

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Ambrose, Jeanette Henagan, Dave Pixley, Tori Mesning, Angie Wager, Dillon Donaghy, Breanne Paterson, Drew Dykstra, Jeff Paterson, Becky Paterson, Barb Stubli, Cara Snyder, Kristine Torres, Erica Lamley, Cari Rebottaro, Connie Fenby-Beevers, Amy Young, Tom Brown, John Saxton, Mike Shadbolt, Ed Scheffler, Trevor Van Valkenburg, James Douglas, Judi Gilmore, Bethany Harpst-Teague, Jaclyn Bradley, Janelle Stewart, Mary Bohling, Laura Van Etten, Sheryl Moll, Jeff Ewald, Marcie Van Black, Jim Driskill, Gordon Gauss, Monica Hunt, Matt Turgeon, Tom Kendziora, Ben Ricker, Lt. Corrine Perdue, Adam Warner, Erick Scomski, Vanessa Garcia, Bradley Hayes, Chris Hudson, Brian Wilcox, Bill Warner, Andre Renier, Dave Egnor, Jacob Pifer, Kraig Kourt, Miranda Benner, Nikki Stutz, Sally Neill, JoAnn Navarro, Alex Perdue, Melanie Smith, John Koehn (WLEN), Mary Lowe (The Telegram), Becky Borton, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, John Gillooly, Erin Van Dyke and Roxann Holloway

There was a Moment of Silence to honor the passing of former County Commissioner Fred Gallagher.

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

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023, meeting, Comm. Martis seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve the agenda with additions, Comm. Bales seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Communications were read.

Limited Public Comment was opened for any agenda item.

There were no public comments.

Comm. Van Doren opened the Closeout Public Hearing on the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for 2B Perfect/The B Hive LLC at 1:36 pm.

No comments were received.

Comm. Martis moved to close the Public Hearing at 1:37 pm., Comm. Collins seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Jenkins-Arno moved to approve the following proclamation, Comm. Bolton seconded.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION April 16 – April 22, 2023

PRO#2023-003

WHEREAS, the month of April has been designated nationally as Volunteer Appreciation Month to recognize the hard work, dedication and passion of volunteers; and

WHEREAS, County volunteers provide a vital service to our community and county services through different programs; and we wish to recognize those County department volunteers today. Volunteers with the **Lenawee Department on Aging** serve in areas such as meal delivery, transportation to medical appointments, activity assistance at the senior centers and Daybreak, clerical assistance at the office and senior centers, serving on the eleven advisory boards, and the Medicare Medicaid assistance program. These LDA volunteers are invaluable to our growing senior population.

Michigan State University Extension in Lenawee County has 238 dedicated volunteers. Our volunteers provide education, leadership, resources, and support to the 4-H members and families. Volunteers are critical to organizing 4-H clubs, activities, fundraisers, clinics, educational workshops, and fair week. From April Fool's Cupcakes to Zoonotic Diseases, plus everything in between volunteers makes a difference in the lives of the youth and families in Lenawee County.

Volunteers with **Veterans Affairs** drive the DAV shuttle van to transport our local heroes to the V.A. Medical Center in Ann Arbor Monday through Friday to get them to necessary medical appointments. Our veterans rely on these free services every day.

Our **Sheriff's Office** utilizes many volunteers through Reserve Deputies, Mounted Deputies, and Victim Services. These volunteers help keep our public safe and are there when our residents need them most.

Club, group, and individual members often donate their time and resources to beautification projects in **County Parks**. Their commitment and dedication enhance the enjoyment of these facilities by all who use them.

It takes many volunteers to organize and hold **Solid Waste** collection events for those hard to dispose of items for our health and safety, our environment, and our community.

The **County Emergency Management** Office maintains a roster of individuals, businesses, and organizations that have volunteered to aid the county in times of local emergency or disaster. We have called upon them in past emergencies and they do not hesitate to answer the call to service.

Volunteers support residents of **Maurice Spear Campus** through special activities and programs, making a difference in the lives of many young people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we wish to express our sincerest gratitude to those volunteers working for our County departments in our community, utilizing their time and talent to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults, and the elderly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize their enduring contributions and encourage more people to join their ranks; every community member can effect positive change through volunteer actions no matter how big or small.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK April 9 - 15, 2023

PRO#2023-004

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time which require Police, Fire and/or emergency medical services; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS, professional Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them accurate up-to-date information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS, professional Telecommunicators may not be as visible as the men and women who arrive at the scene of emergencies; but they serve the community by providing life-saving instructions to callers in need;

WHEREAS, under these emergent situations our Telecommunicators continue to exhibit compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of April 9–15, 2023, as *Public Safety Telecommunicators Week* throughout Lenawee County in honor and recognition of our Telecommunicators and the vital contributions they make to the safety and well-being of our citizens.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH - April 2023

PRO#2023-009

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2020, 3.9 million reports were made to child protective services; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious problems affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Lenawee County; and

Whereas, Lenawee County Child Protective Services investigated 724 reports, of which 214 were substantiated cases of child abuse/neglect; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2022 as **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** in Lenawee County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Undersheriff Ewald recognized Rebecca Patterson for her years of service.

Comm. Martis moved to approve the following proclamation, Comm. Bales seconded.

VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD – SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

PRO#2023-005

WHEREAS, the Village of Deerfield is nestled along the curving River Raisin and is surrounded by fertile orchards and farmland in the eastern part of the Lenawee; and

WHEREAS, once known as the hamlet of Kedzie’s Grove, the area was first settled in 1826 but the name was changed to Deerfield ten years later on account of the abundance of deer; and was incorporated on April 15, 1873;

WHEREAS, the Village of Deerfield was incorporated on April 15th, 1873 and as they prepare to celebrate their sesquicentennial anniversary, we want to take a moment to reflect on their history and celebrate their accomplishments;

WHEREAS, at one time the Detroit branch of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad and the Canada railroad both passed through the Village of Deerfield and it was one of the most prosperous trading centers in the county at the time. The Lake Shore depot at Deerfield was eventually moved to Blissfield and is currently used by the local historical society and the Adrian & Blissfield railroad.

WHEREAS, Danny Thomas, the American actor, singer, comedian, and philanthropist was born in Deerfield. He is most notably the founder of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

WHEREAS, the Village of Deerfield has more recently become a popular destination for their annual spring festival where everyone is certain to have a ball.

WHEREAS, The Village of Deerfield has a quiet, laid-back lifestyle; it is a close-knit community where people know each other, rely on each other, and where people are connected. Their motto is, *"We care about all of our neighbors and friends."*

THEREFORE, on this momentous occasion, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners is proud to recognize the Village of Deerfield on its 150th anniversary and congratulate the village on many more years to come.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Jennifer Ambrose, Marketing and Communications presented the Commissioners’ communication assets.

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

Board Appointments: The following appointments are CONFIRMED.

Department on Aging (Lenawee)

Karol “KZ” Bolton, Commissioner 9/25

DHHS/LMCF Board

Bronna Kahle, Member 10/25

Karol “KZ” Bolton, Liaison Annual

Local Development Finance Authority/Garden State Tanning

Commissioner Collins has confirmed that this board is inactive and should be removed from the list of liaison appointments.

Triad Per Diem: A per diem and mileage reimbursement for the liaison appointment to Triad is APPROVED.

Health Officer Appointment: Monica Hunt is APPOINTED Health Officer of Lenawee County, effective April 1, 2023.

Administrator Review: The County Administrator’s annual performance evaluation is SET for the May 9, 2023 Personnel Ways and Means Committee meeting.

2024 Budget Calendar: The 2024 Budget preparation calendar is ADOPTED.

Equalization Report: The 2023 Equalization Report adopting the equalized value of real and personal property as presented and was APPROVED (4/11) and is on file.

Opioid Settlement

RES#2023-04

Resolution Authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation and Entry of State Local Government Intrastate Agreement Concerning Allocation of Settlement Proceeds

WHEREAS, Lenawee County filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic, which named, among other companies, the following four Defendants (“Settling Defendants”):

1. Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd. (a prescription opioids manufacturer);
2. Allergan Finance, LLC (a prescription opioids manufacturer);
3. CVS Health Corp. and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. (a prescription opioids distributor); and
4. Walmart, Inc. (a prescription opioids distributor);

AND WHEREAS, the Settling Defendants have negotiated proposed national settlement agreements (“Proposed Settlements”) with the State Attorneys General, and a Plaintiff Executive Committee-designated negotiating committee that represents approximately 4,000 local governments that have brought lawsuits similar to Lenawee County’s lawsuit; and

AND WHEREAS, the Proposed Settlements contain significant equitable and monetary relief, including:

1. An agreement to pay (a) up to \$3.34 billion over the next 13 years by Teva; (b) up to \$2.02 billion over 7 years by Allergan; (c) \$4.9 billion over the next ten years by CVS; and (d) \$2.74 billion within six years by Walmart. The bulk of each of these payments will be dedicated to funding abatement and prevention strategies associated with the opioids public nuisance;
2. An agreement by Teva and Allergan to abide by strict limitations on their marketing, promotion, sale, and distribution of opioids, including a ban on (a) promotion and lobbying; (b) rewarding or disciplining employees based on volume of opioid sales; and (c) funding or grants to third parties; and
3. An agreement by CVS and Walmart to implement changes in how they handle opioids, including requirements addressing: their compliance structures; pharmacist judgment; diversion prevention; suspicious order monitoring; and reporting on red-flag processes, as well as blocked and potentially problematic prescribers.

