

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES



September 13, 2021, 5:30 P.M.
Board of Commissioners Hybrid Meeting
Zoom Virtual Meeting ID: 399-700-0062 / Password: LCBOC
<https://zoom.us/j/3997000062?pwd=SUdLYVFFcmozWnFxbm0vcHRjWkVIZz09>
304 E. Grand River Ave., Board Chambers, Howell, Michigan

Members Present: Wes Nakagiri, Carol Griffith, Martin Smith, Carol Sue Reader, Douglas Helzerman, Jay Drick, Mitchell Zajac, Jay Gross, 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.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Ingham County Resolution #21-437 Supporting the Independent Decision Making by Public Health Officers

Motion to receive and place on file the correspondence.

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

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve revised Agenda as presented.

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

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

7. 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Each of the following Departments presented slides reviewing Programs, Budget Overview, Budget Drivers and Spending Trends, representing their 2022 Budget Requests.

7.a County Clerk / Elections

Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk, presented slides and answered questions from Commissioners for the County Clerk's Office including Elections and CPL.

7.b County Clerk / Circuit Court

Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk, presented slides and answered questions from Commissioners for the Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

7.c Treasurer

Jennifer Nash, County Treasurer, presented slides and answered questions from Commissioners.

7.d Register of Deeds

Brandon Barefield, Chief Deputy Register of Deeds, presented slides and answered questions from Commissioners.

7.e Drain / DPW

A report was not presented.

7.f Airport

Mark Johnson, Airport Manager, presented slides and answered questions from the Commissioners.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The following people addressed the Board: Jason Ringuette, Brighton Township; Connie Robinson, Hartland; Dan Wholihan, Genoa Township; Jim Delcamp, Genoa Township; James Lewis, Genoa Township; Matt Topoleski, Green Oak Township; Reid Daavettila, Green Oak Township; Joann Narsh, Oceola Township; Monica Halama, Oceola Township; Yvonne Black, Marion Township; Marty Brown, Oceola Township; Frank, Genoa Township; Anne Patterson, Genoa Township; Kristin Soderbez, City of Howell; Alisa Davis, City of Brighton; Jessica Barefield, Putnam Township; Michelle Blonded, Hartland Township; Cherie LaRue, Green Oak Township;

Commissioner Nakagiri adjourned the meeting for a five (5) minutes recess at 7:29 p.m.

Commissioner Nakagiri resumed the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Elizabeth Rozemarniewicz, Hamburg Township; Kathleen Dettling, Oceola Township; Lori Cowan, Unadilla Township; Alice Andrews, Brighton Township; Danielle Borton, Pinckney; Joellen Pisarczyk, formerly Oceola Township; Elizabeth Hauptman, Hamburg Township; Judy Daubenmier, Genoa Township; Dean Cobb, Hartland Township; Mike Miller, Conway Township; Christine Clinton-Cali, Green Oak Township; Patricia, Green Oak Township; Janet Jasenak, City of Brighton; Michele Wiper, Hamburg Township; Sabrina Mertes, Brighton Township; Patricia Murphy, Oceola Township; Justin Braska, Handy Township; Sheila Linhart, Hamburg Township; Holly Austin, Hartland; Patricia Lorandos, Hamburg Township; Jeremy B, Pinckney; Danyelle Anjo, Brighton Township; Stacy Kraepel, Brighton Township; Shelly Shpakoff; Jessica Hamlin, Oceola Township; Jennifer Burnside, Howell; Julia Barker, Howell Township; Alena, Oceola Township; Laurie, Brighton Township; Christina Kafkakis, Brighton Township; Ashley Fletcher, Howell; Susan Cleff, Handy Township; and Stacy Ferrell, Oceola Township;

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes of Meeting Dated: August 23, 2021

b. Minutes of Meeting Dated: September 8, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

It was moved by D. Helzerman
Seconded by M. Zajac

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

10. TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

11. REPORTS

Commissioner Griffith reported on the Michigan Association of Counties Workers' Fund Conference she attended and provided a historical review.

Commissioner Nakagiri provided a COVID report.

