

Livingston County Board of Commissioners

Work Session Minutes



May 28, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
Livingston County Administration Building
304 E. Grand River, Conference Room 1, Howell, MI 48843

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

Members Absent: Nick Fiani, Melvin Paunovich

1. Call Work Session to Order

The Work Session was called to order by Chairman, Jay Drick, at 8:32 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum.

3. Call to the Public

Act 388 of 1976 offer; Act 267 of 1976

The following person addressed the Board: Andrew Dabish, City of Howell.

Commissioner Domas arrived at 8:35 a.m.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

It was moved by F. Sample
Seconded by J. Gross

Yes (6): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, and J. Gross; No (0): None;
Absent (3): R. Deaton, N. Fiani, and M. Paunovich

Motion Carried (6-0-3)

5. Discussion

5.a 2026 Budget Priorities

Nathan Burd, County Administrator, and Cindy Arbanas, Deputy Director / Financial Officer, presented.

- Budget Roles and responsibilities for the Board of Commissioners; County Administrator responsibilities; Fiscal Services responsibilities.
- Budget Cycle = Plan; Adopt; Monitor; Amend.
- Calendar Dates: Public Hearing on November 10, 2025, and Adoption on November 24, 2025.
- Spending Trends – historical spending trends by category

- Preliminary Revenue Projection approximately \$67.7M - 4.5% increase over 2025.
- Employee Headcount / Approved FTE's - numbers are modest in relation to comparable counties.
- Average employee cost with benefits at \$104,918 including breakout by employee groups.
- Historical Healthcare costs analysis.

Commissioner Deaton arrived at 9:21 a.m.

- Retiree Health Care Plan is 112% funded.
- Pension payment history discussed noting no additional payments have been made since 2023.
- Reviewed Capital Improvement Fund \$75M is being requested over 5 years and \$8.8M currently in fund and \$10.3M in Vision Tour Fund.
- Opioid Fund - \$2.8M remains and proposals are coming in and will be reviewed. Any reports will be presented to the FAM Committee.
- Current Challenges: Legacy Costs; Aging Infrastructure; Attracting and Retaining Talented Staff; Technology; Regulatory and Legislative Changes.

6. Call to the Public

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7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

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

Yes (7): J. Drick, D. Helzerman, D. Domas, F. Sample, W. Nakagiri, R. Deaton, and J. Gross; No (0): None; Absent (2): N. Fiani, and M. Paunovich

Motion Carried (7-0-2)

Kristi Cox, Chief Deputy County Clerk