

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, June 25, 2026

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

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

Also Present: Deputy Administrator Shannon Elliott, Sheriff Troy Bevier, Marketing & Communications Coordinator Jen Ambrose, Undersheriff Jeff Ewald, Drain Commissioner Ed Scheffler, Matt Wittee, Sherry Lamay, Leslie & Jack Kovalski, Judy Gilmore, Josie Gilmore, Dane Tompkins

Absent: David Stimpson, Ralph Tillotson,

The meeting was called to order at 06:00 PM by Comm. Van Doren

ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL WAS COMPLETED: (7) Present- Daly, Collins, Martis, Blanco, Aungst, Krasny, Van Doren (2) Absent- Tillotson, Stimpson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: June 10, 2026

Motion by Blanco, seconded by Martis to approve the minutes of June 10, 2026. Motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Comm. Van Doren amended the Agenda:

Under "Board Appointment Reports", adding Michigan Works and WellWise Area Aging Services.

Motion by Martis to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Aungst. Motion carried.

PETITIONS and COMMUNICATIONS:

Comm. Blanco read a communication from the Board of Commissioners Scholarship recipient.

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:

None.

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

No comment.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, Ed Scheffler

Drain Commissioner Ed Scheffler gave a presentation regarding the operations and responsibilities of the Lenawee County Drain Commission.

The Lenawee County Drain Commissioner's Office was established in 1847 and was the first County drain system in the State of Michigan.

Scheffler reviewed the responsibilities of the Drain Commission, including: administration and maintenance of 714 drainage districts covering 1,500 miles of drains in Lenawee, nine separate sewer systems, four water systems, maintaining lake levels at 8 lakes, to name a few.

Residents have the ability to access an interactive map on the Drain Commission website, to locate County Drains that may be near their property.

Sheffler shared information regarding the Drain Maintenance crew responsibilities. Funding for the drain maintenance and the Drain Commissioner's office was reviewed.

Information regarding the 9 sanitary sewer drains and the 4 drinking water systems that they are responsible for, was provided.

The Drain Commission also manages 8 court-mandated Lake levels. Scheffler stated 2026 is the year to have all lake levels and dams inspected by a licensed engineer; he is awaiting the reports.

Other duties of the Drain Commission include Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Engineering Services, Drain Permits, and Asset Management.

Sheffler discussed water quality and how good drainage can assist with this. The Drain Commission has partnered with MDNR and Ducks Unlimited to restore over 400 acres of wetland in Seneca Twp. This will provide better drainage upstream and reduce impacts downstream.

A QR code was included in the packet that includes a video from the State Association discussing the importance of County Drains.

BOARD APPOINTMENT (VOTING MEMBER) REPORTS

DEPARTMENT ON AGING (LDA) (Comm. Aungst)

Comm. Aungst reported from the Department on Aging Board.

HEALTH BOARD (Comm. Collins)

Health Board 6/17/26 Mins

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board

HOMELAND SECURITY & LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING (Comm. Collins)

LEPC 6/16/26 Mins

Comm. Collins reported from the Emergency Planning Committee.

PARKS COMMISSION (Comm. Tillotson)

6/15/26 Park Minutes

No report.

MICHIGAN WORKS (Comm. Collins)

Comm. Collins reported from the MiWorks Committee.

LIAISON (NON-VOTING) REPORTS

ROAD COMMISSION (Comm. Martis)

Comm. Martis reported from the Road Commission Committee.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Comm. Collins)

VA 6/12/26 Mins

Comm. Collins reported from the Veterans Affairs Committee.

WELL WISE SERVICES (Comm. Van Doren)

Comm. Van Doren reported from the WellWise Services Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request: Woodstock Twp. Law Enforcement Contract

Sheriff Bevier reviewed the request to enter into a law enforcement contract with Woodstock Township for the remainder of 2026 to January 2027. This will be funded by the Public Safety Revenue Sharing, that went to local units of government.

Services will be provided upon request from the Township.

Discussion was held regarding the man power to fill these services.

Motion by Commissioner Martis, Seconded by Commissioner Krasny to approve the contract for Law Enforcement services with Woodstock Township. Motion carried.

Request: Addison Schools Law Enforcement Contract

Sheriff Bevier shared information regarding the requested law enforcement contract with Addison Schools for the 2026-2027 school year or until the appropriated funds from the School Board expire. It was clarified that this is a renewal of law enforcement contract.

Motion by Commissioner Blanco, second by Commissioner Krasny to approve the Law Enforcement contract with Addison Schools. Motion carried.

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

Matthew Whitte spoke on concerns regarding elections.

Sherry LaMay praised the Road Commission for their work during the Wolf Creek bridge repair and their responsiveness to fix the detour road.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Martis praised our Lenawee County Clerk and the work that her entire team does for our elections.

Commissioner Krasny praised Chair Van Doren and the addition of the evening meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

ADJOURN/RECESS:

Motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Martis to adjourn the meeting at 07:08 PM. Motion carried.

James Van Doren, Board Chairman

Shannon C. Elliott, Deputy Clerk