

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021

PRESENT: Comm. Stimpson, Bales, Bolton, Collins, Goetz, Jenkins-Arno, Lapham, Tillotson, and Wittenbach

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Bethany Teague, Susan Gibson, Samantha Strine, Lindsey Brighton, Bill Swift, Troy Bevier, Burke Castleberry, Bryan Winder, Cynthia Richardson, Shamar Herron, Ashley Vandebusch, Deb Keller, Maria Crane, Misty Shulters, Scott Holtz, Carol Knoblauch, Wendy Chetkovich, Julie Wetherby, Dr. J. Voorhees, Tom Robinson, Erin VanDyke, Erin Pruitt, Nichole Baker, Judi Gilmore, Martha Hall, William Garcia, Ken Brayton, Martin Marshall, Kim Murphy, Rebecca Borton, and Roxann Holloway

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

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2021, meeting, Comm. Bales seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Comm. Wittenbach. Motion CARRIED.

Communications were read.

Public Comments were received regarding the Vaccination Status Resolution for Lenawee County by the following: Wendy Chetkovich, Lindsey Brighton, Samantha Strine, Bryan Winder, Bethany Teague, Dr. J. Voorhees and Susan Gibson.

Julie Wetherby presented the Region 2 Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Report.

The Region 2 Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Report was placed on file.

Shamar Herron, Executive Director, Misty Shulters, Deputy Director, Ashley Vandebusch, Service Center Manager and Tom Robinson, Business Services Manager presented the MI Works! Southeast Annual Report.

The MI Works! Southeast Annual Report was placed on file.

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

Board Appointments

Community Mental Health Authority

Appointment: Tim Kelly, At Large 3/22

APPOINTMENT is hereby CONFIRMED

Drain Commission request: The reclassification request of a Systems Operation Leader to Interim Superintendent, at grade step NU8048-5yr is APPROVED.

REVISED PROJECT AUTHORIZATION FOR

RES#2021-21

Federal Operating Assistance (CARES Act) for Lenawee Transportation

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners has made known its intent to provide public transportation service, and

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners has contracted with the Lenawee Transportation Corporation to provide that transportation service, and,

WHEREAS, a Project Authorization had been proposed (P19) which provides FY 2021 Section 5311 Operating assistance for such service, effective October 1, 2020, and expiring September 30, 2021, based on 36% of the estimated eligible costs, and, the maximum amount to be paid will not exceed 36% of the audited costs and if funds are insufficient to reimburse at 36% of the audited costs, a new reimbursement percentage will be calculated for all agencies, and,

WHEREAS, a REVISED Project Authorization, under the CARES Act, has been proposed which provides FY 2021 Section 5311 Operating assistance funding based on 36% of the estimated eligible costs and will be used to reimburse expenses from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, and be it,

RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the proposed REVISED Agreement no. 2017-0080, Authorization No. P19/R1 for FY 2021 Section 5311 Operating Assistance, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies from the grant be given to Lenawee Transportation in accordance with the terms of the Authorization No. P19/R1, and,

HEREBY, authorize the Chairman and County Clerk to execute Authorization No. P19/R1 for and on behalf of Lenawee County.

Resolution #2021-21 is hereby ADOPTED.

LAKE ARROWHEAD ESTATES WATER SYSTEM

RES#2021-20

Resolution Authorizing Rate Increases for Capital Improvements/Debt Service Charge

WHEREAS, the County of Lenawee (the "County") is the owner of the Lake Arrowhead Estates Water System (the "System") in the Township of Raisin (the "Township") in the County; and

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on April 14, 1982, the Township Board of the Township requested the Board of Commissioners of the County to accept and exercise jurisdiction over the System, to provide the necessary operation and maintenance services for the System and to charge and collect sufficient revenues from the users of the System to pay all costs of the System in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said action by the Township Board, the Board of Commissioners authorized and directed the Drain Commissioner to operate and maintain the System on behalf of the users thereof; and

WHEREAS, a roof replacement, purchase of 2 new roof hatches along with a new commercial dehumidifier was completed during June 2021 to insure continued use of the well house building to service the Lake Arrowhead water system; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined, upon the recommendation of the Drain Commissioner, that it is necessary to add a monthly debt service charge for a period of (36) thirty-six months not to exceed \$13,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Effective September 1, 2021 the monthly debt service charge for repayment of roof replacement and associated costs will be \$5.50 per month for (36) thirty-six months. Debt service charge to be included in monthly operations and maintenance billing statement.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

Resolution #2021-20 is hereby ADOPTED.

American Rescue Plan Act Committee: An American Rescue Plan Act sub-committee will be APPOINTED to review incoming requests for ARPA funds for eligible projects.

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

Comm. Jenkins-Arno moved to extend discussion regarding the Vaccination Status Resolution for Lenawee County, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Jenkins-Arno moved to withdraw, both the motion and amendment, on the original resolution, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Jenkins- Arno moved to adopt the following substituted resolution, Comm. Wittenbach seconded,

STAND AGAINST VACCINE STATUS DISCRIMINATION **RES#2021-19**

WHEREAS, Liberty is a fundamental human right as defined in the Declaration of Independence, and governments were established to protect our liberties; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 arrived in Lenawee County, and emergency use vaccines were provided to any county resident who chose to receive one; and

WHEREAS, it is becoming a practice in some jurisdictions and organizations to require proof of vaccination status, generally known as vaccine passports, to enter or participate in services, employment, or activities. Such requirements single out and separate vaccinated citizens from non-vaccinated citizens, and intrude on our basic human rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the 14th amendment to the Constitution guarantees that even in emergency situations, states cannot make or enforce any law that abridges the privileges or immunities of any citizen of the United States [or] deprives any person of life or liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners states that it does not support or endorse the practice of requiring vaccine passports; nor the introduction or passage of vaccine passport legislation on the state or national level;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, State Senator Dale Zorn, and State Representative Bronna Kahle, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

Discussion followed. Motion FAILED by the following Roll Call Vote. YEAS (4) Comm. Goetz, Jenkins-Arno, Lapham, Wittenbach. NAYS (5) Comm. Bales, Bolton, Collins, Stimpson, Tillotson.

Comm. Bales reported from the Human Services Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Rules & Appointments Committee.

Comm. Lapham reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

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

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve June 10 – July 8, 2021, total vouchers for payment in the amount \$5,178,903.59 with the general fund's portion being \$762,670.54, Comm. Collins seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Bales reported from the Policy & Procedure Committee.

Comm. Bales moved to approve the Nepotism form, Comm. Jenkins-Arno seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the Parks & Recreation Committee.

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

Comm. Lapham reported from the Lenawee Department of Aging.

Comm. Goetz reported from the Solid Waste Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from Michigan Works.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the CMHPSM.

Comm. Collins reported from the Veterans Affairs Board.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the AG Committee.

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

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from MAC-General Government.

Unfinished Business:

Administrator Marshall announced that the Emergency Declaration expires this month. Beginning next month, the commissioner meetings will be held in-person. The August 11, 2021, commissioner meeting will be held at the Adrian City Chamber, while the renovation is completed in the old courthouse. The goal is to be back in the old courthouse for the September 8, 2021, commissioner meeting.

New Business:

Comm. Stimpson recommended the following commissioners be appointed to the American Rescue Plan Act sub-committee: Comm. Bales, Collins, Tillotson, along with Comm. Stimpson.

Comm. Bolton moved to confirm the appointments, Comm. Lapham seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Administrator Marshall announced that anyone interested in applying for the Deputy Health Director can apply on the County's website.

Public comment was received from Bethany Teague regarding the Vaccination Status Resolution.

Public comment was received from William Garcia regarding a property located in the City of Adrian and the Public Act 253 of 2003 regarding the County Landbank. Discussion followed.

Comm. Collins moved to adjourn at 3:23 P.M. Comm. Tillotson seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

David Stimpson, Chair