

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

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

ABSENT: Comm. Krasny

ALSO PRESENT: John Tuckerman, Ben Ricker, Gordon Gauss, Cara Snyder, Dawn Finney, Bethany Teague, JR Hammerle, Kara Muck, Matthew Turgeon, Don Powel, Judi Gilmore, Deborah Comstock, Paul Wohlfarth, Troy Bevier, Todd Gillman, Lynn Punnett, Thomas Kendziora, Wendy Chetkovich, Ian Wendt (WLEN), Mary Lowe (Telegram), John Gillooly, Shannon Elliott, Kim Murphy and Roxann Holloway

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

Comm. Bolton to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023, regular meeting, Comm. Bales seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Bolton to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2023, special meeting, Comm. Collins seconded. Motion CARRIED.

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

Communications: None

Limited Public Comment was opened for any agenda item.

There were no public comments.

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

Board Appointments: The following appointments are CONFIRMED:

Lenawee Department on Aging - 3 year term

Jeff Dicenzo, Adrian (Senior Network) 9/25

District Library Board

Cathleen Thielan– At Large 12/25

Region 2 Planning Commission

Roger Johnson, Deerfield Township – At Large 12/23

Kenyon Calender, Cambridge Township – At Large 12/25

Scott Peters, Adrian – At Large 12/25

Corporate Counsel: Authorization to hire Garan, Lucow, Miller, PC to serve as corporate counsel for Lenawee County is APPROVED.

LENAWEE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Authorization of Transitional Matters

RES#2023-001

WHEREAS, this Commission, on behalf of the County, has, together with the City of Adrian, incorporated the Lenawee Public Transportation Authority (the “Authority”) as a public transportation authority pursuant to Act 196, Public Acts of Michigan, 1986, as amended, for the purpose of operating a transportation system in the County (the “System”); and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Commission that all assets of the System be owned by the Authority, and that all agreements, rights, obligations and operations of the System be under the control and responsibility of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, prior to the incorporation of the Authority, certain assets, agreements, rights and obligations of the System were, and may currently be, owned, operated or otherwise controlled by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to take, or to authorize officials of the County to take, such additional actions as shall be necessary or appropriate to transfer and assign such assets, agreements, rights, obligations and operations to the Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Assignment and Transfer of System. All rights, obligations, agreements, assets and liabilities of the County in connection with the System, including, but not limited to, title to equipment and property, operating and vendor contracts, grant awards and agreements, are hereby assigned and transferred to the Authority.
2. Authorization of Further Actions: Transitional Matters. The County Administrator, Clerk, Treasurer, and any other necessary officers, employees, attorneys and agents of the County are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver, on behalf of the County, such agreements, certificates and documents, and to take all other action as may be necessary or appropriate to effect the assignments and transfers described in paragraph 1 hereof or to implement the purposes of this resolution. The Commission acknowledges that the transfer and transition of the System to the Authority may involve a substantial number of operational, capital, personnel, financial and other matters and therefore intends that the provision of this resolution be interpreted broadly to provide such authority and direction to the County’s officers, employees, attorneys and agents as shall be necessary or appropriate to accomplish such transfer and transition.
3. Ratification: Rescission. All of the activities and actions of the Commission and County employees, officers and agents done prior to the date of this resolution in furtherance of the goals, intent and directives of this resolution are hereby ratified to the extent they are consistent with this resolution and law. All other resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Resolution #RES2023-001 is ADOPTED.

AIRPORT RESCUE GRANT

MDOT/Airport Subgrant #ADG-13222 Authorization

RES#2023-002

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 (full text on file) 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, Jim E. Van Doren is hereby authorized and directed to execute said sponsor contracts on behalf of the County of Lenawee, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized to impress the official seal to attest said execution.

MDOT SUBGRANT NO. ADG-13222 referred to herein shall be attached

GRANT DESCRIPTION: Airport Rescue Grant Agreement American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021

Federal Share: \$32,000

Maximum MDOT Share: \$0

SPONSOR Share: \$0

Resolution #2023-002 is ADOPTED.

Pollution Insurance Renewal: Payment to Kapnick Insurance in the amount of \$15,637 for the renewal of the County's pollution insurance coverage is AUTHORIZED.

**HONORING THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
on its 125th Anniversary**

RES#2023-003

WHEREAS, Michigan's 83 county governments play a central role in the proper delivery of, and oversight for, critical public services for the state's approximately 10 million residents; and

WHEREAS, Michigan county governments are led by Boards of Commissioners, who are elected from their communities; and

WHEREAS, the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan was formed by representatives of 16 counties on February 1, 1898, in the Senate chamber of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the association's name was changed to the Michigan Association of Counties on July 17, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties is the oldest association representing local governments in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, 48 of Michigan's 83 counties have had at least one of their commissioners (or supervisors prior to 1968) serve as president of the association's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the association created the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund in 1979 to help county members provide workplace safety and injury insurance services to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the association created the Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation in 1986 to partner with service providers to help counties save money on everything from health insurance to telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, the association hosts two major conferences every year to bring together county leaders for briefings on trending public policy issues and to hear from state newsmakers and others; and

WHEREAS, the association's advocacy work in Lansing and beyond has advanced the interests of county governments and the residents they serve; and

WHEREAS, no fewer than five association presidents have served or are serving in the Michigan Legislature in the 21st century, a testament to the culture of public service inculcated by the association

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Lenawee County wishes to commend and honor the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary year.

Resolution #2023-003 is ADOPTED.

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

Comm. Jenkins-Arno reported from the Information Technology/Equalization Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Human Services Committee.

Comm. Martis reported from the Rules & Appointments Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

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

Comm. Collins moved to remove the hiring freeze of the Administrator's positions, Comm. Tillotson seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Collins reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

January 12, 2023-

Comm. Collins moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount \$3,110,877.35 with the general fund's portion being \$628,644.85, Comm. Tillotson seconded. Motion CARRIED.

January 26, 2023-

Comm. Collins moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount \$1,886,569.52 with the general fund's portion being \$225,335.03 Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Bales reported from the Road Commission.

Comm. Jenkins-Arno reported from the Policy and Procedures Committee.

Comm. Tillotson and Comm. Bolton reported from the Parks Commission.

Comm. Martis reported from the Road Commission.

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

Comm. Bolton reported from the Department on Aging.

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Solid Waste Coordinating Committee.

Comm. Bales reported from the Airport Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from Michigan Works.

Comm. Collins reported from the Veterans Affairs Board.

Comm. Collins reported from the Emergency 9-1-1 District Board.

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

Admin. Murphy reported from MAC.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment:

Public Comment was received from the following regarding ZenCity:

Wendy Chetkovich- Woodstock Township

Todd Gillman- Cambridge Township

Commissioner Comment:

Commissioner Comment was received by the following regarding ZenCity:

Comm. Stimpson

Comm. Collins

Comm. Martis

Announcements:

Comm. Bolton shared the following announcements:

Community Action Agency has a Baby Basics Class available in March.

Community Action Agency is offering free tax preparation for qualified applicants.

Veteran Pact Act Health Toxic Exposure Screening will be available on February 16th at the Lenawee Human Services Building.

Habitat for Humanity is looking for qualified applicants to become home owners.

Community Action Agency has several finance webinars available.

The Food Assistance Program that began during covid is ending this month. Information is available to prepare for this.

Community Mental Health Association will be holding a Mental Health Session.

Admin. Murphy announced that the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Conference will be held April 24 – 26. Registration information is currently not available. Please contact Rebecca in the Administrator's Office if you are planning on attending.

Admin. Murphy announced that she will out of the office the week of February 20th. She will return to the office the following Tuesday, but then will be at a conference, the rest of that week.

Clerk Holloway announced that donations were needed from the commissioners to replenish the flower fund.

Comm. Tillotson moved to adjourn at 2:25 P.M. Comm. Stimpson seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, Clerk

James E. Van Doren, Chair

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