

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES

November 23, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Held in Accordance with Public Act 228 of 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Meeting ID: 399-700-0062 / Password: LCBOC

<https://zoom.us/j/3997000062?pwd=SUdLYVFFcmozWnFxbm0vcHRjWkVIZz09>

Members Present: Carol Griffith, Kate Lawrence, William Green, Wes Nakagiri, Douglas Helzerman, Jay Drick, Robert Bezotte, Jay Gross, and Gary Childs

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Carol Griffith at 5:30 p.m.

2. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

4. ROLL CALL

Roll call by the Clerk indicated the presence of a quorum.

The following Board Members attended remotely from:

Carol Griffith, Genoa Township, Livingston County, Michigan
Kate Lawrence, City of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan
William Green, Deerfield Township, Livingston County, Michigan
Wes Nakagiri, Hartland Township, Livingston County, Michigan
Douglas Helzerman, Handy Township, Livingston County, Michigan
Jay Drick, City of Howell, Livingston County, Michigan
Jay Gross, Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan
Gary Childs, Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan

Robert Bezotte, Marion Township, Livingston County, Michigan (Commissioner Bezotte joined the meeting at 5:43 p.m.)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk, spoke in support of Resolution 2020-11-275, Agenda Item #13.e.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of Meeting Dated: November 9, 2020

b. Minutes of Meeting Dated: November 18, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

It was moved by D. Helzerman

Seconded by Nakagiri

Roll Call Vote: Yes (8): D. Helzerman, J. Drick, J. Gross, G. Childs, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, W. Green, and W. Nakagiri; No (0): None; Absent (1): R. Bezotte

Motion Carried (8-0-1)

8. TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

It was moved by K. Lawrence

Seconded by G. Childs

Roll Call Vote: Yes (8): K. Lawrence, W. Green, W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, J. Gross, G. Childs and C. Griffith; No (0): None; ; Absent (1): R. Bezotte

Motion Carried (8-0-1)

10. REPORTS

10.a County Administrator

Nathan Burd provided a report on the status of virtual meetings and the Open Meetings Act. After January 1, 2021, virtual meetings will only be allowed if the State of Emergency is extended. Administration and Civil Counsel are researching possible solutions and updates will be reported to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Bezotte joined the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

11. PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of the 2021 Livingston County Budget

11.a Call Public Hearing to Order

Motion required.

Motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing at 5:44 p.m.

It was moved by K. Lawrence

Seconded by W. Green

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): K. Lawrence, W. Green, W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, R. Bezotte, J. Gross, G. Childs and C. Griffith; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.b Public Comments

None.

11.c Adjourn Public Hearing

Motion required.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing and return to the regular meeting at 5:45 p.m.

It was moved by K. Lawrence

Seconded by W. Nakagiri

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): K. Lawrence, W. Green, W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, R. Bezotte, J. Gross, C. Griffith, and G. Childs; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Resolution 2020-11-270

Motion to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

12.a 2020-11-270

Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Community Mental Health for Inmate Mental Health Services 2021 - Jail

Motion to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by J. Gross

Seconded by G. Childs

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): J. Gross, G. Childs, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, W. Green, W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, and R. Bezotte; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

13. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolutions 2020-11-271 through 2020-11-273

13.a 2020-11-271

Resolution Adopting the 2021 Livingston County Operating Budget – Board of Commissioners

Cindy Catanach, Financial Officer, thanked Elected Officials, Department Directors, and Finance Department staff for their effort in developing the budget. Cindy answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by R. Bezotte

Seconded by D. Helzerman

Discussion

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, W. Green, W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, R. Bezotte, J. Gross, and G. Childs; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

13.b 2020-11-272

Resolution to Authorize a Mid-Fourth Quarter Budget Amendment to the Fiscal-Year 2020 Budget – Fiscal Services

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by K. Lawrence

Seconded by W. Nakagiri

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, W. Green, W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, R. Bezotte, J. Gross, and G. Childs; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

13.c 2020-11-273

Resolution Authorizing the Reorganization of the Drain Department – Drain Commissioner

Commissioner Nakagiri requested to divide the question in two:

Question 1: Approval of the promotion

Question 2: Approval of the retro pay

Chairwoman Griffith accepted Commissioner Nakagiri's request to divide the question.

Motion to approve the promotion of the employee in the Drain Commissioner's Office.

It was moved by W. Nakagiri

Seconded by D. Helzerman

Discussion

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, R. Bezotte, J. Gross, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, W. Green, and G. Childs; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

Motion to approve the retro pay for the employee in the Drain Commissioner's Office.

It was moved by G. Childs

Seconded by R. Bezotte

Discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes (6): G. Childs, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, D. Helzerman, R. Bezotte, and J. Gross; No (3): W. Green, W. Nakagiri, and J. Drick; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (6-3-0)

13.d 2020-11-274

Resolution Approving an Appointment to the Livingston County Community Mental Health Authority Board - Board of Commissioners

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by K. Lawrence

Seconded by W. Nakagiri

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): K. Lawrence, W. Green, W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, R. Bezotte, J. Gross, C. Griffith, and G. Childs; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

13.e 2020-11-275

Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Suspend Enhanced Access Fees for Livingston Live (Webtecs) Online Transactions - Treasurer

It was moved by R. Bezotte

Seconded by K. Lawrence

Discussion

Motion to amend resolution, 2020-11-275 Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Suspend Enhanced Access Fees for Livingston Live (Webtecs) Online Transactions – Treasurer, to include a review and end time of March 31, 2020, for the suspension of access fees.

It was moved by D. Helzerman

Seconded by J. Drick

Roll Call Vote: Yes (8): R. Bezotte, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, W. Green, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, J. Gross, and G. Childs; No (1): W. Nakagiri; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (8-1-0)

Motion to approve the amended resolution

It was moved by R. Bezotte
Seconded by K. Lawrence

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): D. Helzerman, J. Drick, R. Bezotte, J. Gross, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence,
W. Green, W. Nakagiri and G. Childs; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

AMENDED Motion Carried (9-0-0)

14. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Brian Jonckheere, Drain Commissioner, spoke to commend Livingston County Department Directors and Elected Officials in their ability to work together.

Commissioner Gross wished everyone in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Griffith echoed the sentiments of Drain Commissioner Jonckheere and Commissioner Gross.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

It was moved by D. Helzerman
Seconded by R. Bezotte

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): D. Helzerman, J. Drick, R. Bezotte, J. Gross, G. Childs, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence,
W. Green, and W. Nakagiri; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

Elizabeth Hundley, Livingston County Clerk