

# RULES & APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE



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## MEMBERS

*Kevon Martis*  
*Committee of the Whole*

## MEETING LOCATION

301 N. Main Street - Adrian, MI 49221

**Minutes:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 – 10:06 a.m.

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**Present:** Commissioners Martis, Bales, Bolton, Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny, Stimpson, Tillotson, and Van Doren

**Also Present:** Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, Rebecca Borton, Jennifer Ambrose, Francine Zysk, Teresa Choate, Rachel McArar, Chief Circuit Court Judge Anna Marie Anzalone, Erin Van Dyke, Jenny Escott, Roxann Holloway, Carolyn Bater, Thomas Kendziora, Ben Ricker, Sheriff Bevier, Pat Farver, Tim Robinson, Gordon Gauss, Allen Heldt, Marty Marshall, Mark Jeffrey, Lynn Punnett, Judi Gilmore, Victoria Powell, Ian Wendt (WLEN), and Jackie Coch (Tecumseh Herald)

### I. Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Tillotson, seconded by Bolton, to approve the minutes of the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.*

**II. Board Appointments:** Commissioner Van Doren submitted the following reappointments for confirmation:

#### **Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority**

Amy Palmer, Adrian Dominican Sisters	3/26
Judy Ackley, Palmyra	3/26
Dave Stimpson, County Commissioner	3/26
Jim Goetz, Riga Twp	3/26

*Motion by Bolton, seconded by Bales, to recommend confirming the appointments as presented. Motion carried.*

**Region 2 Area Agency On Aging:** Region 2 Area Agency on Aging has been renamed to WellWise Services Area Agency On Aging.

**Maurice Spears Campus Board:** According to MSC By-laws, members shall include the Judge assigned to juvenile matters along with their staff and members of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners and/or their representatives, as designated. Therefore, this board shall be moved from the Liaison list (non-voting) and placed under the Board Appointment list (voting).

**Vacancies:** The following vacancies are pending

**Department on Aging (Lenawee)**

VACANT - Comm. District #5 representative 9/23

VACANT - Comm. District #2 representative 9/25

**Economic Development Corporation (EDC)**

VACANT – Comm. District #3 representative 12/26

**Board of Health**

VACANT – At Large 12/26

**Homeland Security & Local Emergency Planning (LEPC)**

VACANT – Mass Care Services 12/26

The general board appointment application is available on the [Board of Commissioners page](#) of the County website lenawee.mi.us.

Please be sure to submit any recommendations for consideration at least ten days prior to the Rules and Appointments Committee meeting which meets on the Tuesday before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**III. Rules & Regulations:** An addendum to the Rules and Regulations addressing the protocol between legal and the Board of Commissioner was submitted for consideration.

According to 10.20 of the Rules and Regulations, any proposed amendment to these rules must be submitted in writing to the Rules and Appointments Committee at a meeting of the Rules and Appointments Committee. The Rules and Appointments Committee shall not adopt a rule change less than twenty-five days after receipt. The purpose of this section is to give all Commissioners the opportunity to review all potential rule changes and allow pertinent discussion to follow.

The addendum was submitted last month.

*Motion by Van Doren, seconded by Jenkins-Arno, to adopt the addendum [as presented] to the Board of Commissioners Rules & Regulations.*

Commissioner Stimpson offered a couple of changes to the Addendum.

**LEGAL OPINION** (second sentence): *“The general rule shall be any requests for a legal opinion be made through the Chair of the County Commission and Administrator in order that each and every person within the County Commission together with the County Administrator knows exactly when and what type of opinion was requested.”*

**To read:** Any requests for a legal opinion be made through the Administrator in order that each and every person within the County Commission knows exactly when and what type of opinion was requested.

**MEETINGS** (first paragraph, second sentence): *“That is not a problem as long as there is not a quorum present.”*

**To read:** All requests to meet with LEGAL should be made through the County Administrator to ensure that the entire board knows that the meeting is taking place, and can participate if desired. If the commissioners desiring to meet with Legal represents a quorum of the board, the County Administrator will inform LEGAL and the Commission so it can be added to a public meeting agenda.

**MEETINGS** (Last paragraph): *“There is no problem allowing LEGAL to meet individually with Commission members or the County Administrator, or with others, in order to assist the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners in accomplishing its mission on behalf of those who live, work, and travel in Lenawee County.”*

**To read:** A member of the Board of Commissioners shall not meet individually with LEGAL, or with others, so important information can be shared with the Board as a whole, in order to assist the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners in accomplishing its mission on behalf of those who live, work, and travel in Lenawee County.

*Motion by Stimpson, seconded by Bolton, to approve the amendments to the Addendum.*

There was discussion regarding the suggested amendments and the desire for legal counsel’s opinion.

*Motion by Collins, seconded by Krasny, to adjourn the motion until the June meeting. Roll call vote: Eight (8) Yeas: Van Doren, Martis, Tillotson, Bales, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny, Stimpson, and Collins. One (1) Nay: Bolton. Motion carried (8-1).*

**IV. Other Business:** There was no other business.

**V. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**VI. Adjournment**

*Motion by Collins, seconded by Krasny, to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 a.m. Motion carried.*