

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



MEMBERS

Committee of the Whole

MEETING LOCATION

Commission Chambers
Second Floor, Old Courthouse
301 N, Main St.
Adrian, MI 49221

Minutes: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Chair Van Doren.

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

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Corporate Counsel John Gillooly, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Undersherriff Jeff Ewald, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Brian Vish (WLEN), Accountant Matt Turgeon, Finance Director Dan Zimolzak, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, Adrian City Commissioner Mary Roberts, Adrian City Commissioner Gordon Gauss, DOA Kate Deneau, Peter Barr, Lynne Blocksom, Lori Hill, Cherrie Cole, Carol Germond, Janee' Germond-Cox, Paula Marks, MiWorks Executive Director Shamar Herron, MIWorks Deputy Director Misty Shulters, MiWorks, Service Manager Ashley Vandenvusche, Election Coordinator Michelle Bates, John Blocksom, Aaron Chesher, Benjamin Moorman, County Clerk Roxann Holloway.

ROLL CALL

All nine commissioners present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

There was a moment of silence was observed in honor of Richard (Dick) Germond.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION HONORING RICHARD (DICK) GERMOND

Proclamation presented by:
Commissioner Van Doren - *Fire Service*
Commissioner Collins - *Local Law Enforcement*
Commissioner Aungst - *Sheriff's Department*

PRO#2025-11

Proclamation Honoring the Life and Service of Sheriff Richard L. Germond

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners pauses with respect and deep gratitude to recognize the life, service, and legacy of Sheriff Richard Leo Germond, who

passed away at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Germond devoted 44 years to public safety in Lenawee County, including an extraordinary 36 years as Sheriff—making him the longest-serving sheriff in both Lenawee County and the State of Michigan’s history; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Germond began his distinguished career with the Lenawee County Sheriff’s Office in 1956 and was elected Sheriff in 1964 at the age of 29, after first being appointed to fill an unexpired term; and

WHEREAS, his visionary leadership included the creation of a state-of-the-art 9-1-1 and Central Dispatch system in the 1980s, still serving law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, and the citizens of Lenawee County today; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Germond’s dedication extended beyond the county as he served as President of both the Michigan Sheriffs’ Association and the National Sheriffs’ Association, and remained active nationally as a life member and Board Director; and

WHEREAS, his legacy of service reached into all aspects of community life through his long-time involvement in the Adrian Kiwanis Club, the Salvation Army Board, Lenawee County Board of Canvassers, the Lenawee Intermediate School District Board, and the ProMedica Bixby and Herrick Hospitals Board, among others; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Germond’s life was marked by unwavering dedication to his faith, his family, and his community—always giving back, always leading with honor, and always serving with integrity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners honors the memory and profound contributions of Sheriff Richard L. Germond and extends its deepest condolences to his beloved wife Carol, their daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the entire Germond family.

Comm. Aungst moved to approve Proclamation 2025-11, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2025

Comm. Blanco moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve the 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]

None.

1:35 PM CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING: 101 E Maumee, LLC.

Attachment

Comm. Van Doren opened the Closeout Public Hearing for the Michigan Community Development Block Grant at 1:35 PM. There was no public comment.

Comm. Martis moved to close the Public Hearing and also close the 101 E. Maumee St., LLC, CDBG Block Grant, Comm. Daly seconded, motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Comm. Van Doren closed the public meeting at 1:37 PM.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

City of Adrian Bicentennial Proclamation- Mary Roberts, Adrian City Commissioner

**PRO#2025-14 City of Adrian Bicentennial
Celebrating 200 Years**

WHEREAS, located approximately 30 miles from both Ann Arbor and Toledo, the City of Adrian land was settled on in 1825 by Addison Comstock. Originally named "Logan," the town was renamed "Adrian" just two years later at the request of Comstock's wife, Sarah, in honor of the Roman Emperor Hadrian; and

WHEREAS, Adrian was incorporated as a village in 1836, following the development of the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad, which opened critical trade routes and boosted economic growth in Adrian and its surrounding communities. Michigan's admission to the Union soon after laid the foundation for Adrian's designation as a city in 1853; and

WHEREAS, the period from 1846 to 1870 marked Adrian's "Golden Age," with the construction of numerous buildings that still stand today in the Dennis/State Street Historic District. By 1860, Adrian had become the third-largest city in Michigan, boasting a population of 6,000; and

WHEREAS, in 1839, Laura Haviland founded one of the first schools in the nation to enroll both female and Black students. She went on to become a nationally renowned equal rights activist and Underground Railroad conductor. A statue honoring Ms. Haviland stands proudly in front of the Adrian Historical Museum; and

WHEREAS, the prominent anti-slavery advocate, Adrian resident, and Michigan Governor Charles M. Croswell helped open Adrian's Town Hall in 1859. In his honor, the Croswell Opera House—now the oldest operating theater in Michigan—was later named; and

