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Commission Chamber, Room 400, 4th Floor, Wayne County Building, Detroit, Michigan

Thursday, March 6, 2008

10:00 a.m.

The Commission was called to order by the Chair of the Commission, Jewel Ware at 10:24 a.m.

The roll of the Commission was requested by the Acting Clerk of the Commission, Joyua A. Bouldes:

Bell	- present	Leland	- present	Williams	- present
Blackwell	- present	McNamara	- present	Woronchak	- present
Cavanagh	- present	Palamara	- present	Beard	- present
Cox	- present	Parker	- present	Boike	- present
Killeen	- present	Varga	- present	Ware	- present

15 present, a quorum

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INVOCATION

The Acting Clerk of the Commission introduced Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Beard, who in turn introduced Father Russ Kohler, Pastor of the Most Holy Trinity Church, who gave the following invocation:

“Good Morning everybody. If it had been up to Thomas Jefferson working with our Detroit Priest Brother Gabriel Rashod in Washington, you and I wouldn’t be here today because they wanted the nation to revolve around one horse ride to the county seat or to the seat of government. Jefferson had agreed this nation would be governed by townships. It wasn’t until the entrance of so many Irish that came from a world view of counties that we got established and we know that this works best as it poised us on the future of new modes of transportation. Despite all of the challenges of our industries, the whole world has complimented us in producing the same product and it really is an alive time in history.

I bring you greetings from New Trinity Church and we opened in 1834. The present building at Sixth and Porter will be open to all of you for a Saint Patrick’s feast on Friday the fourteenth anticipating holy week so the Cardinal will be there. It’s always been held for elected officials, government leaders, prominent citizens to have the Archbishop of Detroit always extend a blessing in your efforts for the common good. We will gather on the fourteenth to directly welcome the Cardinal, the Governor and all of you hopefully, and we will process into the church. The kids will be there, the concert choir and it is a day of blessing to help all of us focus on the common good and to live in hope.

I borrowed the invocation today from Pope Benedict. These remarks he gave to leaders of the world on January 1st as a custom to meet all of the diplomats who are stationed in Rome at the Vatican. I thought it was applicable today to the challenge we face in Michigan. Today my thoughts are the profound conviction that our human family is not just humanity or a race but a family and through You we are able to resolve conflicts and to arrive at consensus through the great values which inspire us from the holy scriptures. From my horizon on history I look out at Brazil, Cuba, the Middle East, Lebanon, Asia, Africa, Europe and from this rapid overview clearly it appears that the security and stability of this world are still fragile but never exclude God for God’s name is a name for justice, an urgent appeal for peace. You leaders must live your lives in the art of hope. Seek to discern hope even in its tenuous signs. You must give that hope. You know that hope came into the world in the heart of our human family for certainly this is our prayer that God will open the hearts of those who govern the family of people to a hope that never disappoints. So I pray that divine providence will convince you that we live alongside one another not purely by chance but all of us are progressing along a common path as men and women and children and thus as a family of brothers and sisters. In your decisions focus hope so that we are not a mere aggregation of neighbors but a real community of brothers and sisters people feel that in Your presence as You call them to be one big family. Spend time with little families and their newborn and growing children. Take time out of your meetings to go up to them. When the family comes into being the

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foundation of your societies when the proposal is made and accepted and you can hear from the heart that consent of yes. It's a responsible and definitive yes. You will be invited when children join these families and I want you to encourage the children and the parents to listen to their voices that all of these little ones can shout yes to respect and love. Thank you."

At this point of the proceedings, Commissioner Killeen introduced Terence and Siobhan McKinney (Harpists), who rendered a musical selection.

Following which, Chairwoman Ware granted a point of special privilege to Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Beard.

Immediate
Consideration
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B. Communication from Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, District 12, submitting her resignation effective March 6, 2008, as Commissioner of the 12th District and Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Wayne County Commission. (2008-69-042)

Vice-Chair Beard, supported by Commissioner Parker, moved to accept the resignation of Commissioner Kay Beard as Commissioner of the 12th District and Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Commission, and adoption of the resolution.

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

Yea -- Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, Leland, McNamara, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Beard, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2008-100]

At this point in the proceedings, Chairwoman Ware, Vice-Chair Boike, the Commissioners, and elected officials made the following remarks:

CHAIRWOMAN WARE: "I would like to make a few brief remarks myself and we have countywide elected officials with us today. I just want to take this opportunity to say thank you to Commissioner Kay Beard. She has been one of the longest serving Commissioners in the history of Wayne County Government and we all know that she has played an important role in the seventies and the eighties when we were restructuring government. She helped to form the charter and when we had payless paydays and deficits. That's what people tell me like Al Montgomery, Dr. Carter and Commissioner Blackwell. Kay has worked with

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executives and many state representatives in the governor's office. Today is really a bittersweet day for all of us here at the Wayne County Commission but we want to say thank you for helping make this County a better place.

I am going to start off with our County Executive who came up to join us. While he is on the way let's just take this opportunity before he gives his remarks to Commissioner Beard to thank and congratulate him. Tomorrow the County Executive will receive an award from the Detroit Region of Chambers on the World Trade of the Year. We say congratulations and thank you for your hard work. It's an honor for Wayne County."

COUNTY EXECUTIVE ROBERT FICANO: "Thank you Madame Chair and to the honorable members of this Commission and a special recognition to Commissioner Kay Beard. I see here that Tim Killeen is here and he may not know the history but at one time when your father Jim and I used to be in the Clerk's office, Kay would come down and give us instructions on many occasions of what she felt of some of the direction the electoral politics should be going. I can tell you this and that is we have been allies close to thirty years that I've had the privilege of knowing Kay Beard. She has been a tremendous representative of her district and it has shifted many times basically out of Western Wayne and primarily out of Westland that you have represented. In this business and in the political arena many times it's hard to find people of integrity it seems, but I can tell you Kay that you've been a person that has stepped up and not always only spoken your mind and true to your word but a person of integrity that once you said that you were going to do something, you've done it whether it was something we liked in the Executive's office or not. That was a trait that we obviously have come to admire and one that we realize that you are always speaking from your heart and speaking for your constituents that all of us deeply appreciate. You've been a very special person and I've known you for close to thirty years and realizing that you have contributed a lot to Wayne County. You have been a person that has not only stepped forward in the times that were good like in the nineties but also when there have been struggles. You have always had the best of intentions in your heart and we deeply appreciated that. On behalf of the County Executive's office and I know you have a number of other presentations to come, we thank you Commissioner Beard."

TREASURER RAYMOND WOJTOWICZ: "Thank you Madame Chair and members of the Commission. Hi Kay. The legacy that is left for us by the work of a true Democrat representative of the people of this county goes from city hall to capital hall to congressional halls exhibited by the willingness of a person who is really a representative of the people and not only of the Twelfth Commissioner District, but also a person who is truly for Wayne County. The gentle lady's a grand lady and has been for a long time. The most precious moment that I can share with all of you is the last Presidential Inaugural we had in D.C., Kay and I hope to heck we have another one. The impressions that we had was the respect that was given to the complimentary people that were there recognizing the leadership of the County of Wayne and from that particular moment on there was an ever growing legacy. Much is said and much is written of the annuals in the journals of this Commission of the accomplishments. Kay, you know they

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say that I am your boyfriend but we have established a friendship and a respect and that is the legacy of the Kay Beard, Commissioner of the Twelfth District. I am at a loss of words really. It is a bittersweet moment for all of us at this time but the beauty part of it is the true grand lady of Wayne County in her life has contributed so much and it can be an example. Kay, on behalf of all Wayne County taxpayers in their name I congratulate you and thank you for helping us do the job that we have to do. Your integrity, your spirit and your inspiration. Let it not be ever said that anybody that came to the aid were left uncalled for because you responded and over several moments of life. Thirty years. Seems like yesterday. I know that I could go on and there are other tributes that have to be done but I want all of you to know that we have an example of leadership, of debate, and the democratic process regardless of what ideology it is and the most important part is we are Wayne County exhibited by your representation for the constituents of your immediate district. Kay Beard, I don't want to hear of the resignation, etc. but you made the choice. God love you and bless you and it was reference made to the culture of the Irish. We in our culture in Eastern Europe especially the poles themselves have two words very simple, three letters a piece. The phrase is Sto lat translated means a hundred years. We sang that at your birthday so once again with your kind indulges: Sto lat! Sto lat! Niech zyje, zyje nam which means may you live a hundred years. Congratulations Kay."

CHAIRWOMAN WARE: "Kay has been the heart and soul of this Commission for thirty years and I don't know if I mentioned that earlier. Kay was first appointed to the Commission which I believe was the Board of Commissioners on April 6, 1978 and she has went through fifteen re-elections and some very amazing runs. Our next speaker the Register of Deeds, Bernard Youngblood."

REGISTER OF DEEDS BERNARD YOUNGBLOOD: "Thank you Madame Chair and the extinguished Commissioners, everyone here and the CEO's office. I came to the elected office of the Register of Deeds as a freshman. Of course, I had thirty years of business outside of becoming an elected official prior and it was fortunate that Kay and I both came at different years. I started in one century of two thousand and Kay of course had many, many years before that and that was certainly recognized as I began to look at the ends and outs of Wayne County Government. I was referred to go and run that idea to the "Beard" and not knowing at that time I expected that somewhere over here in this beautiful building there was somebody with a long white beard and much to my dismay and much with great gratitude when I did find Kay Beard it was Kay Beard that held all of that great historical information that I was able to weight when we were going to make a decision. When I came to the great Commission body to share my thoughts about the changes that could take place in the Register of Deeds office, I had better be prepared because Kay was always going to be there at her various Commission meetings to ask the hard questions so I knew preparation was in order. Kay I thank you for all of the support that you have given all of the property owners of Wayne County to bring the office to where it is and we will forever be indebted to you and we will recognize your great legacy to this county with the Kay Beard Building that stands in your name and with that as I hear the great Irish tribute for you and I hear that beautiful Irish music, I can't go on

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without sharing some words of another great Irish song that talks about the love of Ireland and father, son going off to war. So, with your permission as I warm up for my annual WJR show, I would be honored to share that song with you. It's called Oh Danny Boy and unfortunately we don't have the music here but I think in the background you may hear the pipes and the harps and it goes like this." [Mr. Youngblood rendered a selection entitled "Oh Danny Boy"].

COUNTY CLERK CATHY GARRETT: "Good Morning. The protocol has been set and I dare not call you Kay, Commissioner Beard. I simply want to say that for all of the political benchmarks that have been spoken of prior to me coming forth, I say that they are true. I have only known of you and known you for seven years. However, I marvel at the historical and political information that you have up in your head because out of seven years I often think about and I wonder how was it back thirty years ago when someone was in the political process. So, for all of the things that have been said about you, know that your legacy absolutely shall live on and know that for that absolutely everyone will say a job well done. I would like to say for you and your family may God continue to strengthen and bless you all along the way. Thank you and it's been an honor knowing you and no I will not be singing."

JUDGE MILTON MACK: "I am surprised that Commissioner Beard actually permitted for me to come here and offer my comments. I am one of the graduates of the Wayne County Commission. When I joined the Wayne County Commission in 1983, Commissioner Beard was already a veteran and I have to say that I'm actually proud of this, but I was her most difficult student. There was definitely a clash of wills in the County Commission during that period of time and what I admired about Commissioner Beard during this whole period of time was that she always smiled at me as she was making comments about the positions I was taking and how uninformed I must be to take such silly positions. I always appreciated the good humor. I know Judge Burton would like to be here today too but he is some place warm and sunny chasing golf balls this weekend and he will not be here in attendance either. He was one of our earlier fellow Commissioners. We will miss your presence on the County Commission and I will say even though I was her most difficult student, I probably moderated more during my eight years than she did. I think that's a fair statement. I think about Commissioner Beard in those days the headlines in local newspapers in Western Wayne County was started Mack versus Beard on this and Mack versus Beard on that but we always had great arguments and not that I ever persuaded her on anything but did listen attentively and smile sort of just like that waiting for me to stop. Commissioner Beard has distinguished herself as a firm advocate for what she believes in all of these thirty years and she has never been driven by personal feelings and she's never been driven by what's good for her but she's been driven by what in her view is good for the people that she represents and she has done an outstanding job at that. Even today as I sit on the bench and hear cases and I'm listening to something that I disagree with I think back to Commissioner Beard and ask myself that maybe I should listen more carefully to this person before I make my decision. You are still guiding me today on the bench and I am still reaping the benefits of the wisdom you gave me during my

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eight years on the Commission. I want to thank you for the experience and wish you the best.”

VICE-CHAIR BOIKE: “Kay such a tribute in word and song and I’ve enjoyed all of the pleasant words. Back about twenty years ago when I wanted to run for this office I was given some names to go and talk to. Ray Wojtowicz was one who I honored and enjoyed so very much. Jim Killeen who once you talk to Jim he calls you every hour on the hour and keeps you driven. There were others and then there was Kay Beard and Kay Beard told me what I got out of it came to be true and that was you work for your district, work for Wayne County and most of all don’t forget the people because that is what it is all about and make it a better place for them and their children to live. It sounds so simple but it is so basic and so true in your case and you have always done that. We are all going to miss you and you’re going to hear from everybody and it’s appropriate that I stand before you and I will have the chance to kiss you on your cheek. We’ve had our times but in the long run you have been great to work with.”

COMMISSIONER BELL: “Kay although I’ve only been here a few years you’ve been one that I’ve truly respected especially for your thorough review of the agendas, your thorough knowledge of everything that comes before us in committee as well as here at the full board meetings. I’ve always admired how active you’ve been with your community in recent years. You’re always there at NACo. You’re always everywhere where people are because you serve the people so well. I just want you to know that I respect you and admire you and we will all treasure your wisdom, your hard work and dedication to the members of this Wayne County Commission and of course your dedication to all of your constituents in Wayne County and you will be sorely missed. I think that everyone would want to say that when we all grow up we want to be just like you. So God bless you and God keep you.”

COMMISSIONER LELAND: “I am one of the newer members of the Commission, myself and Tim so I won’t be long in my remarks but I do want to say this to you Kay. You and I have both been in politics for about the same period of time and one of the things that I’ve always heard about you and even more so when I represented Inkster, Michigan in the State Senate was that you’ve got passion in your heart and love for your constituents and you’ve always treated them like family. You took care of them. They called you and you listened and that’s the kind of politician that I have really grown to love and respect. You always take them first and I think that’s one of the things you will always be remembered by. Thank you for serving the people of Wayne County. Thank you for serving my constituents when I served Inkster and I know that everybody in that community will miss you. I will always love you and always respect the kind of politician you are. You really are a class act and you are what so many people should imitate themselves after in politics. Thank you.”

COMMISSIONER BLACKWELL: “I am in my second term on this Commission and Kay Beard both my grandfather and my father had the pleasure to serve with you and one of the first things they told me when I was elected was go introduce yourself to Kay Beard. She packs a lot of wisdom and a lot of knowledge. I’ve

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also had the pleasure to sit on two committees with you and it's been a great honor and I've learned a lot. She teased me because I have two younger sons and she said hopefully I won't be around when your sons get this age because I don't want to serve on a Commission with four generations of Blackwells'. It's been an honor and a pleasure. May God bless you and if there is anything that you need of me I am one phone call away."

COMMISSIONER COX: "Commissioner Beard I'm going to miss you very much and we get to share Livonia and every time I am out in the community I hear of you and I see you. You've set a great example of what an elected official needs to do to serve their constituents and I've always had the pleasure of serving with you and like Judge Mack you and I have very different opinions on things but I've always thought very highly of you and proud to serve with you and hope you enjoy your retirement which is well deserved."

COMMISSIONER CAVANAGH: "Kay early on I learned that you mentored to me and taught me very well and Chris and kept both of us on our toes at all times by preparing for the meetings. You also taught me a lesson to always continue learning. You were constantly out in your district and always absorbing the issues and staying current. Also, going to conventions and finding out what best practices are around the state and country and taking attendance at those for the commissioners who were supposed to be there. I would like to thank you as my mentor and you gave the ninth district a big gift and after twenty years of service to Garden City I now represent Garden City and everywhere I go it's huge shoes to fill. You serve the people very well and I hope that I can live up to that. Thank you for your service and thank you for the knowledge I've gained from you."

COMMISSIONER PALAMARA: "Commissioner you have performed your duties to public servant with great pride these many years and in turn we have been very proud of you and the way you have conducted yourself. To me you will always be the dean of the Wayne County Commission. I've called you dean and done so respectfully since I've been here and there is a few of us in this room that have had to leave public service from a certain position that we weren't quite ready to do so. That may be the case today but today is also a proud day because you're doing so on your own terms and you more than deserve every praise that you receive today from every corner of this County. I am so thrilled and honored and privileged to have said that you have been my colleague and I wish you nothing but the best in your well deserved retirement. God bless you."

COMMISSIONER MCNAMARA: "My father told me to meet with you because he said you could help. I felt like I knew you because for twenty years you were the topic of conversation at every dinner table. That darn Kay Beard threw another hand grenade down here. I have enjoyed working with you and you've been so much help to me. I can't believe all the times I walked into your office and talked to you. I don't think other people in the room here know that in the last week I have seen Kay Beard at three different nighttime meetings. Winding down and slowing down is the three times that I saw her. She loved her job and good life and did such a good job. I will miss you so much. Thanks."

