

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2021

PRESENT: Comm. Stimpson, Bales, Bolton, Collins, Goetz, Jenkins-Arno, Lapham, Tillotson, and Wittenbach

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Holtz, Burke Castleberry, Jennifer Ambrose, Jenny Escott, Bill Swift, Jeremy Burns, Bryan Winder, Heidi Cannon, Jeff Ewald, Juanita Kelley, Craig Tanis, Erin Van Dyke, Martin Marshall, Kim Murphy, Rebecca Borton, and Roxann Holloway.

The meeting was opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comm. Collins moved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2021, meeting, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson move to accept the agenda with additions, seconded by Comm. Goetz. Motion CARRIED.

Communications were read.

Comm. Collins moved to approve the following consent agenda items, Comm. Bales seconded,

**Board Appointments**

**Region 2 Area Agency on Aging – 3 year term**

Marcia Boynton 4/22

**Jury Board – 6 year term**

Lou Ann Bluntschly-Brazee 4/27

APPOINTMENTS are hereby CONFIRMED

**District Court-Magistrate Reclassification:** The reclassify of the District Court Magistrate to the NU-75CT15 pay grade is hereby APPROVED.

**Airport Succession Plan:** The anti-nepotism policy is hereby WAIVED, and the reclassification of Thomas Kendziora and Ashley Malak are hereby APPROVED.

**Probate Court Reorganization:** The reorganize of Probate Court including reducing Hearing Referee position to part time and creating a new part time Probate Register I position is hereby APPROVED.

**Prosecuting Attorney's Office Reclassification:** The reclassification of the Legal Secretary I to a Legal Secretary II within the Prosecuting Attorney's Office is hereby APPROVED.

**Revenue Sharing Resolution**

**RES#2021-16**

**WHEREAS**, in 2004, a deal between county governments and the State of Michigan created a property tax collection shift which would provide for revenue sharing funds to the Counties while not relying on the State's general fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the proceeds from the property tax shift were put in a County Revenue Sharing

Reserve Fund whereby a county could obtain an annual revenue sharing payment; and  
**WHEREAS**, in 2005 state revenue sharing payments were discontinued to counties, relieving the State Budget of \$183 million in annual state revenue sharing payments to counties, with the promise and agreement that once a county exhausted their County Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund, the state revenue sharing payments would be restored to that county at their full funding amount; and

**WHEREAS**, Lenawee County's Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund was exhausted in 2011; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties, through extensive research, has identified 60 Michigan counties that have received less than the statutorily required amount of state revenue sharing payments since County Revenue Sharing Reserve Funds were exhausted; and  
**WHEREAS**, with the influx of American Rescue Plan funds to the State of Michigan, there are sufficient funds available to make counties whole with regard to State Revenue Sharing payment shortfalls; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike Lenawee County's allocation from the American Rescue Plan, the payment of the State Revenue Sharing shortfall will not be restricted to COVID-19 related expenses thereby making it eligible for critical infrastructure projects, pension fund, or OPEB contributions and other expenditures.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the State of Michigan to fulfill its statutory obligations with regard to State Revenue Sharing payments for all 60 Michigan counties identified by the Michigan Association of Counties that received less than their statutory required amounts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor of the State of Michigan, Senator Dale Zorn, Representatives Bronna Kahle and Sarah Lightner, and all affected Michigan Counties for their consideration and action.

Resolution #2021-16 is hereby ADOPTED.

**Airport/MDOT Contract:** The MDOT Contract #2021-0595 is hereby APPROVED.

**Authorized Signatory-Stimpson**

**RES#2021-12**

**WHEREAS**, the process of developing and upkeep of the Lenawee County Airport with federal and state financial assistance requires the execution of sponsor contracts for approved projects between the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, Adrian, Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation, Lansing, Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners shall enter into sponsor contracts for specific development/upkeep projects at the Lenawee County Airport for the purposes of obtaining aid.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Chairperson of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, David Stimpson is hereby authorized and directed to execute said sponsor contracts on behalf of the County of Lenawee, Michigan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this authorization remain in effect for one year unless reassigned by the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners prior to the expiration.

Resolution #2021-12 is hereby ADOPTED.

