

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, September 10, 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, James Van Doren

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Corporate Counsel John Gillooly, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Community Development Coordinator Francine Zysk, Community Engagement Specialist, Quinn Wilt, Brian Vish (WLEN), Accountant Matt Turgeon, Finance Director Dan Zimolzak, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, LCMHA Executive Director Kathryn Szewczuk, Adrian City Commissioner Mary Roberts, Adrian City Community Revitalization Coordinator Abigail De Meo, Adrian City Community Development Director Lisa Hewitt-Cruz, Drain Commissioner Ed Scheffler and County Clerk Roxann Holloway.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: David Aungst, Beth Blanco, Terry Collins, James Daly, Dustin Krasny, Kevon Martis, Ralph Tillotson and James Van Doren were present.

Comm. David Stimpson absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: August 13, 2025

Comm. Blanco moved to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2025, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve the agenda, as presented, Comm. Collins 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 - Public Hearing for CDBG Rehabilitation Grant

Chair Van Doren opened the Public Hearing at 1:35 PM.

Public comment:

Mary Roberts- Adrian City- thanked the commissioners for applying for the grant, which is greatly needed to help those in need.

Resolution #2025-10 - Authorizing Resolution for CDBG Application

Comm. Collins moved to close the meeting at 1:38 PM and adopt the following resolution, Comm. Martis seconded,

RES#2025-10

Authorizing Resolution for the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need for safe, stable, and affordable housing options for its residents, particularly for low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to submit a Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to support the rehabilitation and improvement of seventy-five homes; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated at \$1.5 million, Lenawee County intends to request \$1.5 million CDBG funds and commit that there are no matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with Lenawee County's Community Development Plan and its broader goals of revitalizing neighborhoods, expanding housing access, and supporting community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements will result in permanent residential structures that will be occupied exclusively by low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, Lenawee County agrees that no project costs, whether funded by CDBG or local match, will be incurred before the formal award of the grant, completion of the environmental review procedures, and receipt of written authorization from the assigned CDBG Specialist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby:

1. *Authorizes submitting the Michigan CDBG application to MSHDA for the Housing Rehabilitation Project.*

2. *Commits there are no matching funds from the County's general fund.*

3. *Confirms that the project is consistent with the County's adopted Community Development Plan.*

4. *Affirms that all activities under this grant will result in permanent residential housing for low- and moderate-income households.*

5. *Agrees that no project-related expenditures will be made until a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review, and written authorization to incur costs has been provided by the CDBG Specialist.*
6. *Authorizes the submission of the Michigan CDBG Application.*
7. *Designates the **County Administrator** as the official authorized to sign the Application and all related attachments.*
8. *Designates the **County Administrator** as the official authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto.*
9. *Designates the **County Administrator** as the official authorized to sign the Financial Status Report (FSR) Payment Requests.*
10. *Designates the **County Administrator** or Third Party Administrator as the Certifying Officer for the environmental review process and all NEPA-related responsibilities.*

Motion CARRIED by a UNANIMOUS Roll Call Vote.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

(Roll Call Vote)

September Consent Agenda

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

Board Appointments

Department on Aging (Lenawee) - 16 members / 3 year term

Karol "KZ" Bolton, Comm. District #5 9/28

Gloria Bortnichak, Comm. District #2 9/28

Jeff Diconzo, Adrian, Senior Network 9/28

Ralph Tillotson, County Commissioner 9/28

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD (CMHPSM) - 2 members / 3 year term

David Stimpson, Commissioner, At Large 9/28

Tuition Reimbursement

Approval of a Tuition Reimbursement Application, for the reimbursable amount of \$834.20 per course, for a total of \$2,502.60.

4th Quarterly Allotment of Allocations

*Resolution#2025-13. RES#2025-13 **fourth Quarter: October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025***
Resolution Enacting Fourth Quarterly Allotment of Allocations

*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.*

Budget Adjustments

Approval of various budget adjustments for the Public Defenders office and the Health Department derived from grant updates, actual expenditures and the designated and anticipated expenses for 2025.

2026 Budget

Approval of publishing the draft 2026 budget and to set a public hearing for September 25, 2025, at 6:05 p.m. The 2026 Budget includes an overall budget of \$43.1 million and a \$3.3 million Capital Fund Budget, which includes a new Judicial Building Division.

Secondary Road Patrol Vehicle

Approval to purchase a 2025 Dodge Durango police vehicle from LaFontaine CDJR of Lansing for \$43,913. Funding for the vehicle will be from the grant funds and no general fund dollars would be used.

MSC Cell Booster

Approval to purchase a Cell Booster for Maurice Spear Campus for \$36,500.00 . This project and cost are included in the Guaranteed Maximum Price of the Maurice Spear Campus project, falling under the Soft Costs portion of the project.

Purchase M30T Drone and 800 MHz Portable Radio

Approval to purchase a M30T Drone and 800MHz radio, for a total requested amount is \$23,960.67. This would be a grant-funded project with no General Fund dollars utilized.

Electronic Payment Processing Contract with G2G

Approval of purchase of 22 wired/deluxe mounted readers from G2G for \$11,550.00.