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COMMISSIONER PARKER: "Kay with your retirement today you make me second in seniority here and I never thought I'd be in that position. For at least seventeen years I have been that senior commissioner but I knew you before I came down here. We served on United Way when you served as Vice-Chair there and chaired committees so I not only knew you as a board member but also through the organization out there. You had the great reputation of always being concerned about the little people. The people that did not have a voice and did not have the means to speak out and you always did that wherever you were at. When I came down here and of course talked to Art Blackwell who was the Chair at that time as he told his son and I thought he would tell me to go talk to Bernard Kilpatrick or Ricardo Solomon or George Cushingberry or Jackie Currie about what to do on committees and how to do it. He said go see Kay Beard. Kay Beard is the one that can show you exactly how to do it and what to do even in the community and I did that. You may not recall this but talking to you and you were going to some funerals on a particular night. You said that's what Commissioners do. They go to funerals of people that served on Wayne County's staff. I went to about two or three funerals following behind you. I said that's a lot of work to be going out here to funerals and working all day. Then when I came to the committees I had never seen so much red and yellow on the agendas that you had gone through and read every word of it. I was reading everything and trying to do like you. I said I can't do this and soon learned that this was not the rule down here but rather you were the exception. Because of you the clerks have gotten a lot better with their spelling and the pronunciation because they know you will come in there and check on everything they did and this has made it better for all of us here. I served with you on a number of committees and both with you as the chair and me as the chair and you really have been one that always raised that question about that person that had the least or the people that needed the most health and human services. You were always concerned about the children. I think that was beautiful and you were one that was really an example of what I thought the mission really was of commissioners here. On the other side I got to know you at some of the social events and I was quite surprised for your love of jazz and your love for dancing. You like to get out there and I said that Kay has rhythm out there and cut the rug. I got to know that side of you which is very rewarding to me and of course later on we shared a suite together and I really got to know you not just as a commissioner but on a personal level. Some of the things you shared with me are still meaningful to me now and the love for your family is unquestionable. I remember you said that you discovered you had another grandchild and how much you were proud of that grandchild that you had not known most of their life. It was all on your face of that love and that joy you had and how you brought them all into your family and how you had them all over for holidays. You really are a great person and not just a great commissioner. You really have a heart that is just warm and one that I admire and going to miss. I remember having that discussion with you. You deserve this time and you have been working very hard all of your life. I hope that you are able to do all of the things you want to do. Take this time out to just enjoy some of the things and enjoy your family which I know is very important to you and to know that you have fourteen other colleagues down here who've learned from you and that we will follow in your footsteps. Thank you Kay and I love you."

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COMMISSIONER KILLEEN: “Commissioner it’s only been a little over a year now that we’ve had a chance to serve together and get to know each other. Your preparedness and sometimes when I get a call from you and you point out something I may have missed and the history that you have with the county. I guess like Commissioner McNamara I first knew of Kay Beard across the dinner table although I have a hunch that maybe the adjectives were used before in my house was different than the adjectives in the McNamara home. The incredible service that you have given the County and Kay I hope that I am able to call you and lean on you for some advice. It’s been short for us getting to know one another. Congratulations on your service to Wayne County.”

COMMISSIONER WORONCHAK: “Thank you Madame Chair. Kay, I too heard of the legendary Kay Beard years before coming to this Commission. When I first came to this Commission as a Republican I knew that I had reason to fear that legend but I found that you’ve offered me friendship and mentorship despite some of our initial differences of philosophy. You’ve taught me a lot and set high standards here and that mentorship means a lot to me. In contrast to what Judge Mack said I hope that I have been one of more attentive students. It is my intention to take the standard that you have set and adopt them myself and then to pass them along as well. I thank you for your leadership. I thank you for your friendship and I will personally miss you very much.”

COMMISSIONER VARGA: “When I first came to the Commission I appreciated the fact that Kay took me by the hand literally, especially in Washington, D.C., instilled in me the importance of attending all the workshops. I did too because I knew that she was watching. Even here I have sat in your office and discussed things and we didn’t always agree but I have always had the utmost respect for you because you did your homework and that’s something really to appreciate. I would rather work with an educated, intellectual anytime than someone who doesn’t do the work. I really appreciated that of you and to tell you the truth I knew that I didn’t have to read as closely when I read because I knew that before me you would find the mistakes and I appreciated that as well. I am going to miss you and we traded some tickets so we could have our families sit side by side and I’m going to miss that fun side of life. I love you and I respect you and God bless you.”

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: “It was truly an honor to serve three years on Audit with Kay. She was always scolding me and always trying to tell me what to do. She said Keith I finally mentored you and got you right but more importantly Kay and I have a wonderful friendship. When Kay was in the hospital I went to see her when she had an operation on her knee. She had just come out of surgery and that lady was so strong in bed with so much dignity and you could tell that she wanted to get back to work. I just told her to calm down and I would take control and when she came back she could have control. Kay, I love you and I am going to miss you and you are like a mother to me. You were like a mentor to me and a teacher but more importantly I am going to miss those red, black and blue pens. I want to wish you a happy retirement and may God continue to bless your life and I love you with all my heart.”

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VICE-CHAIR PRO TEMPORE BEARD: "This is some kind of surprise and I didn't expect everybody to be talking to me, talking at me and talking about me. I don't know whether I deserve any of this or not but it's been a fun day and I've got two of my older sons here, Ron and my middle son Don. They are not twins but somehow here or other we got rhyming names and I also have a Kevin and he's a big guy like you too. I've had three sons and two daughters in nine and one-half years. That's the baby boom generation. We really produced. As a mother I raised five kids along with my husband. I think I just have this nurturing instinct in me and there is very few that I have had to take to the woodshed and figuratively speaking because so many people said you really need to be the person that helps the new commissioners coming in because they need a grounding and I wasn't going to take their cards away from them. Even so I did my best and sometimes I really put the hammer on them if they were not doing what was appropriate at a particular time. When you get to be my age people think she is just like my mom so I will just ignore her. It's always been fun to be a commissioner because we all have the opportunity to do things that can be helpful to the people that we represent. That's the main reason that we are all here because we do all want to help. It's been so much fun for me to have so many different experiences with so many different people and the Commission. I worked well with most of you and some of you I could just give you a right cross once in a while. This has been really fun and I know you're going to enjoy the dancing and the food. We have it all Irish out there. You are all a great bunch. When we had a twenty seven member board we didn't have the opportunity to get that close as we have with the fifteen member. I happen to think that so far Bob was number one in that job and that's a hard job especially when you're dealing with fifteen of us who are all entirely different entities and as you noticed he does not come up here very much. I remember telling your dad, McNamara that he should come up here every once in a while and come and see us and see what's going on up here. He did and came to the very first one and gives me the call to come over and he said people have been wanting me to tear down that other building out on the Eloise Campus and he said that's the only one we have left and I really don't want to see that go because it is structurally very sound. I want to name it the Kay Beard Building and I stood there and my mouth just dropped and it was probably the first time in my life I couldn't talk. I didn't tell a soul about it because I figured he'd get mad at me again and it'd be all gone. About June he talked to me a couple more times about it and I said oh my God he's really going to do it. I was able to start telling my kids and my secretary but I said I am just going to wait and see because he is bound to get mad at me again because he always did. It went through and he had a lovely reception that day and it was a beautiful summer day in July. It is still there. What he said at the speech that he gave was that the only way the building would stay up was to put Kay Beard's name on it and that of course means that he figured I'd fight for it. I've given that speech to Ficano I don't know how many times and it's still there. I told him the other day that I kept running because I was nervous about whether or not he'd tear that building down. Bob you are a good guy and don't tear that building down. Thank you to every single one of you and I've never had so many wonderful things said. This is my highlight day. One of the reporters asked me when I had an unknown press conference and said what is my favorite thing that

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has happened. I said that I really didn't know and this is it. This is a wonderful day. Thank you all so much."