12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Resolutions 2021-09-141 through 2021-09-147

Motion to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by M. Smith

Seconded by B. Plank

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

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

12.a 2021-09-141

Resolution Authorizing Specialty Courts and Programs to Apply for the State Opioid Response 2 Project (SOR2) Grant for the Adult Drug Court for FY2022 – Central Services

12.b 2021-09-142

Resolution Authorizing Vehicle Leases to Replace Four Sheriff's Vehicles Damaged in Recent Flooding – Car Pool

12.c 2021-09-143

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC for Transit Attorney Services - LETS

12.d 2021-09-144

Resolution Supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Programs – Board of Commissioners

12.e 2021-09-145

Resolution to Authorize the Write Off of EMS Accounts Receivable When Sent to Collections - Emergency Medical Services

12.f 2021-09-146

Resolution Authorizing Howell Township to Use the Public Safety Complex as a Polling Site for Elections. – Emergency Medical Services

12.g 2021-09-147

Resolution Authorizing the Reorganization of the EMS Department and Addition of an Education Instructor Coordinator Position – Emergency Medical Services

13. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolution 2021-09-148

13.a 2021-09-148

Resolution Approving Reclassifying Four Full-Time EMS Road Supervisors from FLSA Exempt to Non-FLSA Exempt - EMS

It was moved by D. Helzerman
Seconded by B. Plank
Discussion

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

14. DISCUSSION

14.a Board of Commissioners

Resolution Declaring Livingston County Will Not Comply with Unconstitutional Presidential Mandate Requiring Employers of Over 100 Employees to Force Staff to Receive COVID-19 Vaccination or to Perform Mandatory Testing

Discussion

Motion to adopt the Resolution as written.

It was moved by M. Zajac
Seconded by None

NO SECOND, Motion Not Considered

Commissioner Nakagiri adjourned the meeting for a five (5) minutes recess at 9:54 p.m.

Commissioner Nakagiri resumed the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

15. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The following people addressed the Board: Janine Iyre, Genoa Township; Peggy Townsend, Tyrone Township; Cherie LaRue, Green Oak Township; Elizabeth Rozemarniewicz, Hamburg Township; Ken Jonkman, Green Oak Township; Jennifer Smith, Genoa Township; Nicole Cullers, Hamburg Township; Sue Daavettilla, Green Oak Township; Yvonne Black, Marion Township; Brian Woods, Brighton Township; Michele Wiper, Hamburg Township; Tyler Daavettilla, Howell Township; Rhonda Hall, Howell; Stacy Farrell, Oceola Township; Katie Deck, Howell; Justin Braska, Handy Township; Bryan Bradford, Hamburg Township; Christina Kafkakis, Brighton Township; Haley, Howell; Christina Morales, Brighton Township; Jennifer Cross, Howell Township; Danielle Hoven, Howell Township; Sheila Linhart, Hamburg Township; Danielle Elliott, Howell; Julia Barker, Howell Township; Jane Suarez-Forward, Brighton Township; Crystal McCotter, Hamburg Township; Zach Hall, Howell Township; Christine Tadajewski, City of Brighton; Alena Anderson, Oceola Township; Christine Ketchowski, Green Oak Township; Audrey Turnage, Howell; Nancy Durance, City of Brighton; Rhonda Hall, Howell Township; Jessica Hamlin, Oceola Township; Steve Williams, Marion Township; Jeannie Moak, Conway Township; Christina Nelson, Fowlerville; Lauren Brynolf, Hartland; Lindsay Collier, Howell Township; Elyse Moore, Brighton Township; and Holly Austin, Hartland.

16. CLOSED SESSION (Motion Needed)

Closed session to consult with the County's attorneys pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) regarding *National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, Case No. 17-md-02804, MDL No. 2804, multidistrict litigation (the "MDL") against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers pending in the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Motion to go into Closed Session at 11:47 p.m.

It was moved by C. Griffith
Seconded by M. Zajac

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

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

Motion to Return to Open Session at 11:54 p.m.

It was moved by M. Zajac
Seconded by C. Griffith

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

Motion to approve counsel's recommendation regarding *National Prescription Opiate Litigation*, Case No. 17-md-02804, MDL No. 2804, multidistrict litigation (the "MDL") against opioid manufacturers, distributors, and retailers pending in the District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and authorize the County Administrator or Board Chairperson to sign any documents consistent with this motion after approval as to form by the Litigation Attorney.

It was moved by M. Zajac
Seconded by J. Gross

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

17. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 p.m.

It was moved by D. Helzerman
Seconded by B. Plank

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

Elizabeth Hundley, Livingston County Clerk