

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Sandie Brissette, Jim Brissette, Gary Griewahn, Emma Rochon, Greg Rochon, Jackie Rochon, Virginia Tillotson, Jenny Escott, Tom Kendziora, Randy Casey, Clayton Montange, Francine Zysk, Ian Wendt (WLEN), Cara Snyder, Jackie Bradley, Bethany Harpst-Teague, Judi Gilmore, Michelle Bates, Tonya A. Miller, Sue Whitehead, Christy Low, Robin Connor, Chuck Chase, Melissa Burnor, Randall Yagiela, Sheila Blair, Patrick Farver, Rob Hosken, Kathryn Szewczuk, Tom Gannon, Wendy Chetkovich, Todd Gillman, Beth Blanco, Carolyn Bater, Christine Whited, Jake Pifer, Jim Craig, Bradley Hayes, Vanessa Garcia, Chris Hudson, Adam Warner, Corinne Perdue, Troy Bevier, Jeff Ewald, Ebony Duff, Shannon Elliott, Mary Lowe (Telegram), Erin Van Dyke, 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 April 12, 2023, meeting, Comm. Martis seconded. Motion CARRIED.

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

Communications: Communications were read.

Limited Public Comment was opened for any agenda item.

Public Comment was received from the following:

Bethany Harpst-Teague- Blissfield
Todd Gillman- Onsted

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

CHILDHOOD APRAXIA OF SPEECH DAY

PRO#2023-008

WHEREAS, May 14th marks Childhood Apraxia of Speech Day during which awareness will be raised throughout Michigan about childhood apraxia of speech, an extremely challenging speech disorder that affects 1-in-1,000 children.

WHEREAS, childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) causes children to have significant difficulty learning to speak and is among the most severe speech deficits in children.

WHEREAS, the act of learning to speak comes effortlessly to most children, those with apraxia require early, appropriate, and intensive speech therapy, often for many years to learn to speak.

WHEREAS, without appropriate speech therapy intervention, children with apraxia will have diminished communication skills, but are also placed at high risk for secondary impacts in reading, writing, spelling, and other school-related skills.

WHEREAS, that such primary and secondary impacts diminish future independence and employment opportunities and challenge the ability to become productive, contributing citizens if not resolved or improved.

WHEREAS, public awareness about childhood apraxia of speech is essential for families of children with this neurological disorder and the professionals who support them to achieve the needed services for those learning to use their own voice.

WHEREAS, our highest respect goes to these children, as well as their families, for their effort, determination, and resilience in the face of such obstacles.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that May 14th is “Apraxia Awareness Day” and citizens of Lenawee County are encouraged to work within their communities to increase awareness and understanding of childhood apraxia of speech.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

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

Mental Health Awareness Month - May 2023

PRO#2023-010

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to the well-being of every person in Lenawee County, including children, adults, elders, families, and friends; and

WHEREAS, mental health conditions are real and prevalent; 1 in 6 youth experience a mental health condition each year, 1 in 5 adults experience mental illness each year, and suicide is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10-34; and

WHEREAS, people recover from mental health conditions and live healthy, fulfilled lives; and there are practical tools that all people can use to improve their mental health and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, there are dedicated mental health providers whose services and supports help many people find their path to recovery; and

WHEREAS, no person is alone in Lenawee County and we stand with every person experiencing a mental health condition; and

WHEREAS, support is just a phone call away; and the Lenawee Community Mental Health Authority access & crisis line is available any time day or night at 517-263-8905.

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH** in Lenawee County and call upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in Lenawee County to commit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, and further the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

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

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' WEEK

PRO#2023-011

WHEREAS, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating "National Correctional Officers' Week" And the first full week in May has since been recognized to honor the work of correctional officers and correctional personnel nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the duties of a correctional officer continue to become increasingly complex and demanding, as they are called to fill custodial, supervisory, and counseling roles.

WHEREAS, Correctional officers are highly trained individuals that remain vigilant to meet any challenge and they are deserving of our respect, our gratitude, and our praises. The men and women working in corrections truly make a difference in our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and proclaim the week of May 7th through May 13th, 2023, as **Correctional Officers' Week**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners take this opportunity to let our local Correction Officers know how much we appreciate them and all that they do!

We understand the personal sacrifice and commitment that you make each and every day working as correction professionals.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

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

POLICE OFFICERS WEEK

PRO#2023-012

WHEREAS, in 1962 President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th of each year to be “National Peace Officers Memorial Day” and designated the week this date falls within as “National Police Week”, and **WHEREAS**, members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Lenawee County for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit every day. We also recognize and honor the sacrifices made by their families as each day they face the uncertainty of their loved one’s return home, and;

WHEREAS, Lenawee County and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling through civil disorder, or a natural disaster. We rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local sheriff, police officers, and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state;

WHEREAS, we pray for the safety and protection of all 800,000 plus sworn Law Enforcement Officers being vigilant throughout our county and great nation despite nearly half a million violent crimes committed each year

WHEREAS, we publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our county, as well as, those of our state and nation, and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners remembers and honors the ultimate sacrifice that the following 8 Lenawee County Officers have made:

Adrian City Police **Officers Dennis Lyons and Bobby Williams**,
Clayton Village **Constable Richard Teske**,
Lenawee County Sheriff **Deputy Stanley Hoisington**,
MI State **Troopers Calvin Jones, Dugald Pellot, Rodger Adams, and Byron Erickson**



We will never forget the officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice and their families.

WHEREAS, Lenawee County’s fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to our communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for choosing a noble career and protecting public safety.

WHEREAS, on May 15th we humbly request that flags throughout the County be flown at half-staff to commemorate “Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Day” and to honor those who are serving our County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the week of May 14 through May 20, 2023, as “**POLICE OFFICER WEEK**” in Lenawee County and calls upon the citizens in the community to show our sincere appreciation and support for the police

officers of Lenawee County by deed, remark, and attitude; and to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

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

54TH ANNUAL PROFESSIONAL MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK

PRO#2023-013

Michigan's 1,520 Municipal Clerks

LET IT BE KNOWN that it is a great pleasure and a distinct privilege to recognize Michigan's 1,520 municipal clerks for the professionalism, dedication, and leadership they exhibit every day as they perform their duties and serve their constituents.

WHEREAS, the week of April 30 through May 6, 2023, will be the 54th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week, a time of celebration and reflection on the importance of the vital work of municipal clerks. This observance was initiated in 1969 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada, and 15 other countries; and,

WHEREAS, the job of municipal clerk as a public servant in local government is one of the oldest documented on record, with roots tracing back to the ancient Greeks, and;

WHEREAS, one of the many critical duties of Michigan's municipal clerks is ensuring that Michigan elections are administered securely and fairly, and that precinct workers have the training and resources they needed to perform their jobs, thereby ensuring that every vote is accurately tabulated; and,

WHEREAS, given the responsibility and weight of the office that Michigan's municipal clerks hold, the magnitude of their contributions to the smooth running of local government, elections, and protection of our institutions of democracy cannot be overstated; therefore,

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby honor and commend Michigan's municipal clerks for their continued dedication to the citizens of this great state.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Randy Yagiela, from Lenawee Now, presented the Align Lenawee Talent System.

Sheila Blair, Chuck Chase and Tom Gannon, shared additional information and updates from Lenawee Now.

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

Board Appointments: The following appointments are CONFIRMED.

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

Tecumseh Product Site Debris Removal: The solicitation of bids for the removal of the debris pile on the former Tecumseh Products site is APPROVED.

Airport Commission – Hangar Request: The Airport Manager is AUTHORIZED to continue negotiations with Mr. Jeffrey to build an airport hangar.

Airport Commission - Beacon Request: The bid from Countyline Power in the amount not to exceed \$26,000 for the replacement and installation of the Airport Rotating Beacon with funding to come from 581.895-931 (Equipment Repair / Maintenance) is APPROVED.

Criminal Justice Committee – District Court Personnel: The hiring of two non-attorney magistrates is APPROVED.

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

Comm. Collins reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

April 20, 2023: Total vouchers: \$2,116,187.95; general fund's portion: \$316,550.14.

May 4, 2023: Total vouchers: \$3,246,164.80; general fund's portion: \$406,394.51.

Comm. Collins moved to approve the total vouchers as presented, Comm. Martis 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. Collins moved to approve the following resolution, Comm. Martis seconded.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PERFORMANCE REVIEW

RES#2023-07

WHEREAS, the County Administrator provides staff assistance to the County Commission and its various committees that are responsible for communication between the Commission and its various program areas, and is essential in providing efficient central services for all Lenawee County departments; and

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners has made known its intent to conduct a periodic review of the County Administrator's performance to provide constructive feedback from the Board of Commissioners, to make any adjustments in focus, and to set goals for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly L Murphy was appointed County Administrator on April 1, 2022; and the Board of Commissioners called for a performance evaluation annually requiring a review of her performance on May 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the review process included input from at least one department head from the courts, two elected officials in the executive branch, and two appointed officials, as well as written evaluations submitted by each commissioner and a formal interview by the full Commission.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners find County Administrator Murphy's performance **MEETS / EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS** and the following goals have been set:

1. Continue effective communication with Departments, Commissioners, and the Public while reducing instances of delays in response, and delegation of duties to subordinates to ensure timely and complete communications.
2. Continue to provide, develop, and facilitate positive relationships in the community, County Government, and County Commission, driving improvement that achieves a measurable and high level of public satisfaction.
3. Develop administrative workflows that identify cost savings and unnecessary expenses within the county budget to save taxpayer dollars while assuring adequate staffing levels.
4. Develop public meeting agendas and items to improve accessibility to the commission and the public at large.
5. Continue to refine the Capital Plans and physical building maintenance of the county assets.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Comm. Van Doren complimented and thanked the administrator for another fine year.

Admin. Murphy reported that she was able to speak with legal counsel and shared an update, regarding the options available to proceed with the Lenawee Now Audit.

Comm. Stimpson moved to authorize the Administrator to enter into a contract, with the recommendation of legal counsel, not to exceed \$20,000 for the audit for Lenawee Now, Comm. Bolton seconded. Discussion followed. Motion CARRIED.

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. 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 Department on Aging.

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

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

Comm. Collins reported from the Homeland Security & Local Emergency Planning.

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.

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

MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 4526-4528

RES#2023-08

Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control

WHEREAS, legislation preempting local control over sand and gravel mining was introduced this week in the House with House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528; and

WHEREAS, these bills aim to eliminate local control of aggregate mining operations and place the regulating authority in the hands of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), usurping all local authority including all local zoning, administration, and ordinance over the industry; and

WHEREAS, local governments support access to aggregate materials necessary to fix our roads and are uniquely positioned to know what is best for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the current process allows for local governments to balance these needs along those with their entire community, protecting the interests and safety of their residents, students, business, and property owners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State House of Representatives to oppose House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 which would silence local voices on aggregate operations in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), Michigan Municipal League (MML), and Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) in their joint statement in this preemption of local control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jeff Irwin (15th District), Senator Joseph Bellino, Jr. (16th District), Representative William Buck (30th District), Representative Reggie Miller (31st District), Representative Dale Zorn (34th District), Representative Andrew Fink (35th District), Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

Discussion followed. Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Deputy Admin. Elliott reported from MAC – Judiciary & Public Safety.

Comm. Collins reported from the Maurice Spear Campus.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Parks Commission.

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Solid Waste Coordinating Committee.

Comm. Tillotson reported from Substance Abuse (CMHPSM).

Comm. Martis reported from the Road Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Triad Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Veterans Affair Board.

Comm. Bolton reported from Michigan Works! Southeast Consortium.

Comm. Bolton reported from River Raisin Watershed Committee.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Comments:

Comm. Bolton congratulated Administrator Murphy on her positive performance review and thanked her for her work for the county.

Admin. Murphy shared that a special night meeting is needed, prior to the next regular commissioner meeting, to discuss county litigation. Discussion followed. A special night meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

Announcements:

Admin. Murphy announced that she will be out of the office next week for a conference. She also shared that both her and Deputy Admin. Elliot will be out of the office the following week for a conference.

Comm. Stimpson, moved to adjourn at 3:13 P.M. Comm. Tillotson seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

James E. Van Doren, Chair