

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, April 8, 2026

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

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

ROLL CALL

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, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Undersheriff Jeff Ewald, Brian Vish (WLEN), Finance Director Dan Zimolzak, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, Community Engagement Quinn Wilt, Dept. on Aging Director Cari Rebottaro, IT Director Ben Ricker, Equalization Director Shelly DeLong, 911 Director Lt. Corrine Perdue and 911 Deputy Director Sgt. Christopher Hudson and team, Jail Commander Capt. Randy Casey and team, Blissfield High School Bowling Team, Lenawee Christian High School Basketball Team, Lenawee Now Executive Director Pat Farver, Lenawee Now Director of Operations Tim Robinson and County Clerk Roxann Holloway.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: March 26, 2026

Comm. Aungst moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2026, Comm. Daly 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.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:

Retirement of Shelly Delong, Equalization Director (*Comm. Blanco*)

PRO#2026-11

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF MARCHELLE DELONG

WHEREAS, Shelly Delong has faithfully served the residents of Lenawee County with professionalism, integrity, and dedication for an outstanding **thirty-six (36) years and seven (7) months**; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Delong began her career with Lenawee County on **September 11, 1989**, as a **Property Appraiser I**, and advanced through the Equalization Department as **Property Appraiser II, GIS Supervisor, Assistant Equalization Director**, and ultimately serving as **Equalization Director III** beginning October 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Delong has played a vital role in supporting the accurate and equitable assessment of property values across Lenawee County, providing leadership, guidance, and expertise that have strengthened the operations of the Equalization Department; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Delong's commitment to excellence, professionalism, and service to the public has left a lasting and positive impact on Lenawee County government and the residents it serves; and

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and express sincere gratitude for Ms. Delong's many years of exemplary service and contributions to Lenawee County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby honors and congratulates **Shelly Delong** on her retirement, extends gratitude for her distinguished career, and offers best wishes for health and happiness in the years ahead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this proclamation be presented to **Shelly Delong** as a token of appreciation from the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Lenawee County.

Comm. Blanco moved to adopt Proclamation #2026-11, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Blissfield Boys Bowling State Championship (*Comm. Martis*)

PRO#2026-03

Recognizing the Blissfield High School Boys Bowling Team

WHEREAS, excellence in athletics requires dedication, perseverance, teamwork, and

sportsmanship—qualities that inspire pride within schools and communities across the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2026, sixteen teams from across Michigan competed in the Division 4 Team Bowling State Finals sanctioned by the Michigan High School Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, the Blissfield High School Royals Boys Bowling Team—Cash Moore, Alex Kudlac, Preston Iffland, Jon Cheney, and Matthew Anderson—advanced through the tournament with outstanding performances, defeating Burton Atherton in the Quarterfinals, rallying to defeat Plymouth Christian Academy in the Semifinals, and sweeping Riverview High School in the Championship Match; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable performance secured the first **Boys Bowling Team State Championship** in program history for Blissfield High School, bringing pride to the community of Blissfield, Michigan and to all residents of Lenawee County, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Blissfield High School student-athletes also excelled in individual competition, as sophomore Alex Kudlac captured the **Division 4 Boys Bowling Singles State Championship** with a winning score of 471–459, and junior Collin Retter qualified for the Singles State Championship with an impressive pinfall

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners congratulates and recognizes the Blissfield High School Boys Bowling Team for winning the **2026 Division 4 Boys Bowling State Championship**, commends Alex Kudlac for capturing the **Division 4 Boys Bowling Singles State Championship**, and applauds these student-athletes for their dedication, teamwork, and exemplary representation of their school and community, extending best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

Comm. Martis moved to adopt Proclamation #2026-03, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimouse Roll Call Vote.

Jaxon Salenbien- Lenawee County Leading Scorer for Boys Basketball (Comm. Krasny)
PRO#2026-06

Recognizing Jaxon Salenbien as Lenawee County's All-Time Leading Scorer in Boys Basketball

WHEREAS, excellence in athletics requires dedication, perseverance, and sportsmanship—qualities that inspire pride within schools and communities throughout Lenawee County; and
WHEREAS, Jaxon Salenbien, a student-athlete from Lenawee Christian School, has demonstrated outstanding skill, leadership, and commitment throughout his high school basketball career; and

WHEREAS, he has been named **Division 4 Player of the Year** and delivered exceptional performances, including scoring 33 points in the MHSAA Division 4 District 120 Finals to lead his team to the state Quarterfinals; and

WHEREAS, he became the all-time leading scorer in Lenawee County Boys Basketball history with 2,182 career points, while also setting Lenawee Christian School program records with 453 assists, 801 field goals made, 449 free throws made, and 675 points in a single season; and

WHEREAS, Jaxon Salenbien is the first boys' basketball player in Lenawee Christian School history to surpass 2,100 career points and is widely regarded as having one of the greatest four-year careers in program history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and congratulates Jaxon Salenbien on his record-setting achievement and outstanding basketball career; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its best wishes for his continued success in all future endeavors.

Comm. Krasny moved to adopt Proclamation #2026-06, Comm. Martis seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

National Telecommunicators Week (Comm. Aungst)

PRO#2026-07

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 12th to April 18th, 2026

Whereas, Public Safety Telecommunicators play a critical role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community by responding to emergency calls, dispatching first responders, and providing vital assistance during critical situations; and

Whereas, these dedicated professionals work tirelessly behind the scenes, often under immense pressure, to ensure that help is dispatched quickly and efficiently, making a direct impact on the lives of those they serve; and

Whereas, the week of April 12-18, 2026, has been designated as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week to honor and recognize the invaluable contributions of these unsung heroes; and

Whereas, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the essential role that Telecommunicators play in the safety and well-being of our citizens, and expresses deep gratitude for their unwavering commitment to service;

Therefore, Be It proclaimed that the Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2026, as **Public Safety Telecommunicators Week** in Lenawee County, in honor of their exceptional dedication and vital service in keeping our community safe.

Comm Aungst moved to adopt Proclamation #2026-07, Comm. Bolton seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

National Volunteer Appreciation Week (Comm. Stimpson)

PRO#2026-08

Volunteer Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, April is recognized as Volunteer Appreciation Month, honoring the dedication, generosity, and spirit of service demonstrated by volunteers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, volunteers throughout Lenawee County play a vital role in supporting county programs and services, strengthening our community and enhancing the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, volunteers with the Lenawee Department on Aging, Michigan State University Extension, and Veterans Affairs provide meaningful support to seniors, youth, and veterans through services such as meal delivery, education, leadership, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Sheriff's Office, Solid Waste program, and Emergency Management office rely on dedicated volunteers to promote public safety, environmental stewardship, and community preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the selfless contributions of volunteers leave a lasting and positive impact, reflecting the compassion and civic pride that define Lenawee County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to all County volunteers for their invaluable service; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board encourages all residents to consider volunteering, recognizing that every act of service—large or small—helps build a stronger, more connected community.

Comm. Stimpson moved to adopt Proclamation #2026-08, Comm. Blanco seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

National Correctional Officers Week (Comm. Collins)

PRO#2026-09

Correctional Officers' Week

WHEREAS, in 1984, President Ronald Reagan established **National Correctional Officers' Week**, observed annually during the first full week of May to honor correctional professionals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the role of correctional officers has grown increasingly complex, requiring them to balance custodial, supervisory, and counseling responsibilities while maintaining the safety and security of our communities; and

WHEREAS, correctional officers are highly trained professionals who demonstrate vigilance, resilience, and unwavering dedication in the face of daily challenges; and

WHEREAS, the men and women working in corrections play a vital role in protecting public safety and maintaining order, often making personal sacrifices in service to others;

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the week of May 3rd through May 9th, 2026, as Correctional Officers' Week; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Board expresses its sincere appreciation to all correctional officers for their tireless service, honoring their commitment, sacrifice, and the essential work they perform each day in support of our community.

Comm. Aungst moved to adopt Proclamation #2026-09, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

National Police Week -(Comm. Collins)

PRO#2026-10 National Police Week

Whereas, in 1962 President Kennedy proclaimed May 15th of each year to be "National Peace Officers Memorial Day" and designated the week this date falls within as "National Police Week", and

Whereas, members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Lenawee County for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit every day. We also

recognize and honor the sacrifices made by their families as each day they face the uncertainty of their loved one's return home, and;

Whereas, Lenawee County and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling through civil disorder, or a natural disaster. We rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local sheriff, police officers, and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state;

Whereas, we pray for the safety and protection of all 800,000 plus sworn Law Enforcement Officers being vigilant throughout our county and great nation despite nearly half a million violent crimes committed each year

Whereas, we publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our county, as well as, those of our state and nation, and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

Whereas, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners remembers and honors the ultimate sacrifice that the following 8 Lenawee County Officers have made:

Adrian City Police Officers Dennis Lyons and Bobby Williams,

Clayton Village Constable Richard Teske,

Lenawee County Sheriff Deputy Stanley Hoisington,

MI State Troopers Calvin Jones, Dugald Pellot, Rodger Adams, and Byron Erickson



We will never forget the officers who gave the ultimate sacrifice and their families.

