

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING MINUTES



September 27, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

Board of Commissioners Hybrid Meeting

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

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

Members Present: Wes Nakagiri, Carol Griffith, Martin Smith, Carol Sue Reader, Douglas Helzerman, Jay Drick, Jay Gross, and Brenda Plank

Members Absent: Mitchell Zajac

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wes Nakagiri at 5:31 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

Commissioner Plank attending remotely from Green Oak Township, Livingston County, Michigan due to a medical condition.

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Muskegon County Resolution #2021-367 to Promote General Welfare
- b. Roscommon County Resolution #2021-09-01 Opposing Mental Health System Proposal Changes
- c. Tuscola County Resolution #2021-13 to Exempt Certain Counties from Recently Updated Open Meetings Act

Motion to receive and place on file the correspondence.

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

MOTION Carried (8-0-1)

6. 2022 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Each Department presented slides reviewing Programs, 2021 Annual Report, Budget Overview, Budget Drivers and Spending Trends, representing their 2022 Budget Requests.

- a. 911 Central Dispatch

Chad Chewning, Department Director, attending virtually, presented slides and answered questions from Commissioners.

b. Sheriff

Michael Murphy, Livingston County Sheriff, and Jeff Warder, Undersheriff, presented slides, provided a handout, and answered questions from Commissioners.

c. Emergency Management

Therese Cremona, Emergency Manager, presented slides and answered questions from Commissioners.

d. EMS/Medical Examiner

David Feldpausch, Director Emergency Medical Services, introduced Amy Chapman, Deputy Director EMS, presented slides and answered questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Zajac arrived at 7:40 p.m.

e. Drain Commissioner

Brian Jonckheere, Livingston County Drain Commissioner, and Ken Recker, Chief Deputy Drain Commissioner, presented slides and answered questions from Commissioners.

Commissioner Nakagiri recessed the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioner Nakagiri resumed the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The following people addressed the Board: Cherie LaRue, Green Oak Township; Julie McDonald, Oceola Township; Donna Smith, Oceola Township; Jennifer Cross, Howell Township; Jessica Hamlin, Oceola Township; Katie Deck, Howell Township; Justin Braska, Handy Township; Lee Ann Blazejewski, City of Howell; Brenda Lindsey, Oceola Township; Amber Pisha, City of Howell; Denise O'Connell, Hartland Township; Sherri Valdes, Marion Township; Janice Karlovich Foster, Green Oak Township; Danyelle Anjo, Brighton Township; Lisa Fetters, Howell Township; Yvonne Black, Marion Township; and Tonya Defever, Handy Township.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of Meeting Dated: September 13, 2021
- b. Minutes of Meeting Dated: September 22, 2021
- c. Closed Session Minutes dated: September 13, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

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

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

9. TABLED ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

None.

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

It was moved by M. Zajac
Seconded by J. Drick
Discussion

Motion to add Commissioner Smith's Resolution to allocate and use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to combat COVID and/or related virus causing the ongoing pandemic - Board of Commissioners under Resolutions for Consideration.

It was moved by M. Smith
Seconded by M. Zajac
Discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes (6): M. Smith, C. Griffith, C. Reader, D. Helzerman, M. Zajac, and J. Gross
No (3): W. Nakagiri, J. Drick, and B. Plank; Absent (0): None

MOTION Carried (6-3-0)

Motion to add Commissioner Nakagiri's Resolution Authorizing Funding of a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Specifically Tailored for Livingston County - Board of Commissioners under Resolutions for Consideration.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yes (8): D. Helzerman, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, M. Smith, J. Drick, M. Zajac, J. Gross, and B. Plank; No (1): C. Reader; Absent (0): None

MOTION Carried (8-1-0)

Motion to consider Commissioner Nakagiri's resolution prior to Commissioner Smith's resolution under Resolutions for Consideration.

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

Commissioner Griffith withdrew her second.

Seconded by D. Helzerman

Roll Call Vote: Yes (5): M. Zajac, W. Nakagiri, D. Helzerman, J. Drick, and B. Plank;
No (4): C. Griffith, M. Smith, C. Reader, and J. Gross; Absent (0): None

MOTION Carried (5-4-0)

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

11. REPORTS

Commissioner Gross thanked the Health Department workers who have worked so hard during the COVID pandemic.

12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Resolutions 2021-09-149 through 2021-09-152

Motion to approve the resolution on the Consent Agenda.

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

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): C. Griffith, W. Nakagiri, M. Smith, 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 2021-09-149

Resolution to Approve Funding Update of Equipment for the Mobile Command Center for Livingston County Sheriff's Office Utilizing FY 19 Homeland Security Grant Program Funds Over \$25,000 Dollars – Emergency Management

12.b 2021-09-150

Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Purchase Order for Architectural and Design Services to Lindhout Associates – Sheriff

12.c 2021-09-151

Resolution to Modify the Non-Union Employees, Elected Officials, Commissioners, and Judges Benefit Plans for 2022 Fiscal Year – Human Resources

12.d 2021-09-152

Resolution Authorizing Contract Change Orders for the Livingston County Veterans Services Build Out Project – Veterans Services

13. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Resolutions 2021-09-153 through 2021-09-155

13.a 2021-09-153

Resolution Approving an Appointment to the Michigan Department of Human Services Board - Board of Commissioners

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by J. Drick
Seconded by B. Plank
Discussion

Yes (8): J. Drick, W. Nakagiri, C. Griffith, M. Smith, D. Helzerman, M. Zajac, J. Gross, and B. Plank; No (1): C. Reader; Absent (0): None

MOTION Carried (8-1-0)

13.b 2021-09-154

Resolution Approving Appointments to the Livingston County Planning Commission - Board of Commissioners

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

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

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

13.c 2021-09-155

Resolution Authorizing the Reorganization of the Sheriff's Office to Move one FTE Deputy from the Jail Services Division to the Field Services Division - Sheriff

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by J. Drick
Seconded by M. Smith
Discussion

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

13.d. 2021-09-156

Resolution Authorizing Funding of a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Specifically Tailored for Livingston County - Board of Commissioners

Motion to adopt the Resolution.

It was moved by M. Zajac

Seconded by B. Plank

Discussion

Commissioner Nakagiri suggested the amount of funding to be set at \$150,000.

Motion by Commissioner Helzerman with support by Commissioner Gross to amend the resolution to include the first BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph read BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ARPA funds, Fund 286, in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 per quarter are appropriated to the LCHD for the purpose of addressing the specific COVID mitigation needs listed above, through September 30, 2022.

Commissioner Helzerman made a friendly amendment supported by Commissioner Gross to the amendment to include a second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the allocated ARPA funds may be used to support the continued funding of staff positions authorized by Resolution 2020-08-198 as well as related overtime expenses for exempt employees authorized by Resolution 2020-03-079 and extended by 2020-12-289 and that the Board of Commissioners authorize any budget amendments necessary to effectuate the above.

It was moved by D. Helzerman

Seconded by J. Gross

Discussion

Yes (7): D. Helzerman, C. Griffith, M. Smith, C. Reader, M. Zajac, J. Gross, and B. Plank;
No (2): W. Nakagiri and J. Drick; Absent (0): None

MOTION to Amend Carried (7-2-0)

Motion to amend the current resolution to replace "ARPA funds" with "General Fund" dollars.

It was moved by M. Zajac

Seconded by NONE

NO SECOND, Motion not considered

Motion to adopt the resolution as amended.

It was moved by M. Zajac

Seconded by B. Plank

Yes (6): C. Griffith, J. Gross, B. Plank, M. Smith, C. Reader, and D. Helzerman; No (3):
W. Nakagiri, M. Zajac and J. Drick; Absent (0): None.

13. e. 2021-09-157

Resolution to allocate and use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to combat COVID and/or related virus causing the ongoing pandemic - Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Smith withdrew his resolution

14. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

The following people addressed the Board: Stacy Farrell, Oceola Township; Patricia Lasutschinkow, Green Oak Township; Yvonne Black, Marion Township; Sherri Valdes, Marion Township; Jane Suarez-Forward, Brighton Township; Justin Braska, Handy Township; Tonya Defever, Handy Township; Kasey Helton, Marion Township; Jessica Hamlin, Oceola Township, Katie Deck, Howell, and Jennifer Cross, Howell Township.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

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

MOTION Carried (9-0-0)

Elizabeth Hundley, Livingston County Clerk

UNAPPROVED