission, my agenda for the coming term includes the following:

The Wayne County Commission must weigh in and play a key role on several

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important regional projects, including public transit, a new international border crossing and working with the City of Detroit to improve Cobo Hall. Everybody knows I am big about mandated services. We cannot and we will not ignore our key function. And that is making sure Wayne County delivers charter services like public safety and criminal justice.

Challenging times demand creative thinking. Wayne County has always been a leader in new concepts like Health Choice, juvenile justice, and the Rouge clean up. These programs have all served as national models. In 2007, the Wayne County Commission will research “best practices.” We will look for new programs that could work here.

Our County continues to face shrinking revenues and flat economic growth. Yet our expenses continue to climb. The Wayne County Commission must find ways to cut costs and stretch dollars. We will explore partnerships with local communities, state and federal agencies and foundations to seek new funding.

The Wayne County Health Authority has been a great disappointment. It has not provided health care to the uninsured and underinsured. I recommend we work with the city and the state to reorganize how we provide health care to this population. One concept is to find resources for doctors to operate clinics in the neighborhoods for the people.

Our County Executive Robert Ficano has taken creative approaches on China trade, Regional Justice, TURBO and other initiatives. We encourage his team to continue to look for new approaches and programs to benefit Wayne County.

We also salute Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick for his new neighborhood program, and we look forward to being a partner on this activity.

Clearly, we have a full plate in the coming months health care, economic development, public safety, mental health issues and public services. Our agenda will require teamwork and partnership.

Wayne County has many strengths. Wayne County has tremendous diversity. Wayne County has a strong work ethic. Wayne County has many resources. Let's build on these assets.

As we move forward, we must remember our constituents: the two million residents of our 43 communities. They elect us to safeguard their tax dollars, protect their interests, and improve their quality of life. We don't want to disappoint them or let them down. So let's get to work and make Wayne County better! God bless you.”

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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 Parker, supported by Commissioner Varga, 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 Bell, Blackwell, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, McNamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Beard, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- Commissioners Leland, Palamara -- 2

[Resolution No. 2007-004]

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 Varga, moved to refer the foregoing matter to the appropriate Committees.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

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Yea -- Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, McNamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Beard, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- Commissioners Leland, Palamara -- 2

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS

The Acting 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 Acting 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. (2006-58-001)
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Commissioner Williams, supported by Commissioner Parker, moved that the foregoing communication be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, McNamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Beard, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 13
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- Commissioners Leland, Palamara -- 2

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Acting Clerk of the Commission advised that the next Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

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

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PRESENT: Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, McNamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Beard, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 13

EXCUSED: Commissioners Leland, Palamara -- 2

A quorum being present, Chairwoman Ware declared the Commission adjourned until Tuesday, January 30, 2007, the time being 10:42 a.m.

JOYUA A. BOULDES
Acting Clerk of the Commission

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