**Authorized Signatory-Malak RES#2021-13**

**WHEREAS**, the process of developing and upkeep of the Lenawee County Airport with federal and state financial assistance requires the execution of sponsor contracts for approved projects

between the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, Adrian, Michigan and the Michigan Department of Transportation, Lansing, Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners shall enter into sponsor contracts for specific development/upkeep projects at the Lenawee County Airport for the purposes of obtaining aid.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Airport Manager, Joe Malak, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said sponsor contracts on behalf of the County of Lenawee, Michigan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this authorization remain in effect for one year unless reassigned by the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners prior to the expiration.

Resolution #2021-13 is hereby ADOPTED.

**EGLE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**

**RES#2021-14**

**WHEREAS**, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners understands the importance of recycling and the impact it has on our community, environment, and our economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognized our community's challenges and has made known its intent to provide recycling opportunities for all county residents by establishing a centrally located Lenawee County Recycling Drop Off Site; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Drop Off Site has diverted an average of 500 tons of materials from landfills on an annual basis, which amounts to approximately 22% of the residential recycling materials collected in Lenawee County; and

**WHEREAS**, while the compactors remain in good condition, an additional compactor and upgrades to the existing chutes will minimize jamming due to over-sized objects being deposited, compaction cycles will be regulated, and recycling will continue to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, these improvements will provide a safe and efficient collection site and offer a more consistent service to all residents thereby encouraging the continuation of recycling efforts; while realizing a cost savings to the County through maintenance personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, upgrades and improvements to our recycling drop off site will also increase the amount of materials diverted from landfills, cut green-house gas emissions by reducing transportation and avoiding the use of virgin materials for manufacturing; and add to the statewide recycling rate goal of 45 percent statewide by 2025.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners approves applying for EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant funding and hereby approves a local match in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Resolution #2021-14 is hereby ADOPTED.

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PART 115 SUPPORT**

**RES#2021-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has been working with a wide range of stakeholders to substantially update and amend Part 115, Michigan's solid waste statute, to prioritize sustainable materials management, specifically the recovery and diversion of discarded materials for productive use;

**WHEREAS**, Lenawee County's last Solid Waste Plan was updated and approved in 1993 and is long overdue for an update. Lenawee County would receive funding to facilitate a new planning process, in which all pertinent local stakeholders would work to update the county's plan under the updated system. Plans will be required to show how progress will be made to meet established benchmark recycling standards and State recycling goals based on the needs and interests of the county as determined by local participants. These new plans will be

designated as Materials Management Plans, reflecting the shift in priorities to reduce the disposal of resources;

**WHEREAS**, Part 115 updates aim to support sustainable materials management methodologies such as recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, and other beneficial utilization activities, by:

- Incentivizing counties to set recycling goals and plan for holistic discards management.
- Consider and plan for the development of facilities necessary to manage these materials in ways that protect human health and the environment, as well, as making materials available for remanufacturing.
- Making funding available with the goal of tripling Michigan's recycling rate.

The funding would cover:

- o County Materials Management Planning,
- o Recycling infrastructure development,
- o Development of markets for recyclable materials, and
- o Education to help residents use recycling systems effectively.

**WHEREAS**, Lenawee County recycles less than 13% of its municipal waste stream and would benefit from a fresh take on waste, funded planning, and state grants, including funding for:

- Improved recycling infrastructure and services
- Public education

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 588 enrolled in the 2018 Legislative makes annual funding available to support the amendments proposed to Michigan Solid Waste Laws;

**ACCORDINGLY**, it is hereby resolved that the County of Lenawee supports the substantial update of Michigan solid waste laws, Part 115, for the advancement of local, county, regional, and state recycling goals and county materials management planning.

Resolution #2021-15 is hereby **ADOPTED**.

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Motion to approve the consent agenda **CARRIED** by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the following proclamation, Comm. Collins seconded,

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK**

**PRO#2021-005**

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating "National Correctional Officers' Week" And the first full week in May has since been recognized to honor the work of correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, the duties of a correctional officer continue to become increasingly complex and demanding, as they are called to fill custodial, supervisory, and counseling roles.

**WHEREAS**, Correctional officers are highly trained individuals that remain vigilant to meet any challenge and they are deserving of our respect, our gratitude, and our praises. The men and women working in corrections truly make a difference in our community.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and proclaim the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as **Correctional Officers' Week**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners take this opportunity to let our local Correction Officers know how much we appreciate them and all that they do!

We understand the personal sacrifice and commitment that you make each and every day working as correction professionals.

Motion to approve CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Comm. Collins moved to approve the following proclamation, Comm. Bolton seconded,

**POLICE OFFICERS WEEK**

**PRO#2021-006**

**WHEREAS**, in 1962 President Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to be “National Peace Officers Memorial Day” and has designated the week this date falls within as “National Police Week”, and

**WHEREAS**, members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Lenawee County for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We also recognize and honor the sacrifices made by their families as each day they face the uncertainty of their loved one’s return home, and;

**WHEREAS**, Lenawee County and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling through civil disorder, or a natural disaster. We rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local sheriff, police officers, and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state;

**WHEREAS**, we pray for the safety and protection of all 800,000 plus sworn Law Enforcement Officers being vigilant throughout our county and great nation despite nearly half a million violent crimes committed each year

**WHEREAS**, we publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our county, as well as, those of our state and nation, and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

**IN ADDITION**, we honor all the 22,611 Officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice during the discharge of their duty from our community and nationwide, including two hundred and sixty-four officers during the 2020 year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, 2020 was one of the deadliest years for law enforcement offices in decades with 172 health-related causes of death; 145 of these were COVID-19 related. Thirty-three were from the State of Michigan, totaling 616 since 1791, the first recorded police death in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners remember and honor the ultimate sacrifice that the following 8 Lenawee

County Officers have made: **Adrian City Police Officers Dennis Lyons and Bobby Williams**

**Clayton Village Constable Richard Teske**

**Lenawee County Sheriff Deputy Stanley Hoisington**

**MI State Troopers Calvin Jones, Dugald Pellot, Rodger Adams, and Byron Erickson**



*We will never forget the officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice and their families.*

**WHEREAS**, Lenawee County’s fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to our communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for choosing a noble career and protecting the public safety.

**WHEREAS**, on May 15<sup>th</sup> we humbly request that flags throughout the County be flown at half-staff to commemorate “Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Day” and to honor those who are serving our County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as “**Police Officer Week**” in Lenawee County and calls upon the citizens in the community to show our sincere appreciation and support for the police officers of Lenawee County by deed, remark, and attitude; and to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Motion to approve CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Comm. Lapham reported from the Information Technology/Equalization Committee.

Comm. Bales reported from the Human Services Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Rules & Appointments Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

Comm. Lapham reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Personnel/Ways & Means Committee.

Comm. Collins moved to approve a \$200 stipend to all county employees who become fully vaccinated by July 31, 2021, Comm. Goetz seconded, Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS (5) Comm. Bales, Collins, Goetz, Stimpson, Wittenbach. NAYS (4) Comm. Bolton, Jenkins-Arno, Lapham, Tillotson.

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve April 15 – May 6, 2021, total vouchers for payment in the amount \$4,087,513.79, with the general fund’s portion being \$510,292.09, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from Parks & Recreation.

Comm. Bales reported from the Road Commission.

Comm. Lapham reported from the Department of Health and Human Services.

Comm. Lapham reported from the Lenawee Department of Aging.

Comm. Goetz reported from the Solid Waste Committee.

Comm. Bales reported from the Airport Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from Michigan Works.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the CMHPSM.

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from MAC – General Government.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business: There was no new business.

Jeremy Burns, from Rollin Township, addressed the board regarding the American Recue Plan Funds. He encouraged the board to consider utilizing some of the infrastructure funds for High Speed Internet Services for citizens that do not currently have access.

Comm. Collins shared information regarding the new Veteran's Clinic. The clinic will be located in Adrian. This will be an important benefit for veterans. They will no longer have to travel out of town for diagnosis and treatments. Tentatively, the clinic could open late summer or early fall. He will share more information as he receives it.

Comm. Tillotson moved to adjourn at 2:11 P.M. Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

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Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

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David Stimpson, Chair