READING, CORRECTING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN

The Acting Clerk of the Commission advised there was no Report from the Chairwoman.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The Acting Clerk of the Commission advised there were no petitions, ordinances or resolutions.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

A. Communications from Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano:

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| To Committee on
Audit
2/15/2008 | 1. | Dated February 11, 2008 (received February 15th) transmitting 22 copies of the Wayne County Comprehensive Airport Authority Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2007. (2008-31-007) |
| To Committee on
Government
Operations
2/19/2008 | 2. | Dated February 6, 2008 (received February 15th) requesting Commission approval of a proposed settlement in the matter of Alejandro Vasquez and Irma Vasquez v Sergeant Earl L. Moore in the amount of \$40,000; Corporation Counsel has reviewed the litigation, and is of the opinion that a discussion of trial or settlement strategy in an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the County's litigation or settlement position, therefore, a Confidential Client-Counsel Session is requested; the proposed settlement will be paid out of Account No. 101 92501 911140 (Liability Payments). (2008-42-018) |
| To Committee on
Public Services
2/14/2008 | 3. | Dated December 10, 2007 (received January 31, 2008) requesting Commission approval of a retroactive amendment to an intergovernmental agreement between the Charter County of Wayne |

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and the Township of Van Buren for no additional funds to extend the agreement for an additional seven months to provide for recreational improvements in Van Buren Township; the amendment extends the term of the agreement from December 31, 2007 through July 31, 2008. (2008-60-004)

To Committee on
Ways and Means
2/18/2008

4. Dated February 14, 2008 (received February 15th) from Edith J. Killins, Director, Health and Human Services, submitting a report exploring inmate medical claims management and excess medical insurance programs, due November 1, 2007 in accordance with Enrolled Ordinance No. 2007-496 Budget Instructions, Page 9, Item 1. (2008-06-002)

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Ways and Means
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5. Dated February 15, 2008 (received February 15th) submitting the First Quarterly Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2008; the report incorporates three months of actual activity from October 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 and a financial projection for the nine months ending September 30, 2008; the report indicates that at the end of the First Quarter the General (101), Mental Health (222), Drug Enforcement (265), Law Enforcement (266), Community Development Block Grant (275), Pinnacle (278), Economic and Neighborhood Development-21st Century (280), Community Corrections (281), Victim Witness (282), Central Services (635), Circuit Court (835), and Friend of the Court (836) Funds expenditures are projected to exceed revenues; Schedules I and II relate specifically to the General Fund and give summary and detailed information about the projected deficit of \$16.54 million; Schedule I of the report shows that the deficit is the net sum of a \$3.41 million revenue shortfall and a \$13.13 million expenditure overage; Schedule II of the report shows that the General Fund revenue shortfall of \$3.41 million is primarily due to a net decrease in property taxes of \$5.08 million which is reflective of current economic conditions; also in State Grants and Contracts of there was a reduction in funding of \$0.73 million, due to a reduction in state court equity funding; Charges for Services revenue is projected at \$2.52 million less than budget as a result of reduced recording fees in the Office of the Register of Deeds; partially offsetting these revenue shortfalls are increases in Federal Grants and Contracts of \$4.45 million due to the carry forward of prior year Homeland Security grants; expenditures are projected over budget by \$13.13 million, primarily due to net cost overruns in Public Safety of \$15.22 million; Sheriff operations are projected to exceed budget by \$10.77 million, which includes \$3.07 million in retroactive salaries as a result of the Act 312 arbitration labor settlement; General Government expenditures are projected under budget by \$2.18 million due primarily to lower projected expenditures for the Register of Deeds, and Health and Welfare projects expenditure savings of \$0.45; the projected revenue deficit of \$3.41 million, when combined with the expenditure overage of \$13.13 million, nets to an expenditure overage of \$16.54 million; Schedule III contains detailed information on the County's General Fund, special revenue, debt, certain enterprise, internal service and Court funds; this schedule shows the following funds to be projected over budget: Mental Health (222) (\$27.89 million), Drug Enforcement (265) (\$0.16 million), Law Enforcement (266) (\$0.38 million), Community Development Block Grant (275) (\$0.44 million), Pinnacle (278) (\$0.76 million), Economic and Neighborhood Development-21st Century (280) (\$0.33 million), Community Corrections (281) (\$0.037 million), Victim Witness (282) (\$0.19 million), Copy Center (577) (\$0.24 million), Central Services (635) (\$0.28 million), Circuit Court (835) (\$3.36 million), and Friend of the

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Court (836) (\$4.41 million) Funds; Schedules IV, V and VI contain additional First Quarterly information formatted by Fund and Department Major category; this report includes the following six financial schedules for the year ending September 30, 2008:

- I. Summary Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures - General Fund
- II. Detailed Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures - General Fund
- III. Summary Statement of Projected Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Certain Governmental, Internal Service and Component Unit Funds
- IV. Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures - General Fund by Activity
- V. Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures - Special Revenue Funds by Activity
- VI. Statement of Projected Revenues and Expenditures - Other Funds by Activity
- A. Notes to the Second Quarter Report
- B. Filled/Vacant Position Report

(2008-31-008)

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Consideration
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- 6. Dated February 12, 2008 (received February 14th) requesting Commission approval of the appointment of Dearborn Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr., to the Wayne County Transit Authority Board, as recommended by the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW); this appointment is submitted pursuant to the Wayne County Transit Authority Articles of Incorporation, Article VI, Section 1b which states that the Wayne County Executive is empowered to appoint eight members to the Authority, with concurrence of the Wayne County Commission; Article VI, Section 1b (iii) states that three of those eight appointments shall be nominees of the CWW; currently an At-Large appointee, Mayor O'Reilly will replace former Garden City Mayor Jaylee Lynch as a CWW appointee; this appointment is effective upon Commission approval. (2008-01-003)

