

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



MEMBERS

Committee of the Whole
Second Floor, Old Courthouse
301 N, Main St.
Adrian, MI 49221

MEETING LOCATION
Commission Chambers

Minutes: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Invocation - Pledge - Cell Phone Reminder:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Board Chairman Van Doren.

Present: Commissioners: James Van Doren, David Aungst, Beth Blanco, Terry Collins, James Daly, Dustin Krasny, Kevon Martis, David Stimpson, Ralph Tillotson

Also Present: Troy Bevier, Ben Ricker, Yvonne Thomas, John Gillooly, John Tuckerman, Ian Wendt (WLEN), Shannon Elliott, Todd Gillman, Jen Ambrose, Carissa Zubke, Kim Murphy, Francine Zysk, Deborah Comstock, Mark Haag, Lisa Hewitt-Cruz, Ed Scheffler, Dan Zimolzak, Andrew Munson, Matthew Witte, Matt Turgeon, Katarina Dumont, Roxann Holloway

ROLL CALL

All nine commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2024

Comm. Collins moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Organizational Minutes 1/3/25

Comm. Martis moved to approve the minutes of January 3, 2025, Comm. Aungst seconded, Motion CARRIED.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

No Amendments.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve agenda as presented, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

PETITIONS and COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications were read.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:

None

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT: [on any agenda item – 3 minute limit]

Public comment was received by the following:

Deborah Comstock - Adrian

Todd Gillman - Onsted

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

School Board Member Recognition Month- **Mark Haag** - LISD Superintendent & **Yvonne Thomas** - President of Lenawee Association of School Boards

RES#2025-01

LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER- RECOGNITION MONTH

WHEREAS, providing for the education of Michigan's school-aged children is a fundamental duty of state government, as stated in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, the education of our youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

WHEREAS, locally-elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Michigan's public schools; and

WHEREAS, our 82 local board members contribute hundreds of hours each year leading their districts – whether it is by deliberating important decisions about curriculum; adopting policies; hiring top notch personnel and administrators; listening to staff, parent, and student concerns; or recognizing outstanding programs – board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement; and

WHEREAS, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21st Century knowledge economy, and

WHEREAS, local school board members are exceptional people who tackle the enormous job of governing school districts, and demonstrate, to the nearly 15,000 K-12 students in Lenawee County, the high character of civic duty and responsibility that all citizens should engage; and

WHEREAS, Local School Board Member Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of women and men who champion the cause of public education as board members, their schools, and the communities they serve; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners recognize the contributions of the local boards of education to the academic success of public school students, and express its sincerest appreciation for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners proclaims January 2025 as **Local School Board Member Recognition Month** in Lenawee County, and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize dedicated local school board members.

Comm. Krasny moved to approve Resolution #2025-01, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

(Roll Call Vote)

January 2025

Comm. Martis moved to approve the following Consent Agenda, Comm. Krasny seconded,

Rules & Appointments:

Veterans' Affairs Executive Committee - 4 members - 4 year term

Ted Crockett 12/28

2025 Calendar

The 2025 calendar was created. Any county observed holidays that conflict with a meeting in the future are listed on the calendar and may be rescheduled in the future.

Personnel Ways & Means:

Request: Sheriff's Vehicle Change

Comm. Martis provided an overview of the request. Included in the Capital Improvement Plan was the approval to purchase a Chevrolet Silverado for less than \$55,000. Due to the delayed delivery of the Silverado, the Sheriff's office would like to instead purchase a Dodge Durango for \$45,056 as an acceptable alternative.

Request: Consumer's Energy Invoice

During the mobilization of the Maurice Spear Campus expansion project it was determined that Consumers Energy would require significant building design changes that would have costs reaching as high as \$750,000.00 Discussions with Consumers it was determined that with physical changes to the thickness of the exterior walls between the addition and the existing buildings as well as moving the existing transformer for the Administration building south of the addition's corridor to ensure that electrical feed remains above the foundation would allow for the new building to have a separate direct electrical feed. Consumers Energy designed the location and will complete the installation of the new electrical feed. This amount is included in Owner Soft Costs, and will not increase the original Project.

The request is to recommend approving a payment to Consumers Energy for \$21,694.40 from account #285.172-801 AF-02

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

AP minutes 12/12/24

Year End Accounts Payable minutes 12/23/24
Comm. Collins reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

December 12, 2024: *Total vouchers: \$6,445,853.98 with the general fund's portion being \$868,565.85.*

Comm. Collins moved to approve total vouchers, as presented, Comm. Tillotson seconded, Motion CARRIED.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

No report.

IT/EQUALIZATION

No report.

RULES & APPTS | PERSONNEL / WAYS & MEANS

Request: 2025 Standing Committees

Comm. Martis reported from the Rules & Appointments/ Personnel/ Ways & Means Meeting. Comm. Martis moved to approve the 2025 Standing Committees, Comm. Blanco seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Request: 2025 Board Appointments

Comm. Martis moved to approve the 2025 Board Appointments, Comm. Blanc seconded, discussion followed. Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote:

YES (5): Comm. Blanco, Daly, Krasny, Martis and Van Doren. NO (4) Comm. Aungst, Collins, Stimpson and Tillotson.

Request: Consumers Easement - Maurice Spear Campus

Comm. Martis moved that the Board Chairman sign the Easement for Electric Facilities between Lenawee County and Consumers Energy for additional power at Maurice Spear Campus, Comm. Blanco supported, Motion CARRIED.

Rules & Appointment minutes 1/7/25

Personnel/Ways & Means minutes 1/7/25

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

No report.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

No report.

BOARD APPOINTMENT (VOTING MEMBER) REPORTS

AG ADVISORY LAND USE

No report.

AIRPORT COMMISSION

No report.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

No report.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

No report.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

County Planning Minutes 12/19/24

No report.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING (LDA)

No report.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

No report.

EMERGENCY 911 DISTRICT BOARD

No report.

HEALTH BOARD

Board of Health minutes 12/18/24

No report.

HOMELAND SECURITY & LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING

Homeland Security and LEPC minutes 12/17/24

No report.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY

Landbank minutes 12/17/24

No report.

LENAWEE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

No report.

MAC - Finance & General Government (Admin. Murphy)

No report.

MAC- Judiciary & Public Safety (Deputy Elliott)

No report.

MAURICE SPEAR CAMPUS

No report.

PARKS COMMISSION

No report.

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

SOLID WASTE/MATERIALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

No report.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD

No report.

LIAISON (NON-VOTING) REPORTS

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION

No report.

ROAD COMMISSION

No report.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS

No report.

OTHER LIASON APPOINTMENTS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request: Letter of Support for Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Funding

Admn. Murphy shared information regarding state funding that is available for Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) Funding.

Comm. Martis moved to authorize Board Chairman Van Doren to sign letters of support for the Internet Service Providers to apply for funding through the BEAD Program, Comm. Blanco seconded, discussion followed. Comm. Martis withdrew his motion.

Comm. Stimpson moved to authorize the Administrator's Office and Corporate Counsel to draft letters in support of the BEAD Program Applications to expand on behalf of the county., Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: [on any topic- 3 minute limit]

Public Comment received from the following:

Todd Gillman- Cambridge Twp.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

ADJOURN/RECESS:

Comm. Martis moved to adjourn at 2:29 p.m.. Comm. Tillotson seconded, Motion CARRIED.