

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

23 MAPLE DRIVE SPECIAL MEETING/SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

The special meeting of the Prairie Township Board of Trustees which was posted in three places in the Township, was called to order by the Chairperson Mr. Wharton, with Mr. Stormont, Ms. Keller and Ms. Montag present. Also attending was: Mr. Hatmaker.

The purpose of the meeting to discuss Township public safety operations and related procedures and to take any actions deemed necessary or desirable in connection therein.

Mr. Wharton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wharton expressed his condolences to the families who have suffered by the tragedy. Mr. Wharton asked everyone to join him in a moment of silence.

Mr. Hatmaker gave an outline for the Westland Public Safety Task Force. Mr. Hatmaker will be working with the Hispanic coalition, Franklin Township Trustees, Franklin County and Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Hatmaker gave a list of goals and objectives which are to overcome cultural barriers, understand each other's expectations and to seek common ground for communications, establish on-going dialogue amongst everyone, make public safety agencies accessible to all members of the community, improve the ability of public safety personnel to communicate with all residents.

Mr. Hatmaker introduced Mr. Jeffrey La Rue with Franklin County Board of Commissioners. Mr. La Rue gave an overview of what the Commissioners office Immigrant and Refugee Task Force responsibilities and services available.

Mr. Hatmaker introduced Mr. Ezra Escudero with the State of Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. Mr. Escudero gave an overview of what CHLA services are available.

Mr. Hatmaker requested the Board to approve attending meetings and to participate with task forces to accomplish the goals and objectives.

Mr. Wharton moved, Ms. Keller seconded the Board to approve attending meetings and to participate with task forces to accomplish the goals and objectives.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Clerk