AND WHEREAS, Lenawee County previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

AND WHEREAS, the Proposed Settlements each contain a “default” allocation method where settlement funds that are allocated to a particular state to resolve the claims asserted by state and local governments within that state are allocated as follows:

- 15% of settlement proceeds paid under the Proposed Settlements are allocable to the State;
- 15% of the settlement proceeds are allocable to local governments; and
- 70% of the settlement proceeds are allocable to an opioid abatement fund;

AND WHEREAS, the Proposed Settlements enable the state and local governments within a State to negotiate alternative allocation methods to the “default” allocation method referenced above;

AND WHEREAS, Lenawee County desires to enter into an alternative allocation method which allocates settlement funds on a 50/50 basis to:

1. Participating Local Governments who have elected to participate in the Proposed Settlements; and
2. the State of Michigan.

AND WHEREAS, Lenawee County previously executed the Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for Allocation of Distributor Settlement Agreement and Janssen Settlement Agreement, which allocated funds attributed to the State of Michigan in a streamlined and equitable manner;

NOW THEREFORE, Lenawee County authorizes the execution of Participation Agreements for: (1) the Master Settlement Agreement with Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd.; (2) the Master Settlement Agreement with Allergan Finance, LLC; (3) the Master Settlement Agreement with CVS Health Corp. and CVS Pharmacy, Inc.; and (4) the Master Settlement Agreement with Walmart, Inc., each of which are listed and available to the public at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. Specimen copies of the material terms of the participation agreements are attached as Exhibit A to this resolution.

Lenawee County also authorizes the execution of a new Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement For Allocation of Allergan, Teva, CVS, and Walmart Settlement Agreements substantially similar to the proposed agreement attached as Exhibit B to this resolution. Lenawee County also authorizes execution of a similar state-subdivision agreement to the extent that it provides a substantially similar allocation of settlement or bankruptcy proceeds obtained from opioids litigation with any other entity.

For the avoidance of doubt, Lenawee County also authorizes its continued participation in the Distributor Settlement Agreement, the Janssen Settlement Agreement, and the Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for the Allocation of Distributor Settlement Agreement and Janssen Settlement Agreement, all previously executed.

Resolution #2023-04 is ADOPTED.

Tax Roll Scan: Up to \$30,000 from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund is APPROVED to contract with Graphic Sciences to scan, name, organize, and convert to searchable files and microfilm, permanent tax rolls from 1838-1969.

DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING LOAN FUND

RES#2023-05

WHEREAS, Lenawee County maintains a Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund that enables the County to obtain sufficient funds to pay local units of government the amount of delinquent property taxes returned to the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an advance from the Lenawee County General Fund via a transfer to the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 as of June 1, 2023, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Act 206, upon continuation of the fund, the County Treasurer is to act as agent for the County to administer the fund for 2021, and in this capacity receive administrative expenses in connection with the Fund, such sums as are provided by law subject to the following conditions: (a) interest at the rate of 2% payable to the general fund from June 1, 2021 through date of pay-off, and (b) payments back to the general fund beginning July 1, 2021, until the advance is fully paid which is anticipated to be paid off on or before August 28, 2021.

Resolution #2023-05 is ADOPTED.

Remon/Monumentation Contracts: The Monumentation Remonumentation agreements with Bartolo Surveying, LLC, and The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. are APPROVED.

2023 PEER GROUP

RES#2023-06

WHEREAS The County of Lenawee has entered into a Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs-Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation for the conduction of surveying, monumentation, and remonumentaion in Lenawee County.

The County has need for professional surveyors to serve on the Peer Group under its Grant Agreement to meet at various times during the year to review corners that are to be remonumented under the provisions of the Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan for Lenawee County.

As of June 12, 2014, the State of Michigan requires members of the PEER Group to be appointments of the County Board of Commissioners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Michael Bartolo, David Erickson, Joseph Fenicle, Glenn Richard, and Scott Warnke to the 2023 PEER Group; these appointments will expire on an annual basis coinciding with the terms of their agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson and County Clerk of Lenawee County are hereby authorized and directed to execute said 2023 PEER Group agreement(s) on behalf of the County of Lenawee, Michigan.

Resolution #2023-06 is ADOPTED.

HSB Exterior Work: The OBR proposal is ACCEPTED and up to \$90,860.00 from the HSB Repairs & Maintenance [502.283.930] is AUTHORIZED for exterior maintenance of the Human Services Building.

OCH Audio/Visual project: Although the following could have been approved at the standing committee level, it was brought before the Board of Commissioners for approval at the request of the County Administrator.

Proposal 1: Entering into an agreement with Red Letter Productions in an amount not to exceed \$68,000, for the Chamber Video System with funding to come from 401.901.853.801 [Building and Site Division of the Capital Fund, Project CPBS 2002] is APPROVED.

Proposal 2: Entering into an agreement with Red Letter Productions in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, for the Chamber Optional Upgrade to Pivot, Tilt, Zoom (PTZ) cameras with funding to come from 401.901.853.801 [Building and Site Division of the Capital Fund, Project CPBS 2002] is APPROVED.

Proposal 3: Entering into an agreement with Red Letter Productions in an amount not to exceed \$9,000, for the Chamber Back Desk Zoom setup with funding to come from 401.901.853.801 [Building and Site Division of the Capital Fund, Project CPBS 2002] is APPROVED.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH – APRIL 2023

PRO#2023-006

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties, serving 330 million Americans, provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents' lives; and

WHEREAS, Lenawee County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing, and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and

WHEREAS, from public health and safety to criminal justice, from services for seniors and veterans to recycling and parks; your county government is building for the future and serving Lenawee for a better tomorrow, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2023 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to become more familiar with and participate in county government activities.

Proclamation #2023-06 is ADOPTED.

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK - APRIL 23-29, 2023

PRO#2023-007

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 26 million crimes each year and crime can touch the lives of anyone regardless of age, national origin, race, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, immigration, or economic status;

WHEREAS, Crime victims are our family, friends, neighbors, and community members. While we can never truly understand the depth of their trauma and the impact on their lives, we can ensure that equitable, inclusive, culturally appropriate, and gender responsive services are available to help them.

WHEREAS, by enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and upholding principles of equity and inclusivity for all, we can enable crime victims to find the justice they seek, in whatever form that might take.

WHEREAS, victims know best how to direct and manage their own lives, and true recovery from crime will incorporate a victim's cultural, religious, economic, social, and personal interests;

WHEREAS, with the full weight of their community and victim service providers behind them, survivors will feel empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and shame, without fear of judgment and will feel understood and worthy of support;

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime—even those who are challenging to reach or serve—are offered culturally and linguistically accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of April 23-29, 2023, as **Crime Victims' Rights Week**;

LENAWEE COUNTY is hereby dedicated to building partnerships with trusted sources of support, including community leaders, religious groups, schools, and other agencies to better reach and serve all victims of crime.

WE express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners also want to recognize Rebecca Roller and Richelle Petty for their tireless advocacy on behalf of those that have been affected by crime and for exercising best practices to reach all victims to help them forge new healing pathways.

Proclamation #2023-07 is ADOPTED.

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

Comm. Collins reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

March 23 & April 6, 2023

Comm. Collins moved to approve the total vouchers for payment in the amount \$1,485,847.73 with the general fund's portion being \$294,159.93, and the April 6th total vouchers for payment in the amount \$1,944,05.85 with the general fund's portion being \$375,246.76, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Human Services Committee.

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

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

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

Comm. Krasny reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

Comm. Martis reported from the Rules & Appointments Committee.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Ag Advisory Land Use.

Comm. Bales reported from the Airport Commission.

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Community Action Agency.

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Community Mental Health Authority.

Comm. Bolton reported from the County Planning Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Department on Aging.

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

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

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

Comm. Jenkins-Arno reported from the Land Bank Authority.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Lenawee Public Transportation Authority.

Comm. Van Doren reported from MAC – General Government.

Deputy County Administrator, Shannon Elliott reported from MAC – Judiciary & Public Safety.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Parks Commission.

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Solid Waste Coordinating Committee.

Comm. Tillotson reported from Substance Abuse (CMHPSM).

Comm. Collins reported from the Maurice Spear Campus.

Comm. Martis reported from the Road Commission.

Comm. Collins reported from the Veterans Affairs Board.

Comm. Bolton reported from Triad.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment:

Jim Douglas – Shared updates made to the Lenawee District Library and invited the commissioners to their open house on May 21, 2023, from 2-4 p.m.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Bolton shared her appreciation for the Lenawee District Library.

Announcements: NONE

Comm. Tillotson, moved to adjourn at 2:54 P.M. Comm. Martis seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

James E. Van Doren, Chair