To Committee on
Ways and Means
2/11/2007

- 7. Dated December 7, 2007 (received January 31, 2008) requesting Commission approval of a proposed amendment to the 2007-2008 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2007-496) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 08-35-054 certifying revenue of \$149,062 in the General Fund (101), Victims of Crime Act (21504); the CEO advises that the Wayne County Clerk's Office has an agreement with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) to administer the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) program with grant funding from MDCH; the agreement was approved after the budget for FY 2007-2008 was transmitted, therefore the funds that were included in the transmission were an estimate; the actual award is \$149,062 greater than anticipated; this proposed amendment would certify these additional funds. (2008-35-054)

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| To Committee on
Government
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2/26/2008 | 8. | Dated February 11, 2008 (received February 25th) requesting Commission approval of a proposed settlement in the matter of Diana White v Wayne County, et al in the amount of \$55,000; Corporation Counsel has reviewed the litigation, and is of the opinion that a discussion of trial or settlement strategy in an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the County's litigation or settlement position, therefore, a Confidential Client-Counsel Session is requested; the proposed settlement will be paid out of Account No. 101 92501 911140 (Liability Payments). (2008-42-022) |
| To Committee on
Ways and Means
2/29/2008 | 9. | Dated February 14, 2008 (received February 18th) requesting Commission approval of a proposed amendment to the 2007-2008 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2007-496) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 08-35-078 certifying revenue of \$19,200 in the General Fund (101) Jail Medical (32610); the CEO advises that the Michigan Department of Community Health awarded funding for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to jail medical health to implement and complete an HIV/AIDS testing program; this retroactive agreement commenced on August 1, 2007 and continued through September 30, 2007; this budget adjustment serves to record the revenue awarded from this grant in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the year in which the funding will be received; the goal of the grant is to provide HIV testing to a minimum of 75% of inmates by September 30, 2008; these revenue changes were not included in the 2007-2008 adopted budget. (2008-35-078) |
| To Committee on
Public Safety,
Judiciary and
Homeland Security
2/29/2008 | 10. | Dated September 5, 2007 (received February 18th) requesting Commission approval of a retroactive, three-year contract with a one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and ETRS (of Southfield) not to exceed \$81,000 to provide the relapse prevention component of a Drunk Driver Jail Reduction Program; the CEO advises that 4 proposals were received in response to advertisements and 18 direct solicitations; after review, the Purchasing Division recommends award to ETRS as the best proponent for the program; the term of the contract is from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010; the cost of the contract will be charged to Account No. 281 32000 817000 (Community Corrections). (2007-37-225) |
| | | <p>Firm: ETRS</p> <p>Address: 29777 Telegraph Rd., Southfield, MI 48034</p> <p>Contact: Chris Lole (248) 354-3585</p> |
| To Committee on
Ways and Means
3/3/2008 | 11. | Dated January 24, 2008 (received February 7th) requesting Commission approval of a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$5,000,000 to the County General Fund, which is retained earnings by the Wayne County Treasurer from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF), a/k/a 100% Tax Payment Fund; in the event that a reserve shortfall exists within the DTRF at the time of this year's 08 Series note sale, the County Executive, through the Chief Financial Officer, will unconditionally pledge and transfer General Fund dollars up to \$5,000,000 to the DTRF in order to assist in restoring the reserve. (2008-75-001) |
| Immediate
Consideration
3/4/2008 | B. | Communication from Wayne County Commissioner Kay Beard, District 12, submitting her resignation effective March 6, 2008, as Commissioner of the 12th District and Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Wayne County Commission. (2008-69-042)
[PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. SEE PAGE 95] |

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To Committee on Audit 2/18/2008	C.	Communication dated February 13, 2008 (received February 14th) from Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Wayne County Treasurer, forwarding 15 copies of the First Quarter Investment Report for the period of October through December, 2007; this quarterly report covers the cash and investment activities of the Wayne County General Pool as required by Public Act 213 of 2007, which requires local governments to perform their investment reporting quarterly to the governing body; this investment activity for the quarter is in compliance with Wayne County's Comprehensive Investment Policy. (2008-75-002)
To Committee on Economic Development 2/18/2008	D.	Communication dated February 12, 2008 (received February 13th) from William R. Griggs, Wyandotte City Clerk, regarding the application of Ecorse Machinery for an Exemption of New Personal Property; a public hearing will be held Monday, March 3, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Wyandotte City Hall, 3131 Biddle. (2008-69-030)
To Committee on Environment, Drains and Sewers 2/18/2008	E.	Communication dated January 10, 2008 (received February 14th) from Mary F. Vangieson, Wayne County Department of Environment Resource Recovery Coordinator, Land Resource Management Division, announcing the next countywide Household Hazardous Waste collection; the collection is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Downriver Community Conference, 15100 Northline Road, Southgate. (2008-69-031)
To Committee on Health and Human Services 2/18/2008	F.	Communication dated February 11, 2008 (received February 15th) from Kurt Warner, Acting Director, Bureau of Juvenile Justice, State of Michigan Department of Human Services, approving Wayne County's 2007-2008 annual plan and budget for Child Care Fund expenditures in the amount of \$99,973,101 to be reimbursed by the State. (2008-69-032)
To Committee on Economic Development 2/19/2008	G.	Communication dated February 15, 2008 (received February 18th) from Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk, canceling the February 20, 2008 public hearing regarding the petition of General Motors Corporation to establish an obsolete Property Rehabilitation District in the area of 432 W. Baltimore St., in the City of Detroit. (2008-69-033)
	H.	Communications from Kelli Sobel, Executive Secretary of the Michigan State Tax Commission:
To Committee on Economic Development 2/20/2008	1.	Dated January 31, 2008 (received February 18th) regarding Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate No. 2000-415 for Alro Steel Corporation in the City of Livonia; the City of Livonia has requested under Section 15(3) of Act 198 of 1974, as amended, that the personal property component of the certificate be revoked; the Michigan State Tax Commission approved this revocation effective December 30, 2007. (2008-69-034)
To Committee on Economic Development 2/20/2008	2.	Dated August 27, 2007 (received February 14, 2008) regarding Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate No. 2004-456 for Digitron Packaging, Inc. in Redford Township; Redford Township has requested under Section 15(3) of Act 198 of 1974, as amended, that the personal property component of the certificate be revoked; the

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Michigan State Tax Commission approved this revocation effective December 30, 2007. (2008-69-035)

To Committee on
Environment, Drains
and Sewers
2/26/2008

- I. Communication dated February 20, 2008 (received February 25th) from the Iron County Board of Commissioners, requesting Commission support of a resolution to require users of the surface waters to financially participate in economical application fees, prompt governmental review and issuance of permits and management efforts to control aquatic nuisance species. (2008-69-036)

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the **COMMITTEE ON AUDIT** recommending the following:

1. Approval of the agreed-upon procedures report on the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Special Operations Division, Narcotics Enforcement Unit, Gun Custody Transfer to Michigan State Police; the report is dated January 23, 2008. (2008-57-808)
2. Approval of the Legislative Auditor General's 2007 Annual Report. (2008-57-806)
3. Approval of the Office of Legislative Auditor General's Financial Assessment and Recommendation report on the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan, Building Authority's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006; the report is dated September 5, 2007. (2007-57-917)
4. Approval of the Building Authority Financial Statements for the year ended September 30, 2006, and Independent Auditor's Report. (2007-31-018)

B. Report from the **COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS** recommending the following:

1. Approval of a retroactive modification to a one-year contract renewal with a remaining one-year option to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and IS Consultants, Inc. (of Canton) not to exceed \$90,000 to add a CTS 307 Network Engineer to the contract for the Department of Information Technology; the modification increases the total contract amount from \$510,000 to \$600,000; the term of the renewal remains April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008; the cost of the modification will be charged to Account No. 635 25805 815000 (Info Tech). (2005-37-012CRM1)

Firm: IS Consultants, Inc.
Address: 44968 Ford Rd., Ste. P, Canton, MI 48187
Contact: Kafeel Khan (734) 927-6951

2. Approval of a proposed settlement in the matter of Alejandro Vasquez and Irma Vasquez v Sergeant Earl L. Moore in the amount of \$40,000; Corporation Counsel has reviewed the litigation, and is of the opinion that a discussion of trial or settlement strategy in an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the County's litigation or settlement position, therefore, a Confidential Client-Counsel

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Session is requested and held; the proposed settlement will be paid out of Account No. 101 92501 911140 (Liability Payments). (2008-42-018)

C. Report from the **COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS** recommending the following:

1. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2007-2008 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2007-496) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 08-35-002 certifying revenue of \$2,539,118 in the Law Enforcement Fund (266); the CEO advises that the Wayne County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, a portion of which is to be distributed to 15 County communities; the funds are to be used for projects or initiatives that will improve law enforcement in the region, such as technology upgrades, training or equipment; this award had not been secured in time for it to be included in the FY 2007-2008 Budget. (2008-35-002)
2. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2007-2008 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2007-496) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 08-35-078 certifying revenue of \$19,200 in the General Fund (101) Jail Medical (32610); the CEO advises that the Michigan Department of Community Health awarded funding for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to jail medical health to implement and complete an HIV/AIDS testing program; this retroactive agreement commenced on August 1, 2007 and continued through September 30, 2007; this budget adjustment serves to record the revenue awarded from this grant in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the year in which the funding will be received; the goal of the grant is to provide HIV testing to a minimum of 75% of inmates by September 30, 2008; these revenue changes were not included in the 2007-2008 adopted budget. (2008-35-078)
3. Approval of a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$5,000,000 to the County General Fund, which is retained earnings by the Wayne County Treasurer from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF), a/k/a 100% Tax Payment Fund; in the event that a reserve shortfall exists within the DTRF at the time of this year's 08 Series note sale, the County Executive, through the Chief Financial Officer, will unconditionally pledge and transfer General Fund dollars up to \$5,000,000 to the DTRF in order to assist in restoring the reserve. (2008-75-001)
4. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2006-2007 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2006-692) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 07-35-414 transferring appropriations in the amount of \$1,201,419 in the General Fund (101); the CEO advises that this final budget adjustment of the year is being proposed in order to address several expenditure variances; this proposed amendment will increase the appropriation for the County Commission by \$810,822 and the County Executive appropriation by \$390,597 to mostly offset increased building costs; subsequently, non-departmental appropriation will be reduced by \$1,201,419, realized from operational savings in order to counterbalance the proposed appropriation increases; overall these changes will not impact final total appropriations for the year ending 09/30/2007; these changes in appropriations are the result of an accounting methodology change and were not included in the 2006-2007 adopted budget. (2007-35-414)

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TESTIMONIAL RESOLUTIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

1. By Commissioner Cox honoring the following individuals for academic achievement and earning a GED Certificate:

Theodore Storm
Patrick Young
Julius McCants
Jomiah Washington
Anton Mills
Nick Jadczak
Anthony Tyler

2. By Commissioner Cox honoring the following individuals for their achievement and outstanding effort over the last year in the Western Wayne Care Management Organization:

James McCormick **Adam Vega**

3. By Commissioner Cox honoring the following individuals for their dedication to Aftercare & Residential Treatment:

Ashley Holland **Linda Langford**

4. By Commissioner Cox honoring the following individuals for their dedication to the Community Intervention & Treatment:

Stephanie Watt **Mariah Mikesell**

5. By Commissioner Ware honoring **Muhammad Tariq Malik** for being a public servant and advocate of freedom, justice, and peace in the world.

6. By Commissioner Cavanagh honoring **Robert Houff** upon the celebration of his 70th Birthday.

7. By Commissioner Beard honoring the following Elementary Schools for their D.A.R.E. Graduations:

Cooper Elementary School (West House)
Cooper Elementary School (East House)
Johnson Elementary School (House One)
Johnson Elementary School (House Two)

8. By Commissioner Williams honoring **Apostle Clarence Langston** for being the founder of Word in Action Christian Center.

9. By Commissioner Woronchak honoring **Patrick Carney** for receiving the Volunteer of the Year 2008 Award.

10. By Commissioner Cox honoring **Angela Firth** for winning 1st Place in the Wayne County Parks Photography Contest.

11. By Commissioner Cox honoring **Brian J. Jones** for winning 2nd Place in the Wayne County Parks Photography Contest.

12. By Commissioner Cox honoring **Brian J. Andonian** for winning 3rd place in the Wayne County Parks Photography Contest.

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13. By Commissioner Cox honoring **Christopher A. Wigent** for being selected as Director of the New Wayne County RESA.
14. By Commissioner McNamara honoring **Chesley Odom** for receiving the “Man of the Year” award at St. Anthony’s Church in Belleville for his community and church volunteer work.
15. By Commissioner McNamara honoring **Susan McDaniel** for being recognized as the “2008 School Social Worker of the Year” by the Michigan Association of School Social Workers.
16. By Commissioner McNamara honoring **Katie Kuder** for achieving runner-up in the 28th Annual Earl Chorbagan Spelling Bee.
17. By Commissioner McNamara honoring the following individuals for being “Outstanding Musicians” in the Van Buren School District:

Janaya Baker – Haggerty Elementary School
Jacob Losen – Belleville High School
Mari Skinner – Savage Elementary
Elizabeth Trevorow – South Middle School
Alexyia Yost – Edgemont Elementary
Alexa Porcaro – Tyler Elementary School
Andre Cranford – Elwell Elementary School
Quintin German – Rawsonville Elementary School
Emily Verde – North Middle School
18. By Commissioner Cox honoring **George McCallister** upon the celebration of his 100th Birthday.

Commissioner Williams, supported by Vice-Chair Boike, moved approval of the proposed Journal of the Fourth Day Organization Session held February 21, 2008, as presented with any necessary additions, deletions or corrections as appropriate, to be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission within five days, moved to refer and/or place on file the foregoing communications as indicated, moved approval of Communication Item No. 6, moved approval of Report A items 1 thru 4, moved approval of Report B items 1 and 2, moved approval of Report C items 1, 2 and 4, and moved approval of the Testimonial Resolutions and Certificates of Appreciation, and adoption of the seven resolutions and three proposed amendments to the Appropriations Ordinance.

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

Yea -- Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, Leland, McNamara, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware – 14
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution Nos. 2008-101 thru 2008-107 and Enrolled Ordinance Nos. 2008-108 thru 2008-110]

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Acting Clerk of the Commission advised of the next Committee and Commission meetings.

At this point in the proceedings, Chairwoman Ware acknowledged Al Montgomery, who was in attendance.

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 presented a resolution to Tariq Malik, Department of Information Technology following which Mr. Tariq Malik gave remarks.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Parker, supported by Vice-Chair Boike, nominated and appoint by acclamation Ronaele Bowman as Wayne County Commissioner of the 12th District.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea --	Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, Leland, McNamara, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 14
Nay --	None
Abstain --	None
Not Voting --	None
Excused --	None

Commissioner Varga, supported by Commissioner Parker, moved to close nominations.

The motion prevailed by voice vote.

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There being no other nominations, **Chairwoman Ware proceeded to announce that Ronaele Bowman, having received the unanimous vote of the members serving, was duly appointed Wayne County Commissioner of the 12th District, and the resolution was thereby adopted by the following Affirmative Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, Leland, McNamara, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 14
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2008-111]

COMMISSIONER BOWMAN: “I am very humbled by this opportunity and first and foremost would like to thank my mentor and friend of many years, probably of over fifteen years, Commissioner Kay Beard who has really led by dignity and integrity and has been a terrific role model for me. I also would like to thank all the Commissioners for their vote of confidence today. That means very much to me and of course my family for the support they’re giving me because we had talked about retiring a couple years ago and it doesn’t look like I will be retiring hopefully not for a long time. I really do appreciate this and I pledge my work in carrying out the tradition of Commissioner Beard in District Twelve and my support for the people of Westland and part of Livonia and all of Inkster. Although Commissioner Beard has small feet, she has very big shoes to fill and this is going to be a big challenge and I am on to the challenge. I am up to the challenge and I am looking forward to this and thank you all very much.”

Commissioner Palamara, supported by Commissioner Williams, nominated Commissioner Laura Cox as Vice-Chair Pro Tempore of the Wayne County Commission.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Bowman, Cavanagh, Cox, Killeen, Leland, McNamara, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

Commissioner Varga, supported by Commissioner Parker, moved to close nominations.

The motion prevailed by voice vote.

PROPOSED

There being no other nominations, **Chairwoman Ware proceeded to announce that Commissioner Laura Cox, 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 Bell, Blackwell, Bowman, Cavanagh, Killeen, Leland, McNamara, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Cox, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2008-112]

VICE-CHAIR PRO TEMPORE COX: "Thank you Madame Chair. I just want to thank all of my colleagues and for my new colleague for your support today and I hope to serve you proud and today's about Kay. Thank you very much."

3. Approval of a resolution authorizing the transfer of \$5,000,000 to the County General Fund, which is retained earnings by the Wayne County Treasurer from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF), a/k/a 100% Tax Payment Fund; in the event that a reserve shortfall exists within the DTRF at the time of this year's 08 Series note sale, the County Executive, through the Chief Financial Officer, will unconditionally pledge and transfer General Fund dollars up to \$5,000,000 to the DTRF in order to assist in restoring the reserve. (2008-75-001)

Commissioner Parker, supported by Commissioner Varga, moved approval of Report C item 3, and adoption of the resolution.

Following discussion by the Commissioners with Kevin Haney, Department of Management and Budget, **Chairwoman Ware requested a vote on adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:**

Yea -- Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Bowman, Cavanagh, Killeen, Leland, McNamara, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Cox, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2008-113]

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RESOLUTIONS IN MEMORIAM

1. By Commissioner Ware in memory of **Benazir Bhutto**.
2. By Commissioner Cox in memory of **Robert E. Osborn**.

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.

RECONSIDERATIONS

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:

PRESENT: Commissioners Bell, Blackwell, Bowman, Cavanagh, Killeen, Leland, McNamara, Palamara, Parker, Varga, Williams, Woronchak, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Cox, Vice-Chair Boike, Chairwoman Ware -- 15

EXCUSED: None

A quorum being present, Commissioner Parker, supported by Commissioner Leland, moved adjournment. The motion prevailed, the time being 12:04 p.m., and Chairwoman Ware declared the Commission adjourned until Thursday, March 20, 2008.

Joyua A. Bouldes
Acting Clerk of the Commission

JB:dl