



**Courts, Public Safety, and  
Infrastructure Development Committee  
Meeting Agenda**

September 9, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Meeting

304 E. Grand River Ave., Board Chambers, Howell, Michigan

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3997000062>

*A quorum of the Board of Commissioners may be in attendance at this meeting.*

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Members Present: Wes Nakagiri - Chairman, Douglas Helzerman - Vice Chairman, Nick Fiani  
Members Absent: David Domas

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## 1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Commissioner Nakagiri at 6:00 p.m.

## 2. Roll Call

Roll call by the recording secretary indicated the presence of a quorum.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

### 3.1 Meeting Minutes dated: July 8, 2024

Motion to approve the Minutes as presented.

It was moved by D. Helzerman  
Seconded by N. Fiani

Yes (3): W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, and N. Fiani; No (0): None;  
Absent (1): D. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

## 4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

It was moved by D. Helzerman  
Seconded by N. Fiani

Yes (3): W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, and N. Fiani; No (0): None;  
Absent (1): D. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

## 5. Reports

None.

## 6. Call to the Public

The following persons addressed the Board: Chuck Wright, Handy Township; Mary Witalec, Green Oak Township.

## 7. Resolutions for Consideration

**7.1 Juvenile Court**

Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) Grant – FY 2025

Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Commissioners.

Debby Shaw, Juvenile Court Administrator, presented the resolution and answered questions from Commissioners.

Moved by: D. Helzerman  
Seconded by: N. Fiani

Yes (3): W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, and N. Fiani; No (0): None;  
Absent (1): D. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

**7.2 Juvenile Court**

Resolution Authorizing the Fiscal Year 2025 Memorandum of Understanding and Cash Matching Funding for Behavioral Health Managed Care Services – Wraparound

Motion to recommend the resolution to the Board of Commissioners.

Debby Shaw, Juvenile Court Administrator, presented the resolution and answered questions from Commissioners.

Moved by: N. Fiani  
Seconded by: D. Helzerman

Yes (3): W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, and N. Fiani; No (0): None;  
Absent (1): D. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

**8. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 P.M.

It was moved by D. Helzerman  
Seconded by N. Fiani

Yes (3): W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, and N. Fiani; No (0): None;  
Absent (1): D. Domas

**Motion Carried (3-0-1)**

  
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Natalie Hunt, Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION

NO: 2024-04-052

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: April 22, 2024

**Resolution Requesting Court Case Code, Case Weight, and Case Load Data from the State Court Administrative Office – Board of Commissioners**

**WHEREAS,** a court workload study conducted in 2010 was commissioned by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO). The results of this study were published in a 2011 report authored by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC). This NCSC report concluded that Livingston County Courts had a surplus of 6.3 quasi-judicial officers (QJOs).

**WHEREAS,** SCAO statistics show that the caseload of Livingston County Courts has declined by over 50% from 2010 through 2022 (2022 is the most recent publicly available caseload statistics).

**WHEREAS,** this caseload decline coupled with the initial surplus of QJOs suggests that there could be a current surplus of 12.6 QJOs.

**WHEREAS,** assuming an average cost of \$100,000 per quasi-judicial officer per year, Livingston County taxpayers could save \$12.6 million over the course of a decade by addressing this QJO surplus.

**WHEREAS,** this overspending on QJOs could be redirected to other financial needs of the county, such as increasing public safety spending to protect against an influx of illegal immigrants placed in our county by Washington D.C. and Lansing.

**WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners (BOC) recently sought to hire the NCSC to conduct another workload analysis to confirm their prior results. NCSC expressed interest in contracting with the BOC, however, Tom Boyd, Michigan State Court Administrator did not approve, and NCSC declined to assist the BOC.

**WHEREAS,** the BOC remains committed to using objective data to deliver effective and efficient government on behalf of Livingston County citizen.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the BOC directs the Livingston County Administrator to request from SCAO the latest case codes, case weights, and caseloads so that the BOC can independently confirm prior workload results published by NCSC and SCAO.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the BOC directs the Livingston County Administrator to, if available, acquire the same data from 2023 and 2024.

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**MOVED:** N. Fiani

**SECONDED:** W. Nakagiri

**CARRIED:** Yes (8): D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, J. Drick, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (1): M. Smith

RESOLUTION

NO: [Title]

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: Click or tap to enter a date.

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## Resolution to Monitor and Document Contacts Between Illegal Immigrants and the Livingston County Sheriff's Office - Board of Commissioners

- WHEREAS,** citizens continue to express concerns about illegal immigration and its associated increase in crime, and
- WHEREAS,** ignoring these concerns, Border Czar Kamala Harris has permitted millions of illegal immigrants to cross our borders, and
- WHEREAS,** though largely denied and underreported by major media organizations, these illegal immigrants have contributed to an increase in crime, and
- WHEREAS,** this increased criminal activity is not just isolated to southern border states, and
- WHEREAS,** records from the 44th Circuit Court of Livingston County reveal that 26-year-old illegal immigrant Alan Nieves-Garnica has pled guilty to third-degree criminal sexual conduct for an offense against a 15-year-old girl that happened within the county on October 22, 2023, and
- WHEREAS,** this and other illegal immigrant crime could have been prevented if the Border Czar chose to enforce border security, and
- WHEREAS,** earlier this year the Livingston County Sheriff was asked if open borders were impacting his department, he answered, "Yes, as a matter of fact it is. We thought we would be immune to this being a midwestern state, center of Michigan, here in southern Michigan, but we're not. We just recently had a case handled by a local police agency...it was the criminal sexual conduct of a 15-year-old by an illegal so we are not immune to this, nobody is immune to this," and
- WHEREAS,** according to CrimeGrades.org, Livingston County is among the safest counties in Michigan with the best possible Crime Grade of A+. Our crime grade compares favorably to those of the neighboring counties of Washtenaw (D+) and Ingham (D-), and
- WHEREAS,** the Center for Immigration Studies reports that Washtenaw County has declared itself a sanctuary county and that the city of Lansing, located in Ingham County has declared itself a sanctuary city, and
- WHEREAS,** reputable organizations have reported higher crime rates in sanctuary cities/counties, and
- WHEREAS,** a comparison of crime in Livingston County vs. Washtenaw and Ingham Counties shows this same trend, and
- WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Board of Commissioners would like additional data to better assess the impact of illegal immigration such that our county continues to be one of the safest counties in Michigan, and
- WHEREAS,** the Livingston County Sheriff is in full agreement regarding the collection and analysis of such data.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that in cooperation with the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, the Livingston County Sheriff's Office will document contacts with illegal immigrants regardless of the nature of the contact, and provide periodic reports of these contacts to the Board of Commissioners.

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**MOVED:**  
**SECONDED:**  
**CARRIED:**