

# LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Held in Accordance with Public Act 254 of 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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

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

Members Present: Wes Nakagiri, Carol Griffith, Kate Lawrence, Carol Sue Reader, Douglas Helzerman, Jay Drick, Mitchell Zajac, Jay Gross, and Brenda Plank

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wes Nakagiri 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.

Wes Nakagiri, remotely from Hartland Township, County of Livingston, Michigan

Carol Griffith, remotely from Genoa Township, County of Livingston, Michigan

Kate Lawrence, remotely from City of Brighton, County of Livingston, Michigan

Carol Sue Reader, remotely from Deerfield Township, County of Livingston, Michigan

Douglas Helzerman, remotely from Handy Township, County of Livingston, Michigan

Jay Drick, remotely from City of Howell, County of Livingston, Michigan

Mitchell Zajac, remotely from Marion Township, County of Livingston, Michigan

Jay Gross, remotely from Green Oak Township, County of Livingston, Michigan

Brenda Plank, remotely from Green Oak Township, County of Livingston, Michigan

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

a. Berrien County Resolution 2103185 in Support of Senate Bill 127 to Expand the Window for Holding Virtual Meetings through June 30, 2021

b. Tuscola County Resolution 2021-05 Regarding Participation in Virtual Board Meetings

Motion to receive and place on file the correspondence.

It was moved by J. Gross

Seconded by C. Griffith

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): J. Gross, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, M. Zajac, and B. Plank; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**MOTION Carried (9-0-0)**

### 6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Commissioner Helzerman offered a prayer.

The following people spoke regarding Resolution 2021-03-040: Jessica Hamlin, Howell; John Conley, Brighton Area School Trustee, Brighton Township; Danyelle Anjo, Brighton Township; Elizabeth Johnson,

City of Brighton; Judy Daubenmier, Genoa Township; Rick Knieper, Pinckney; Jessica Fett, Pinckney; Stephanie Johnson, Brighton; Aaron Wilson, Lansing; Janine Iyer, Genoa Township; Ron Kardos, Oceola Township; Sean Greer, Howell; Bill Bolin, Brighton; Giani Cazan, Howell Township; Sabrina Mertes, Brighton; Cindi Holland, Howell; and Kathy Carney, Brighton.

Randall Beard, City of Howell, spoke regarding the historic courthouse clock.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. Minutes of Meeting Dated: March 8, 2021

b. Minutes of Meeting Dated: March 17, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes as presented with a friendly amendment to the Minutes of Meeting Dated: March 22, 2021 to reflect the correct date of Minutes of Meeting Dated: March 17, 2021.

It was moved by M. Zajac

Seconded by J. Gross

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): M. Zajac, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, J. Gross, and B. Plank; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**MOTION Carried (9-0-0)**

**8. TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

None.

**9. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

It was moved by C. Griffith

Seconded by D. Helzerman

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, M. Zajac, J. Gross, B. Plank and W. Nakagiri; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**MOTION Carried (9-0-0)**

**10. REPORTS**

**10. a SEMCOG**

Amy O'Leary, Executive Director presented a PowerPoint

**10. b COVID-19 Vaccination Update**

Dianne McCormick, Public Health Officer/Health Department Director

Commissioner Zajac reported on enjoying his work with SEMCOG. He also updated his work with the MAC HHS Committee and indicated that if Commissioners have any initiatives for upcoming agendas to reach out to him.

Chairman Nakagiri responded to Commissioner Zajac.

**11. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Resolution 2021-03-037

Motion to approve the resolution on the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by C. Griffith

Seconded by J. Gross

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, M. Zajac, J. Gross, B. Plank, and W. Nakagiri; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**MOTION Carried (9-0-0)**

**11. a 2021-03-037**

Resolution Authorizing an Additional Contribution to MERS in Fiscal Year 2021 – Administration

**12. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

Resolutions 2021-03-038 through 2021-03-040

**12. a 2021-03-038**

Resolution Approving Appointments to Livingston County Boards and Committees - Board of Commissioners

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by D. Helzerman  
Seconded by C. Griffith

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): D. Helzerman, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, J. Drick, M. Zajac, J. Gross, and B. Plank; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**MOTION Carried (9-0-0)**

**12. b 2021-03-039**

Resolution Approving an Appointment to the Livingston County Tax Allocation Board – Board of Commissioners

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by J. Gross  
Seconded by D. Helzerman

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): J. Gross, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, M. Zajac, and B. Plank; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**MOTION Carried (9-0-0)**

**12. c 2021-03-040**

Resolution Authorizing Livingston County to Declare a Local State of Emergency - Emergency Management

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by J. Gross  
Seconded by C. Griffith  
Discussion

Motion to Amend the Resolution.

It was moved by M. Zajac  
Seconded by W. Nakagiri  
Discussion

- Strike Title, and replace with **Resolution Authorizing Participation in Livingston County Government Meetings by the Public by Virtual Means**
- Strike final Therefore Be It Further Resolved

- Amend first Therefore Be It Resolved as follows: **Therefore Be It Resolved that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes participation in Livingston County Government Meetings by the Public in order to protect the safety, health, and wellbeing of the public and government officials while the Board of Commissioners conducts business, via virtual means.**
- Amend the second Therefore Be It Further Resolved as follows: **Therefore Be It Further Resolved, that the actions taken by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners in this resolution does not, in any way, affect the ability of the municipalities within the County to issue their own State of Emergency declarations should the local facts and circumstances warrant in the discretion of local officials, subject to their local control.**
- Add a new Therefore Be It Further Resolved: **Therefore Be It Further Resolved that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners declares that no State of Emergency exists at this time.**

Roll Call Vote: Yes (4): M. Zajac W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, and J. Drick;

No (5): C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, J. Gross, and B. Plank; Absent (0): None

**MOTION to Amend Failed (4- 5-0)**

Motion to Call the Question.

It was moved by K. Lawrence

Seconded by D. Helzerman

Roll Call Vote: Yes (7): K. Lawrence, C. Griffith, C. Reader, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, J. Gross, and

B. Plank; No (2): W. Nakagiri and M. Zajac; Absent (0): None

**MOTION to Call the Question Carried (7-2-0)**

Motion to approve the original Resolution as presented.

It was moved by J. Gross

Seconded by C. Griffith

Roll Call Vote: Yes (5): J. Gross, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, and B. Plank;

No (4): W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, and M. Zajac; Absent (0): None

**MOTION Carried (5-4-0)**

### **13. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

The following people spoke on Resolution 2021-03-040: Judy Daubenmier, Genoa Township; Rick Knieper, Pinckney; Cindi Holland, Howell; Giani Cazan, Howell Township; Danyelle Anjo, Brighton Township; Sean Greer, Howell; Aaron Wilson, Lansing; Eva Helminen, Brighton; Stephanie Krieg, Brighton; and Janine Iyer, Genoa Township.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m.

It was moved by D. Helzerman

Seconded by M. Zajac

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): D. Helzerman, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, K. Lawrence, C. Reader, J. Drick, M. Zajac, J. Gross, and B. Plank; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

**MOTION Carried (9-0-0)**

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Elizabeth Hundley, Livingston County Clerk