Resolution #2025-09 Opposing MDHHS Procurement Proposal

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan currently operates a publicly managed and community-based system for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services through 10 Prepaid

Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which are responsible for managing Medicaid mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services; and

WHEREAS, *the current PIHP system has consistently demonstrated value, local accountability, and community engagement, while successfully managing costs and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and*

WHEREAS, *the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently announced plans to initiate a competitive procurement process for the management of PIHP functions, which may open the door to private, non-profit health plans or managed care organizations (MCOs) assuming control over behavioral health services; and*

WHEREAS, *such privatization could disrupt longstanding relationships between local mental health authorities, providers, and the communities they serve, and jeopardize the person-centered, recovery-oriented approach that has been cultivated under the public system; and*

WHEREAS, *many stakeholders, including individuals receiving services, advocates, local officials, and providers have expressed significant concerns about the potential impact of a competitive procurement process on care quality, access, local control, and transparency; and*

WHEREAS, *counties across Michigan have historically played a vital role in the governance, funding, and oversight of the public behavioral health system, and any change to that structure without meaningful county input undermines the principle of local governance; and*

WHEREAS, *maintaining a publicly accountable and locally governed behavioral health system is essential to ensuring that individuals with mental health and substance use needs receive timely, appropriate, and high-quality care.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners formally opposes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs); and* ***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, *that the Board urges Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Michigan Legislature to halt any plans for privatization and instead work collaboratively with counties, PIHPs, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), service users, and other stakeholders to strengthen and improve the public behavioral health system, by only allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan's public mental health system to be part of any bid process should one occur; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Joseph Bellino Jr. (16th District), Representative Will Bruck (30th District), Representative Nancy Jenkins-Arno (34th District), Senator Jeff Irwin (15th District), Representative Jennifer Wortz (35th District), and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).*

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (Comm. Martis)

Approve Accounts Payable Payments

AP 9/4/25 minutes

Comm. Martis moved to approve the accounts payable payments in the amount of \$10,135,017.90, with the general fund's portion being, \$715,010.82, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Comm. Collins)

CJ 9/4/25 Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

IT/EQUALIZATION (Comm. Krasny)

ITE 9/4/25 Mins.

Comm. Krasny reported from the IT Committee.

PERSONNEL / WAYS & MEANS (Comm. Martis)

PWM 9/9/25 Minutes

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

POLICIES & PROCEDURES (Comm. Collins)

9/8/25 Policy Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Policy & Procedures Committee.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES (Comm. Krasny)

Phys Res 9/4/25 Minutes

Comm. Krasny reported from the Physical Resource Committee.

BOARD APPOINTMENT (VOTING MEMBER) REPORTS

AIRPORT COMMISSION (Comm. Collins)

9/8/25 Airport Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Airport Commission.

BRIDGING THE GAP SUBCOMMITTEE

8/18/25 Bridging the Gap Min.

8/20/25 Bridging the Gap Mins

Chair Van Doren reported from the Bridging the Gap Meeting.

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY (Comm. Stimpson)

No report.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY (Comm. Stimpson)

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Community Mental Health Authority.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION (Comm. Blanco)

LCPC Minutes 8/21/25

Comm. Blanco reported from the County Planning Committee Meeting.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING (LDA) (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Collins reported from the Dept. on Aging.

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

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Dept. of Health & Human Services Meeting.

EMERGENCY 911 DISTRICT BOARD (Comm. Collins)

No report.

HEALTH BOARD (Comm. Collins)

8/20 Health Board Mins.

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

HOMELAND SECURITY & LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (Comm. Collins)

No report.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY (Comm. Collins)

8/26/25 Landbank Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Land Bank Authority.

LENAWEE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Comm. Tillotson)

No report.

MAC - Finance & General Government (Admin. Murphy)

Admn. Murphy reported from the MAC - Finance & General Government Committee.

MAC- Judiciary & Public Safety (Deputy Elliott)

No report.

MAURICE SPEAR CAMPUS (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Collin reported from the Maurice Spear Campus. He announced that the ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Sept. 26, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

MICHIGAN WORKS (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Collins reported from Michigan Works.

PARKS COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

Parks 8/18/25 Minutes

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Parks Commission.

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

No report.

Comm. Tillotson left the meeting at 2:02 PM.

SOLID WASTE/MATERIALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (Comm. Stimpson)

Comm. Van Doren reported from the Solid Waste/Materials 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)

Comm. Martis reported from the Road Commission.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Comm. Collins)

VA 8/8/25 Minutes

No report.

WELL WISE SERVICES (Comm. Van Doren)

Chair Van Doren reported from the Well Wise Services.

OTHER LIASON APPOINTMENTS

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Admn. Murphy shared information from the recent County Administrator's Conference that she and Deputy Admn, Elliott attended.

Admn. Murphy announced that Lenawee County received the ATHENA Partenon Award. The ATHENA Lenawee Parthenon Award celebrates businesses dedicated to raising the potential of all women as valued members of their business, profession and the community. The award honors those businesses that strive toward the highest levels of this achievement.

The ceremony for the award is September 16, 2025, at 5:30p.m. It will be held at the Hills of Lenawee.

Comm. Martis reported on a recently passed Senate Bill, that Senator Bellino co-sponsored. It places the authority to regulate the siting of Carbon Captured Sequestration in the hands of the state, with no local input. He will be working with the House Committee to make changes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

September 25, 2025 Evening Board of Commissioners Meeting

Chair Van Doren announced that there will be a Board of Commissioner's Meeting on September 25, 2025, at 6:00 PM. He shared that the Public Hearing for the Lenawee County 2026 Budget will be on the agenda.

ADJOURN/RECESS:

Comm. Blanco moved to adjourn at 2:12 PM, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

James Van Doren, Board Chairman

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk