

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023
Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Comm. Tillotson

ALSO PRESENT: John Gillooly, Jeanne Knight, Mindy Dunn, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, and Roxann Holloway.

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

Comm. Bolton moved to accept the agenda, as presented, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Limited Public Comment: NONE

New Business:

Election Coordinator, Michelle Bates shared the Lenawee Countywide Early Voting Plan. Discussion followed.

Comm. Martis moved to adopt the following resolution, Comm. Bales seconded,

RES#2023-14

RESOLUTION CREATING AN EARLY VOTING CONSOLIDATED County Agreement

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 4(1)(m) of the Michigan State Constitution now gives every citizen the right, once registered, to vote in each statewide and federal election in person at an early voting site prior to election day; and **WHEREAS**, Public Act 116 of 1954, Sec. 720g(5), as added by Public Act 81 of 2023, requires that the county clerk, after consulting the municipal clerks, shall submit each early voting site location to the board of county election commissioners for approval, and each early voting site submitted for approval may serve all electors covered by the county agreement, the electors in specific municipalities that are covered by an early voting site, the electors of 1 municipality, or any combination of these options, as long as each elector in the county is served by 1 or more early voting sites; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, after taking into consideration expected turnout, funding, the effects of cost-sharing, and all other factors that are considered necessary to enhance the accessibility of early voting sites, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners approve the agreement between the Lenawee County Clerk and participating municipalities.

Motion carried by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Michelle Bates shared information regarding the Local Municipalities' Early Voting Service Agreements. Discussion followed. Comm. Collins moved to approve the agreements, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Unfinished Business: NONE

Limited Public Comment was opened for any topic: NONE

Commissioner Comments: NONE

Clerk Holloway thanked Michelle for all her hard work and dedication to the early voting project.

Administrator Murphy thanked the commissioners for attending the meeting on such a short notice, due to the state moving up the funding application deadline.

Comm. Stimpson moved to adjourn at 6:17 p.m., Comm. Martis seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

James E. Van Doren, Chair