

PHYSICAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Dustin Krasny, Ralph Tillotson, Beth Blanco
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MEETING LOCATION

Chambers

Minutes: Thursday, May 7, 2026

I. Call to Order

Present: Commissioners: Dustin Krasny, Ralph Tillotson, Beth Blanco, James Van Doren, Terry Collins

Also Present: Drain Commissioner Ed Scheffler, Administrator Kim Murphy, Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jennifer Ambrose, Administrative Coordinator Carissa Zubke, Building & Grounds Superintendent Rob VanNieuwenhze, Accountant Matt Turgeon, Community Engagement Quinn Wilt

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Comm. Krasny.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of Minutes: April 2, 2026

Motion by Blanco to approve the minutes of April 2, 2026, seconded by Tillotson. Motion carried.

III. Finance Reports

A. Finance Report

Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott reviewed the financial reports; Comm. VanDoren questioned the OCH furniture project. Deputy Administrator clarified that the project remains open and needed furniture is still being ordered.

IV. Building and Grounds / Maintenance

A. Building and Grounds / Maintenance

Superintendent Rob VanNieuwenhze was present.

This past month, the department made repairs to the boiler shut-offs and the kitchen fire suppression system at the Jail. The AEDs were installed at the Sheriff's office.

Repairs were made to the boiler room sanitary lines and chiller pump at the Judicial Building. 3rd-floor windows at Judicial were re-caulked.

Remaining AEDs were installed that were obtained through the awarded grant.

New windows have been replaced at MSC; these were the remaining windows that were not covered by the grant.

Discussion opened up regarding recent vandalism at the Tecumseh Products site. Quotes

have been received for the replacement/repair, along with an hourly rate to replace, and have been provided to the Tecumseh Police Dept.

There is a sign dedication for Richard Germond on May 22nd, at the Lenawee Sheriffs Office.

Comm. VanDoren recognized the importance of AED's in County buildings. Tanis reported an educational video was emailed to every County employee; in addition, when an AED is in use, the machine will provide auditory directions.

B. Request: Exterior Maintenance for MSC Admin, Old DT, and Gymnasium

As part of the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan, \$55,053.00 was budgeted for the MSC Administration building exterior maintenance, and \$46,316.00 was budgeted for the Old Detention building exterior maintenance. Due to the construction on-site last year, these projects were pushed to 2026.

The request is to accept the bid from Ohio Building Restoration for a total of \$122,310.00 to complete these three projects, plus \$12,000.00 for contingencies, as part of the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion by Tillotson to accept the bid from Ohio Building Restorations, not to exceed \$135,000, as part of the 2026 Capital Improvement plan, seconded by Blanco. Motion carried.

C. Request: CMH Carpet

As part of the 2026 CIP, \$115,000 was budgeted to replace the carpet at the Lenawee Community Mental Health suite at the Human Services Building. At the time of planning for capital projects, they were not sure if all of the carpet in the suite would be replaced.

VanNieuwenhze stated the quote for the whole suite was slightly over the budgeted amount and is recommending that all of the carpet be replaced at once.

The request is to accept the bid from O'Connor & Sons in the amount of \$116,067.15 for carpet replacement at LCMH and a \$10,000.00 contingency.

Motion by Blanco, to approve the bid from O'Connor & Sons for \$116,067.15 and a \$10,000 contingency, for LCMH carpet as part of the 2026 CIP, seconded by Tillotson. Motion carried.

V. Drain Commission

A. Monthly Report

Commissioner Ed Scheffler was present. Recently, the drain maintenance field operations have been very busy, and there are 2 open ditch projects in Ogden and Dover Twp.

With the recent weather, the crew has received numerous maintenance requests.

The Commission recently worked closely with the Lenawee Road Commission on the Westgate Drain. The Drain Comm. removed the guard rail, moved the ditch back, and replaced the guard rail, allowing for an extended shoulder to be built.

*A flash flood occurred in Britton Village last week.
Sewer and crew operations are ongoing at Riga Water.
Jimmy Cates has been promoted from Deputy Drain to Drain Superintendent.
Scheffler attended the ELGE Dam Safety conference last week.*

B. Request: Replace Excavator

Drain Commission is proposing to replace the 2015 excavator, which was included in the Drain Commission Department 2026 Capital Improvement.

Commissioner Ed Scheffler stated several quotes were received and, after researching, they would like to move forward with the quote from Southeastern Equipment Co. Scheffler shared that the mulcher is also at the end of life and originally was planned to be purchased separately. Southeastern offers the drum mulcher attachment, and it is included in this quote. Scheffler is proposing to finance this directly through Southeastern due to their low interest rate of 1.39%, for 60 months.

800 billable hours annually at the current billable rate of \$92.00/hr. will cover the loan and service costs.

Motion by Tillotson, to recommend approving the quote from Southeastern Equipment Co. and financing an amount not to exceed \$279,932.28, for a 2026 excavator with thumb and drum mulcher attachments, to Personnel/Ways & means, seconded by Blanco. Motion carried.

Financing will be for 5 years. Scheffler stated prior excavators purchased were approximately \$156,000 through a different vendor. Scheffler stated they have had difficulties when ordering new parts for the previous excavator that was purchased through Hyundai. Scheffler has worked with Southeastern in the past and has good feedback.

The life expectancy of the excavator after the loan is paid off is about 3 years.

VI. Updates & Other Business

A. Request: Jail Intercom and Access Control Upgrade

As part of the 2026 CIP, the security system at the Jail is at the end of life and needs to be updated. The current vendor for the security system is Securitas and includes cameras, electronic door controls, and an intercom system, and is throughout the entire Jail.

The office received 4 quotes to upgrade the system for a total of \$318,000. Instead of completing the project in its entirety right now, the project has been divided into 4 phases. This first phase will include updates to the Jail Intercom and Access Control equipment for a total of \$137,058.00 and was included in the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

The request is to accept and approve the agreement with Securitas for upgrades to the Lenawee County Jail Intercom and Access Control equipment, and authorize Captain Randy Casey to sign, as part of the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan for \$137,058.00.

Motion by Blanco, to accept the agreement with Securitas in the amount of \$137,058 for

Jail Intercom and Access Control updates, and authorize Captain Casey to sign, seconded by Tillotson. Motion carried.

No contingency required for this request

B. MSC Renovations

Deputy Elliott provided an update on the renovations at MSC, and the final walkthrough is scheduled for May 29th.

VII. Public Comment

No comment.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Tillotson, seconded by Blanco, to adjourn at 11:24 pm. Motion carried.