Whereas, Lenawee County's fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to our communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for choosing a noble career and protecting public safety.

Whereas, on **May 15th** we humbly request that flags throughout the County be flown at half-staff to commemorate "Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Day" and to honor those who are serving our County.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the week of May 10 through May 16, 2026, as "**Police Officer Week**" in Lenawee County and calls upon the citizens in the community to show our sincere appreciation and support for the police officers of Lenawee County by deed, remark, and attitude; and to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

Comm. Collins moved to adopt Proclamation #2026-10, Comm. Aungst seconded, Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Lenawee Now Quarterly Report - *Pat Farver*

Lenawee Now Executive Director Pat Farver and Director of Operations Tim Robinson presented the Lenawee Now Quarterly Report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

(Roll Call Vote)

April Consent Agenda

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

Position change — Assistant Public Defender I to Assistant Public Defender II

Approve the position change from Assistant PD I to Assistant PD II.

Equalization Director

Appoint Thomas "Trey" Clements, III as the new Lenawee County Equalization Director, Pay Grade NU7558, Start Step at \$43.2675/hr or \$84,371.63 per year.

April 2026 Budget Adjustments

Approval of the budget adjustments as presented.

2027 Budget Calendar

Approve the 2027 Budget calendar, to the Board of Commissioners.

2026 Equalization Report

Approval the 2026 Equalization Report adopting the equalized value of real and personal property as presented and place on file.

2026 Tax Rate L4029

Approval of the 2026 Tax Rate Request (L-4029) and authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign same.

Delinquent Tax Revolving Loan Fund

Approval of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Resolution #2026-05

RES#2026-05 Delinquent Tax Revolving Loan Fund

Whereas, Lenawee County maintains a Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund that enables the County to obtain sufficient funds to pay local units of government the amount of delinquent property taxes returned to the County. ***THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that an advance from the Lenawee County General Fund via a transfer to the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$750,000.00 as of June 1, 2026, and ***Be It Further Resolved*** that pursuant to Act 206, upon continuation of the fund, the County Treasurer is to act as agent for the County to administer the fund for 2026, and in this capacity receive administrative expenses in connection with the Fund, such sums as are provided by law

subject to the following conditions: (a) interest at the rate of 2% payable to the general fund from June 1, 2026 through date of pay-off, and (b) payments back to the general fund beginning July 1, 2026, until the advance is fully paid which is anticipated to be paid off on or before August 28, 2026.

2026 Remonumentation Monumentation and Research

Approval of the Monumentation Remonumentation agreements with The Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. and Sheridan Surveying Monumentation.

2026 Peer Group and Resolution

Approval of resolution #2026-06 appointing Michael Bartolo, David Erickson, Joseph Fenicle, Glenn Richard, Scott Warnke, and Steven Young to the 2026 Peer Group and approving the 2026 Peer Group contracts.

RES#2026-06 2026 PEER GROUP

WHEREAS, The County of Lenawee has entered into a Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs-Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation for the conduction of surveying, monumentation, and Remonumentaion in Lenawee County. The County has need for professional surveyors to serve on the Peer Group under its Grant Agreement to meet at various times during the year to review corners that are to be Remonumented under the provisions of the Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan for Lenawee County. As of June 12, 2014, the State of Michigan requires members of the PEER Group to be appointments of the County Board of Commissioners. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Michael Bartolo, David Erickson, Joseph Fenicle, Glenn Richard, Steven Young, and Scott Warnke to the 2026 PEER Group; these appointments will expire on an annual basis coinciding with the terms of their agreement. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson and County Clerk of Lenawee County are hereby authorized and directed to execute said 2026 PEER Group agreement(s) on behalf of the County of Lenawee, Michigan.

Madison School Law Enforcement Contract

Approval of an ongoing contract with Madison Schools for a School Resource Officer.

Jail Control Center

Authorization to spend \$24,414 obtained from the grant to pay Securitas for the upgraded security equipment.

Emergency Management Grants and Budget Adjustment

Accept two grants from Michigan Public Safety Critical Incident Mapping Competitive Grant Program and authorize Board Chairman to sign, and authorize the appropriate budget adjustment to be made.

County Government Month

Adoption of the following Proclamation:

PRO#2026-05 National County Government Month *WHEREAS, Lenawee County provides essential services that support the health, safety, and wellbeing of its residents; and*

WHEREAS, counties serve as vital partners in implementing local, state, and federal programs that impact daily life; and WHEREAS, Lenawee County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and WHEREAS, the nation is celebrating 250 years of independence this year, and counties have a long and rich history of serving residents; and WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs, and services and Lenawee County continues to promote transparency, public service, and community engagement; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2026 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (Comm. Martis)

Approve Accounts Payable Payments

Comm. Martis reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

Comm. Martis moved to approve the accounts payable payments in the amount of \$4,746,634.32, with the general fund's portion being \$516,139.50, Comm. Blanco seconded, Motion CARRIED.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (Comm. Collins)

Minutes

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

IT/EQUALIZATION (Comm. Krasny)

Minutes

Comm. Krasny reported from the IT/Equalization Committee.

PERSONNEL / WAYS & MEANS (Comm. Martis)

Minutes

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

Request: Board Appointments

Comm. Martis moved to approve the following appointments, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED. Opposed (1)- Martis. Yay (8) Stimpson, Krasny, Aungst, Blanco, Daly, Collins, Tillotson, Van Doren.

Region 2 Planning Commission - 5 members / 3 year term

*Larry Gould, Morenci 12/28
Jim Van Doren, Franklin Twp. 12/18*

Wellwise Services Area Agency on Aging - 3 members / 2 year term

Keith Williams

Request: Bridging the Gap Opioid Subcommittee Recommendation

Comm. Martis moved to approve the funding of selected Bridging the Gap programs, not to exceed \$1,500,000 and authorize the designated negotiation team to finalize agreements, Comm. Blanco seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Request: Recommend Materials Management Consultant

Comm. Martis moved to approve the HDR Michigan, Inc.'s Materials Management Plan Consulting Services Contract for the county, at the cost of \$34,615, with funding from the EGLE grant, Comm. Blanco seconded, Motion CARRIED.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES (Comm. Krasny)

Minutes

Comm. Krasny reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

BOARD APPOINTMENT (VOTING MEMBER) REPORTS

BRIDGING THE GAP SUBCOMMITTEE (Comm. Martis)

Comm. Martis reported from the Bridging the Gap Subcommittee.

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)

3/19/26 County Planning Comm.

Comm. Blanco reported from the County Planning Commission.

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

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Department of Health & Human Services/Medical Care Facility.

HOMELAND SECURITY & LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (Comm. Collins)

No report.

LENAWEE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (Comm. Tillotson)

Comm Tillotson reported from the Lenawee Public Transportation Authority.

MAC - Finance & General Government (Admin. Murphy)

No report.

MAC- Judiciary & Public Safety (Deputy Elliott)

Deputy Administrator Elliott reported from the MAC- Judiciary & Public Safety Committee.

MAURICE SPEAR CAMPUS (Comm. Aungst)

Comm. Collins reported from the Maurice Spear Campus Committee.

PARKS COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

3/16/26 Park Minutes

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Parks Commission.

REGION 2 PLANNING COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Region 2 Planning Commission.

SOLID WASTE/MATERIALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (Comm. Stimpson)

Minutes

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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair Van Doren announced that the County Administrator's Contract was renewed for 3 years.

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

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Comm. Martis announced that Lenawee County Road Commission Managing Director, Scott Merillat, was recently elected to be the President of the County Road Commission Association of Michigan.

Admin. Murphy reminded the commissioners that the remaining donations for the Commissioner's Scholarship Fund is due by next Wednesday.

Chair Van Doren reminded the commissioners that donations are needed for the Commissioner's Flower Fund.

Chair Van Doren announced that the ceremony to rename the Lenawee County Sheriff's Building, the Richard L. Germond Building will be held on May 22, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ADJOURN/RECESS:

Comm. Martis moved to adjourn at 2:45 pm, Comm. Collins seconded, Motion CARRIED.

James Van Doren, Board Chairman

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk