

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



MEMBERS

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

MEETING LOCATION
Commission Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, March 26, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Van Doren.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners: David Aungst, Beth Blanco, Terry Collins, James Daly, Kevon Martis, James Van Doren

Commissioners Dustin Krasny, David Stimpson and Ralph Tillotson absent.

Also Present: Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Brian Vish (WLEN), Finance Director Dan Zimolzak, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, Jim Brissette, Sandie Brissette, Pam Van Doren, Sue McMahon, Travis Bates, Mark Crane, Kris Eschedor, Marcia Cole, Steven Wilson, Judy Sheldon and County Clerk Roxann Holloway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: March 7, 2026

Comm. Blanco moved to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2026, Board of Commissioners' Strategic Planning Meeting, Comm. Aungst seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2026

Comm. Collins moved to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

PETITIONS and COMMUNICATIONS:

Communications read.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:

None.

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

None.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Proclamation Supporting DAR America 250! Project — *Lucy Wolcott Barnum Chapter*
PRO#2026-04

***SUPPORT OF THE LUCY WOLCOTT CHAPTER OF
THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
AND THE AMERICA250MI SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION***

WHEREAS, we honor and respect Indigenous peoples and acknowledge their history, culture, and stewardship of the land that is now known as Lenawee County; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, marking a historic milestone in the nation's pursuit of liberty, self-governance, and democratic ideals; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's communities and citizens have made lasting contributions to the American story through leadership, service, innovation, culture, and a continued commitment to democratic values; and

WHEREAS, America250MI is Michigan's official committee for the United States Semi-quincentennial, led in partnership by the Historical Society of Michigan and the Michigan History Center, encouraging public engagement and storytelling across all 83 counties; and

WHEREAS, the Lucy Wolcott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution promotes historic preservation, education, and patriotism, and is working to advance local participation in the America250MI Semi-quincentennial effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the Lucy Wolcott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and its America250MI Semi-quincentennial Committee in planning, coordinating, and supporting programs, projects, and events commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

Comm. Blanco moved to adopt Proclamation #2026-04, Comm. August seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

BOARD APPOINTMENT (VOTING MEMBER) REPORTS

BRIDGING THE GAP SUBCOMMITTEE (Comm. Martis)

3/18/26 Bridging the Gap Minutes

Comm. Martis reported from the Bridging the Gap Sub-Committee.

DEPARTMENT ON AGING (LDA) (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Aungst reported from the Department on Aging.

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

No report.

EMERGENCY 911 DISTRICT BOARD (Comm. Collins)

3/12/26 E911 Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Emergency 911 District Board.

HEALTH BOARD (Comm. Collins)

3/18/26 Health Board Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY (Comm. Collins)

3/17/26 Landbank Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Land Bank Authority.

LENAWEE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Comm. Tillotson)

No report.

MICHIGAN WORKS (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Collins reported from Michigan Works.

PARKS COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

Minutes

No report.

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

No report.

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

No report.

LIAISON (NON-VOTING) REPORTS

ROAD COMMISSION (Comm. Martis)

Comm. Martis reported from the Road Commission.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Collins reported from Veteran's Affairs.

WELL WISE SERVICES (Comm. Van Doren)

Comm. Van Doren reported from the Well Wise Services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request: Opt-In to Opioid Settlement

Admn. Murphy shared that the National Opioid Settlements Implementation Administrator advised the County, that a settlement has been reached with the six remnant Defendants. It is anticipated that if the County enters into the participation agreement in this matter,

Lenawee County is estimated to receive \$24,562.45. Discussion followed.

RES#2026-04

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic;

AND WHEREAS Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; United Natural Foods, Inc.; and their subsidiaries ("Six Remnant Defendants") have negotiated a proposed settlement agreement ("Proposed Settlement") for Eligible Entities;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlement contains an agreement for the Six Remnant Defendants to pay a combined \$97,625,000.00 in cash to resolve pending opioid-related litigation;

AND WHEREAS Lenawee County Board of Commissioners previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens Settlements, the Kroger Settlement, the Sandoz Settlement, and the Secondary Manufacturer and Purdue/Sackler Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

NOW THEREFORE, Lenawee County Board of Commissioners authorizes the execution of a Participation Agreement for the Remnant Defendants Settlement.

Comm. Martis moved to adopt RES#2026-04 and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Remnant Defendants Participation Form, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Request: Board Appointments

Comm. Martis moved to confirm the following Board and Liaison appointments, Comm. Blanco seconded, Motion CARRIED.

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

David Aungst, County Commissioner 9/27

Emergency 9-1-1 District Board - 9 members / 3 year term

Travis Bates, General Public 12/28

Land Bank Authority - 7 members / 3 year term

Beth Blanco, County Commissioner 12/26

Human Services Standing Committee

Terry Collins

*Kevon Martis
Beth Blanco*

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

Steve Wilson, Blissfield Township — Inquiring about the City of Adrian becoming a sanctuary city.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Comm. Martis shared concerns about local control and authority, regarding zoning.

Admn. Murphy shared that the Lenawee County Community Connection meetings are going well. This is an opportunity for residents to meet with the County Administrator and their County Commissioner to ask questions and share concerns. The next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Franklin Township Hall.

Admn. Murphy requested that any commissioner, who hasn't completed their Strategic Planning Priority List to please do so, as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Van Doren announced that the ceremony to name the new Sheriff's Department Building, The Richard L. Germond Building, will be held on May 22, 2026, at 11:00 am.

ADJOURN/RECESS:

Comm. Martis moved to adjourn at 6:38 pm, Comm. Blanco seconded, Motion CARRIED.

James Van Doren, Board Chairman

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk