

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

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

ALSO PRESENT: Kim Murphy, John Gillooly, Shannon Elliott, Jennifer Ambrose, Ian Wendt (WLEN), Jenny Escott, Jake Pifer, Randy Casey, Kraig Kourt, Brett White, Donald VanWoert, Jeff Ewald, Micah Hassenzahl, Ben Ricker, Jim Driskill, Troy Bevier, Ed Scheffler, Tracy Stace, Matt Turgeon, Jackie Wyse, Francine Zysk, Allison Arnold, Mindy Dunn and Roxann Holloway.

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

Comm. Collins moved to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2023, meeting, Comm. Martis seconded. Motion CARRIED.

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

Communications were received.

Limited Public Comment- None

Sheriff Bevier presented the Life Saving Award to Sergeant Don VanWoert.

Drain Commissioner, Jenny Escott, presented the 2023 Drain Assessment Roll. Comm. Tillotson moved to accept the report, as presented and place on file, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Jim Driskill presented an update on the Michindoh Aquifer. Discussion followed. Comm. Nancy Jenkins-Arno volunteered to be the new county commissioner representative.

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

Board Resignations/Appointments: The following resignations are ACCEPTED and appointments APPROVED.

Department of Health and Human Services

Reappointment of Tom MacNaughton, Adrian 10/26

Lenawee Department on Aging

Accept the resignation of Art Liewert – District #7 Rep 9/26

Jury Board

Accept the resignation of Jeannette Knox and appoint Carol Knoblauch 4/25

Lenawee Public Transportation Authority

Reappointment of Nathan Owen, City of Adrian 9/26
And Burt Fenby, Goodwill 9/26

Budget: The 2024 draft budget was ADOPTED for publication and the Board of Commissioners will publish and set a Public Hearing for Wednesday, November 8, 2023.

2023 Apportionment Report: The 2023 Apportionment of tax rates spread upon all taxable property located within Lenawee County is ADOPTED.

Friend of the Court: The 2024 CRP Title IV-D Agreement is APPROVED and Judge Anna Marie Anzalone, Chairman James Van Dore, and FOC David McFarland ARE DESIGNATED as the authorized signatories.

TPS Additional Debris Removal: The contract modification-1B with TSP Construction LLC for debris removal in the amount of \$66,461.52 [out of 401,901.870] is ACCEPTED and the Administrator is AUTHORIZED to sign.

ETDB 800 Mghz Preventative Maintenance: The purchase of subscriber radio preventative maintenance for the Lenawee County radio fleet, including law enforcement and fire/EMS subscriber radios in the amount of \$85,000.00 [out of 261,325.850] is APPROVED.

PA 116 Applications: PA 116 applications #377, 378, 379, and 380 are APPROVED.

Support for Blight Removal:

RES#2023-17

Resolution supporting the Removal of Blight and Environmental Contamination from 133 N. Winter Street, 155 N. Winter Street, and 205 N. Winter Street (The Telegram Properties) Located in Adrian, Michigan.

WHEREAS, properties located within the City of Adrian, Lenawee County, Michigan: 133 N. Winter Street, 155 N. Winter Street, and 205 N. Winter Street, commonly known as the Telegram Properties, are vacant, blighted, and pose numerous safety and health hazards to the community; and,

WHEREAS, the buildings located at 155 N. Winter Street, and 205 N. Winter Street were condemned by the City of Adrian on October 7th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Telegram Properties have numerous environmental contamination issues identified by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) that must be mitigated in the interest of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Telegram Property contamination presents a human health risk for future use and development; and

WHEREAS, the presence of contamination on the Telegram Properties adversely impacts the River Raisin's aquatic and riparian ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the physical removal of environmental contamination, identified or presently unidentified, on the Telegram Properties through excavation presents the best alternative to remove future pathways to human exposure; and

WHEREAS, the removal of blight and environmental contamination is consistent with Lenawee County's vision for a safe, healthy, and vibrant community for all.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the removal of blight and contamination from the Telegram Properties in the interest of a safe, healthy, and vibrant community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Commission fully supports the removal of blight and contamination from the Telegram Properties in the interest of a safe, healthy and vibrant community. In this interest, the Lenawee County Commission hereby requests the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to support and facilitate the physical removal of contamination from the Telegram Properties to the greatest extent possible.

RES#2023-017 is ADOPTED.

Support of Local Control of Land Used

RES#2023-016

A Resolution expressing Support to Maintain Local Control Over Local Land Uses Including, But Not Limited to Short-term Rentals, Industrial Solar Installations, Industrial Wind Turbine Installations, Carbon Dioxide Capture and Sequestration, and Sand and Gravel Mining

WHEREAS, local units of government are best able to determine which uses should and should not be in their local communities and what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than having these decisions forced onto townships by the state government; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan may propose and attempt to pass into law bills that strip away local community control over local land uses including, but not limited to: short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations, carbon dioxide capture and sequestration, and sand and gravel mining; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners resolves as follows:

Section 1. The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners is opposed to the legislature of the State of Michigan proposing and passing bills that take away or otherwise limit local control over local land uses, including, but not limited to: short-term rentals, industrial solar installations, industrial wind turbine installations, carbon dioxide capture and sequestration, and sand and gravel mining.

Section 2. The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports local control of construction, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and decommissioning of industrial wind facilities, industrial solar facilities, sand and gravel mines, carbon dioxide capture and sequestration, and similar uses in our community.

Section 3. The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the longstanding right of local community self-determination as provided by the laws and constitution of the State of Michigan.

Section 4. As members of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, we resolve to maintain the duties and responsibilities bestowed upon us as elected representatives by our constituents to execute their will to the best of our abilities in these matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the County's elected representatives in the Michigan Legislature and the United States Congress; to the Governor of Michigan and all 83 counties, along with the Michigan House and Senate Energy Committee Chairpersons; and to Michigan Association of Counties.

RES#2023-016 is ADOPTED.

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

Comm. Collins reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

September 21, 2023: Total vouchers: \$6,304,271.14; general fund's portion: \$ 167,792.63.

October 5, 2023: Total vouchers: \$12,063,108.83; general fund's portion: \$ 505,428.44.

Comm. Collins moved to approve the total vouchers as presented, Comm. Tillotson seconded.
Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Human Services Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Personnel/Ways and Means Committee.

Comm. Jenkins-Arno reported from the Policy and Procedures 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. Bolton reported from the County Planning Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Department on Aging.

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

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

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

Comm. Jenkins-Arno reported from the Land Bank Authority.

Comm. Jenkins-Arno moved to adopt the amended Land Bank Interlocal Agreement (on file),
Comm. Collins seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Lenawee Public Transportation Authority.

Comm. Collins reported from the Maurice Spear Campus.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Parks Commission.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Region 2 Planning Commission.

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Solid Waste Coordinating Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Triad.

Comm. Martis reported from the Michigan Township Association.

Comm. Martis reported from the Road Commission.

Other Liaison Reports: None

Unfinished Business:

Administrator Murphy gave an update, regarding the sound absorption panels and visual equipment for the commission chambers.

New Business:

Board of Canvassers:

Clerk Holloway reported that one nominee was received by each of the local political party committees to fill the vacancies. Joyce Holtz was appointed, as the Democratic Member and LouAnn Bluntschly-Brazee was appointed, as the Republican Member. (4-year terms expiring November 2027) by way of ballot vote.

Public Comment:

Mindy Dunn, a member of the League of Women Voters, commented on the importance of the role of the Board of Canvassers.

Commissioner Comments:

Comm. Bolton shared that the Disabilities Connection Organization is currently holding a fundraiser drive and accepting donations.

Announcements:

Administrator Murphy announced that the old courthouse will close at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27th, for training.

Administrator Murphy informed the commissioners that there will be a closed session, at their next Personnel/Ways & Means Meeting, due to a Collective Bargaining Agreement Update that will be shared.

Administrator Murphy shared the budget process and announced that a public hearing will be held, at the next Board of Commissioner's Meeting.

Administrator Murphy announced that the Legislative Dinner will be held on November 18th.

Comm. Tillotson, moved to adjourn at 2:30 P.M., Comm. Martis seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

James E. Van Doren, Chair