WHEREAS, Adrian College was established in the city in 1859, enriching the community's educational landscape. The Dominican Sisters later established St. Joseph's Academy for Girls in 1896, followed by the opening of St. Joseph College in 1919, now known as Siena Heights University; and

WHEREAS, agriculture and manufacturing have been the backbone of Adrian's economy since the 1800s. The city gained national recognition as the "Fence Capital of the World" after J. Wallace Page invented a revolutionary wire fence in the late 19th century. Adrian also

became a hub for early automobile manufacturing due to its proximity to Detroit. In 1909, the Lion Motor Car Company was founded, producing the iconic Lion automobile; and

***WHEREAS** today, the City of Adrian is home to more than 20,000 residents who take great pride in its welcoming small-town atmosphere, vibrant local businesses, thriving arts community, scenic bike trails, award-winning schools, and a rich historical legacy that continues to shape its identity; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners commends the City of Adrian for two centuries of resilience, progress, and community spirit, and expresses sincere admiration and pride for the city's contributions to the cultural, educational, and historical legacy of Michigan and,*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all residents are encouraged to take part in the City of Adrian's Bicentennial Celebration, commencing on July 3, 2025. The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners proudly extends its heartfelt congratulations to the City of Adrian on the historic occasion of its 200th anniversary.*

*Comm. Collins moved to approve **PRO#2025-14**, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

MiWorks Annual Report- Executive Director- Shamar Herron, Deputy Director- Misty Shulters, Service Manager- Ashley Vandebusch

MiWorks Shamar Herron, MiWorks Deputy Director Misty Shulters and MiWorks Service Manager Ashley Vandebusch presented the MiWorks Annual Report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: (Roll Call Vote)

June consent agenda

Comm. Martis moved to approve the following consent agenda items, as presented, Comm. Daly seconded,

3rd Quarterly Allotment of Appropriation

RES#2025-07 Third Quarter: July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025

Whereas, the 2025 General Appropriations Act provided for the allotment of appropriations on a periodic basis when financial circumstances warrant; and Whereas, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners deems that financial circumstances exist whereby the quarterly allotment of appropriations contained in the 2025 General Fund Budget is deemed desirable; and Whereas, the financial circumstances dictate that other steps also be taken to contain expenditures during the fiscal year. THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, that the expenditure of the 2025 appropriations as contained in the 2025 General Fund Budget be established for the period beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025, and that the elected and appointed officials responsible for

appropriations be so notified, and; Be It Resolved that said County officials shall not cause obligations to be incurred against, nor shall payment be made from appropriations in excess of the amount provided in the schedule. Resolution ADOPTED.

Countryside Farm Contract

Administrator Murphy reviewed the request. The County has had a long-standing agreement with Countryside Farms for the use of land. The current contract was in need of being updated due to the number of tillable acres decreasing from 182.23 to 167 acres.

The reduction of tillable acres is due to various things including: (1) deeding a portion of the property to the elementary school, (2) utilizing a section of the property for a new detention pond resulting from the renovations at Maurice Spear Campus, (3) the USDA has provided an update on the wetlands and other non-tillable areas, and finally, (4) there is wet ground that is making areas incapable of being tilled. Based on my review, I do not believe there is a need to adjust the price per acre at this time. Corporation Counsel has reviewed the agreement.

The request is to recommend continuing the relations with Gary Schmidt, doing business as Countryside Farms, and authorize Chairman Van Doren to sign the Cash Farm Land Lease agreement to the Board of Commissioners. Countryside Farm agreement and authorize the Board Chairman to sign to the Board of Commissioners APPROVED.

Materials Management Grant Agreement

Last year, the Materials Management Planning Committee was created to implement the various changes that are required per Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. To assist with the development of our Materials Management Plan, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has a grant available for Michigan Counties. Pursuant to the attached, EGLE has approved \$67,725.92 for Lenawee County's Materials Management Program. In order for the County to receive the Materials Management Planning Grant Agreement for the period ending December 7, 2026, an authorization to allow the County Administrator as signatory is required to complete this process.

The County Administrator AUTHORIZED to sign the Material Management Planning Grant Agreement in the amount of \$67,725.92 for the period ending 12/7/2026.

Contract for Representations of Probate/Juvenile Lenawee Court Cases

Currently, there is a Contract within the Family Division of the Public Defender's office for Conflict Attorneys regarding the representation of parents and/or children in the Probate Court. That contract does not entail all services required of attorneys within the Probate and Family Court. The revised contract expands the service expectations of the attorneys, including but not limited to, Delinquency hearings, and a multitude of Probate matters. The revision will also expand the duration of the contract from one (1) year to two (2) years. Utilizing the Revised request also allows the Public Defender's office to capture new attorneys increasing the Conflict Attorney roster. The revised Contract for Representation of the Probate/Juvenile Lenawee County Court Cases Contract to the Board of Commissioners APPROVED.

Law Enforcement Contract-Lenawee County Fairgrounds

The Sheriff's Office would like to request entering into an agreement with the Lenawee County Fairgrounds to assign Reserves, Mounted Unit members, dispatchers, deputies and supervisors to the 2025 Lenawee County Fair for Police services and crowd control, to the Board of Commissioners. This is a recommendation from the Criminal Justice committee. The Law Enforcement Contract with the Lenawee County Fairgrounds APPROVED.

Cisco Call Manager upgrade

The current Cisco Call manager server will be at the end of life and end of service on 8/31/2025. The end of support would leave the County susceptible to various concerns including: Security Vulnerabilities, Operational Instability, Compliance issues, and lack of technical support. Agreement with Cisco Unified Communications Manager for \$23,440.00 APPROVED.

Order #1- DHHS

The work in the Human Services Building for the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services office has been completed. The Board of Commissioners previously approved \$673,061.00 in renovations, which were also agreed to by the State of Michigan. During the renovations, a number of small items popped up that were either missed during the engineering or added during the renovation process. All items in their totality equal \$35,763.00. Authorization of Board Chairman James VanDoren to sign AIA Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$35,763.00 with funding to come from Fund 502 APPROVED.

Motion was CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (Comm. Martis)

Approve Accounts Payable Payments

AP minutes 5/15/25

AP minutes 5/29/25

Comm. Martis reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

Comm. Martis moved to approve the accounts payable payments in the amount of \$7,240,850.24, with the general fund's portion being \$675,340.90, Comm. Blanco seconded, Motion CARRIED.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Comm. Collins)

Minutes 6/5/25

Request: Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan Review

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

Comm. Blanco moved to approve the Jurisdiction Plan for a 30-day review period, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

IT/EQUALIZATION (Comm. Krasny)

Minutes 6/5/25

Comm. Krasny reported from the IT/Equalization Committee.

PERSONNEL / WAYS & MEANS (Comm. Martis)

Minutes 6/10/25

Comm. Martis reported from the Personnel/Ways & Means Committee.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES (Comm. Collins)

Minutes 6/2/25

Comm. Collins reported from the Policies & Procedures Committee.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES (Comm. Krasny)

Minutes 6/5/25

Comm. Krasny reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

BOARD APPOINTMENT (VOTING MEMBER) REPORTS

AIRPORT COMMISSION (Comm. Collins)

Minutes 6/2/25

Comm. Collins reported from the Airport Commission.

BRIDGING THE GAP SUBCOMMITTEE

Minutes 5/21/25

Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk reported from the Bridging the Gap Committee.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY (Comm. Stimpson)

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Community Action Agency.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (Comm. Stimpson)

No report.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (Comm. Blanco)

Planning Comm. minutes 5/15/25

Comm. Blanco reported from the County Planning Commission

DEPARTMENT ON AGING (LDA) (Comm. Collins)

LDA minutes 5/22/25

Comm. Collins reported from the Dept. on Aging (LDA).

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | MEDICAL CARE FACILITY (Comm. Tillotson)

No report.

EMERGENCY 911 DISTRICT BOARD (Comm. Collins)

No report.

HEALTH BOARD (Comm. Collins)

Minutes 5/21/25

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

HOMELAND SECURITY & LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (Comm. Collins)

No report.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY (Comm. Collins)

Minutes 5/28/25

Comm. Collins reported from the Land Bank Authority.

LENAWEE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Comm. Tillotson)

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Lenawee Public Transportation Authority.

MAC - Finance & General Government (Admin. Murphy)

Comm. Van Doren reported from MAC-Finance & General Government.

MAC- Judiciary & Public Safety (Deputy Elliott)

Deputy Elliott reported from MAC-Judiciary & Public Safety.

MAURICE SPEAR CAMPUS (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Collins reported from Maurice Spear Campus.

MICHIGAN WORKS (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Collins reported from Michigan Works.

PARKS COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Parks Commission.

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

No report.

SOLID WASTE/MATERIALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (Comm. Stimpson)

Minutes 6/4/25

Comm. Stimpson reported from the Solid Waste/Materials Management Committees.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD[CMHPSM] (Comm. Tillotson)

No report.

LIAISON (NON-VOTING) REPORTS

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION [LENAWEE] (Comm. Blanco)

No report.

ROAD COMMISSION (Comm. Martis)

No report.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Comm. Collins)

No report.

OTHER LIASON APPOINTMENTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Comm. Van Doren announced that the next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be Thursday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Administrator Murphy shared highlights from the County Administrator's Conference that she

and Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott recently attended.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comm. Van Doren shared that the Align Center for Workforce Development's ribbon cutting will be held on June 23, 2025.

Comm. Van Doren announced that all the committees that meet during the first week of July will either be rescheduled or canceled. Check the meeting schedule on the County's website for updates.

ADJOURN/RECESS:

Comm. Martis moved to adjourn at 2:48 p.m., Comm. Blanco seconded. Motion CARRIED.

James Van Doren, Board Chairman

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk