

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

PRESENT: Comm. Van Doren, Bales, Bolton, Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny, Martis, Stimpson, and Tillotson

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Connor, Gail Dunaway, Michael Buku, Jeff Ewald, Brett White, David Aungst, Rodney Lippens, Sheriff Bevier, Corrine Perdue, Mark Haag, Carrie Dillon, Jenny Escott, Carolyn Bater, Erin Van Dyke, Deborah Comstock Ken Tokarz, Victoria Powell, Ian Wendt, Jackie Wyse, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliot and Roxann Holloway

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

Comm. Bales moved to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2022, regular meeting, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Martis moved to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2023, organizational meeting, Comm. Collins seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve the agenda, as amended, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Communications: Communications were read.

Limited Public Comment was opened for any agenda item.  
There were no public comments.

Comm. Bolton moved to adopt the following proclamation, Comm. Bales seconded.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH** **PRO#2023-001**

**WHEREAS**, providing for the education of Michigan's school-aged children is a fundamental duty of state government, as stated in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

**WHEREAS**, the education of our youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

**WHEREAS**, locally-elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Michigan's public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, our 82 local board members contribute hundreds of hours each year leading their districts- whether it is by deliberating important decisions about curriculum; adopting policies; hiring top notch personnel and administrators; listening to staff, parent, and student concerns; or recognizing outstanding programs- board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21<sup>st</sup> Century knowledge economy, and

**WHEREAS**, local school board members are exceptional people who tackle the enormous job of governing school districts, and demonstrate, to the nearly 15,000 K-12 students in Lenawee County, the high character of civic duty and responsibility that all citizens should engage; and

**WHEREAS**, Local School Board Member Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of women and men who champion the cause of public education as board members, their schools, and the communities they serve.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners recognize the contributions of the local boards of education to the academic success of public school students, and express its sincerest appreciation for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the county; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners proclaims January 2023 as *Local School Board Member Recognition Month* in Lenawee County, and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize dedicated local school board members.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Sheriff Bevier recognized retiring Lt./Dispatch Direct David Aungst and Correction Officer Rodney Lippens for their many years of service and dedication to the Lenawee County Sheriff's Department.

Emergency Management Director Craig Tanis presented the draft Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Comm. Tillotson moved to accept the Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan and have it available for the 30-day public comment period, Comm. Stimpson seconded. Motion CARRIED.

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

**Prosecuting Attorney Request:** The reclassification of the Prosecutor's salary to \$139,900.00 once corporate counsel has been selected is APPROVED.

**District Court Sobriety/Enhance Treatment Grant Agreements:** The FY23 grant agreements for Sobriety and Mental Health courts are APPROVED; and the Chair AUTHORIZED to sign on behalf of the County.

**FOIA Software:** The purchase of NextRequest Software in the amount of \$10,776.00 to from the IT Division of the Capital Fund for the 2023 year is APPROVED.

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

Comm. Martis reported from the Rules & Appointments Committee.

Comm. Martis moved to approve the 2023 Standing Committee Appointments as presented, Comm. Collins seconded. Discussion followed. Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS (5) Comm. Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny, Martis and Van Doren. NAYS (4) Comm. Bales, Bolton, Stimpson and Tillotson.

Comm. Martis moved to approve the 2023 Board Appointments as presented, Comm. Krasny seconded. Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS (6) Comm. Bolton, Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny, Martis and Van Doren. NAYS (3) Comm. Bales, Stimpson and Tillotson.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

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

Comm. Collins moved to postpone action on hiring corporate counsel until the February 7, 2023, Personnel Ways and Means Meeting, Comm. Martis seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Collins moved to postpone the vote on rescinding the administrator's contract to the March 7, 2023, Personnel Ways and Means Meeting, after selecting corporate counsel and corporate counsel having the opportunity to review said contract, Comm. Jenkins-Arno seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Collins moved to place a hiring freeze on the positions contained in the Administrator's budget other than the Human Resources position until the February 7, 2023, Personnel Ways and Means Meeting, Comm. Krasny seconded. Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS (5) Comm. Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny, Martis and Van Doren. NAYS (4) Comm. Bales, Bolton, Stimpson and Tillotson.

Comm. Martis moved to authorize the Administrator up to \$5,000 to rent sufficient equipment for temporary sound system, to improve audio, Comm. Jenkins-Arno seconded. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

#### December 21, 2022-

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount \$5,335,655.53 with the general fund's portion being \$685,651.09, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Discussion held regarding General Funds Adjustments.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Comm. Bales reported from the Road Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Health and Human Services Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Veterans Affairs Board.

#### Unfinished Business:

##### Project Phoenix-

Comm. Collins moved to end Project Phoenix, seconded by Comm. Martis. Discussion followed. Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS (6) Comm. Bales, Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny, Martis and Van Doren. NAYS: (3) Comm. Bolton, Stimpson and Tillotson.

Comm. Krasny moved to instruct the County Administrator to seek an appraisal for the Lenawee Community Complex site, Comm. Collins seconded. Discussion followed. Comm. Krasny rescinded his motion and referred this item back to the Physical Resources Committee.

Comm. Bolton requested that the chair reconsider the appointments of the Standing Committees to assure that all nine districts are represented fairly.

Comm. Van Doren announced that he is appointing a sub-committee to work with the administrator, regarding the hiring freeze, to discuss the new positions and how they will interact within the county.

Comm. Van Doren appointed the following to the subcommittee: Comm. Jenkins-Arno, Comm. Collins, Comm. Krasny and Comm. Bolton. The subcommittee will report back to the Personnel and Ways & Means Committee, at the February meeting. Discussion followed.

New Business: None

Public Comment:

Public comment was received by the following:

Chris Connor- Adrian Township

Deb Comstock- Palmyra Township

Ken Tokarz- Adrian City

Administrator Murphy announced that commissioner pictures will be taken at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, prior to the regular meeting.

Comm. Collins requested that the item of Commissioner's Comments be added to future agendas.

Comm. Tillotson moved to adjourn at 2:58 P.M. Comm. Krasny seconded. Motion CARRIED.

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Roxann Holloway, Clerk

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James E. Van Doren, Chair