



Livingston County Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025, 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>

Members Present: Jay Drick, Douglas Helzerman, David Domas, Frank Sample, Wes Nakagiri, Roger Deaton, Nick Fiani, Melvin Paunovich, Jay Gross

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jay Drick at 6:00 p.m.

2. Moment of Prayer

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. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

It was moved by N. Fiani
Seconded by W. Nakagiri

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

6. Correspondence

6.a Leelanau County

Resolution #2024-021 in Support of House Bill 5430 for the Expansion of the Michigan Historic Preservation Tax Credits Established Under Public Act 343 of 2020

Motion to receive and place the correspondence on file.

It was moved by F. Sample
Seconded by D. Helzerman

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

7. Call to the Public

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

8. Approval of Minutes

8.a Meeting Minutes dated: January 6, 2025

8.b Work Session Minutes dated: January 22, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

It was moved by J. Gross
Seconded by N. Fiani

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

9. Tabled Items From Previous Meetings

None.

10. Reports

Commissioner Nakagiri reported on crime statistics in Livingston County and surrounding counties.

11. Resolutions for Consideration

11.a 2025-01-004

Resolution to Amend the Livingston County Paid Sick Leave Workplace Policy and the Personnel Manual due to the Passage of the Michigan Earned Sick Time Act – Human Resources

Motion to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by D. Domas
Seconded by F. Sample

Discussion.

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.b 2025-01-005

Resolution to Approve the 2025 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with MSU Extension as Determined by the 2025 MSUE Budget – MSU Extension

Motion to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by F. Sample

Seconded by D. Helzerman

Discussion.

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.c 2025-01-006 (Roll Call Vote)

Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Four Ambulance Remounts - Emergency Medical Services

Motion to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by D. Helzerman
Seconded by D. Domas

Discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): D. Helzerman, J. Drick, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.d 2025-01-007 (Roll Call Vote)

Resolution Approving the Reclassification of One Part-time Office Assistant and One Part-Irregular Part-Time Dispatcher to Two Irregular Part-time Dispatchers – Central Dispatch

Motion to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by W. Nakagiri
Seconded by N. Fiani

Discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): W. Nakagiri, J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.e 2025-01-008

Resolution Appointing the Designated Planning Agency for the Materials Management Planning Process – DPW/Solid Waste

Motion to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by D. Domas
Seconded by D. Helzerman

Discussion.

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.f 2025-01-009

Resolution Dissolving the Solid Waste Management Committee and Creating the Materials Management Planning Committee – DPW/Solid Waste

Motion to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by D. Domas
Seconded by D. Helzerman

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.g 2025-01-010 (Roll Call Vote)

Resolution Authorizing the Increase in Hours for a Part-Time Deputy Court Clerk from .50 FTE to .70 FTE – District Court

Motion to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by D. Helzerman
Seconded by F. Sample

Discussion.

Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): D. Helzerman, J. Drick, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.h 2025-01-011

Resolution Authorizing the Elimination of a Part-Time Court Clerk Position – Juvenile Court

Motion to adopt the resolution.

It was moved by F. Sample
Seconded by N. Fiani

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

11.i 2025-01-012

Resolution Approving an Appointment to the Livingston County Road Commission - Board of Commissioners

Motion to adopt the resolution.

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

Discussion.

Commissioners voted for their choice of the following five candidates: Dennis Brennan, Thomas Econom, Brian Ignatowski, Kelly Ralko, and Chuck Wright.

First round of voting:

Commissioner Fiani voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Gross voted for Kelly Ralko
Commissioner Helzerman voted for Dennis Brennan
Commissioner Domas voted for Kelly Ralko
Commissioner Sample voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Nakagiri voted for Chuck Wright
Commissioner Drick voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Deaton voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Paunovich voted for Brian Ignatowski

Second round of voting:

Commissioner Fiani voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Gross voted for Kelly Ralko
Commissioner Helzerman voted for Kelly Ralko
Commissioner Domas voted for Kelly Ralko
Commissioner Sample voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Nakagiri voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Drick voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Deaton voted for Thomas Econom
Commissioner Paunovich voted for Thomas Econom

Motion to amend the resolution to remove the 4th Whereas, at the January 13, 2025, meeting of the Personnel Committee, members voted to nominate ____ to fill the vacant term on the Livingston County Road Commission, and to approve the appointment of Thomas Econom to the Livingston County Road Commission.

It was moved by N. Fiani
Seconded by F. Sample

Discussion.

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

Motion to approve the resolution as amended.

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

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

12. Accounts Payable Reports

12.a Claims dated: January 27, 2025

12.b Payables dated: December 11, 2024 through January 16, 2025

Motion to approve Claims Report and Payables Report as presented.

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

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

13. Call to the Public

The following person addressed the Board: Cindy Michniewicz, Hamburg Township.

14. Commissioner Comments

The following Commissioners commented: D. Helzerman; J. Gross; W. Nakagiri

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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

Yes (9): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, N. Fiani, M. Paunovich, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (0): None

Motion Carried (9-0-0)

Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk