

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020
SPECIAL BOC MEETING

****In compliance to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-42, to Stay at Home, and enabled by Executive Order 2020-48, authorizing remote meetings, this meeting was held via video/teleconference call****

PRESENT: Comm. Stimpson, Bales, Bolton, Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Knoblauch, Lapham, Tillotson.

ABSENT: Comm. Wittenbach

ALSO PRESENT: Kim Murphy, Burke Castleberry, Troy Bevier, Matt Richardson, Rebecca Borton, Jen Ambrose, Craig Tanis, Martin Marshall, and Roxann Holloway.

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

Administrator Marshall addressed the board regarding a reinstatement and extension of the Local State of Emergency.

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

EXTENSION OF "LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY"

RES#2020-12

To: Commanding Officer – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police; District (1) Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division Coordinator.

On March 24, 2020, Chairperson Stimpson declared a local state of emergency in the County of Lenawee, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the State of Emergency Declared by the Governor of the State of Michigan and a National State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States. As a result, the following conditions exist:

- 1) Widespread and severe stress on the local public healthcare system, county public health system, and county first responder system due to a lack of resources;
- 2) The response and recovery elements of the County of Lenawee Emergency Operations Plan have been activated; and
- 3) Local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent, however, despite these efforts, local resources are not sufficient to cope with the situation.

Having reviewed the declaration by the board chair and finding that the conditions leading to the declaration continue to threaten the health and safety of Lenawee County residents, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby restates and extends the Local State of Emergency. Therefore, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, this board declares that a "state of emergency" exists within our jurisdiction as of March 24, 2020, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. The county Emergency Operations Center has been virtually activated and our emergency operations plan has been activated until May 15, 2020 or such further date as may be fixed by this board.

Comm. Knoblauch moved to amend the motion to extend the Local State of Emergency only through May 1, 2020, Comm. Jenkins-Arno seconded, discussion followed.

The Amended Motion to approve the extension of the Local State of Emergency through

May 1, 2020, FAILED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS (3) Comm. Bales, Jenkins-Arno, Knoblauch. NAYS (5) Comm. Bolton, Collins, Lapham, Stimpson, Tillotson.

The Original Motion to approve the extension of the Local State of Emergency through May 15, 2020, CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS (5) Comm. Bolton, Collins, Lapham, Stimpson, Tillotson. NAYS (3) Comm. Bales, Jenkins-Arno, Knoblauch.

Administrator Marshall addressed the board regarding a letter requesting provisions for remote meetings during a public health crisis.

Comm. Bolton moved to approve and send a letter to state legislators and the Governor requesting that they provide for remote meetings during a public health crisis until cleared by a local public health official, Comm. Knoblauch seconded, discussion followed. Motion CARRIED.

Discussion was held regarding the plan for Lenawee County after restrictions are lifted.

Comm. Lapham moved to adjourn at 2:25 P.M., Comm. Knoblauch seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

David Stimpson, Chairman