

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

PRESENT: Comm. Stimpson, Bales, Bolton, Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Goetz, Krasny, Tillotson, and Wittenbach

ALSO PRESENT: Kevon Martis, Jenny Escott, Troy Bevier, Shannon Elliott, James Van Doren, Jeff Ewald, Jacob Pifer, Kraig Kourt, Dale Sharp, William Warner, Kim Straub, Keith Gorney, Josh Perez, Jim Craig, James Bailey, Casey Opsal, Chris Hudson, Adam Warner, Jes Petty, Conway Linjor, A. Perdue, Corinne Perdue, Ben Ricker, Micah Hassenzahl, Jackie Bradley, Eric Rogers, Chris Miller, Shelby Stubbe, Richard Hedrick, Jenny Escott, Laurel Hammis, Dawn Opsal, Cora Vinaske, Bryce Opsal, Rochelle Flores, Rudy Flores, Kim Murphy and Roxann Holloway

The meeting was opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2022, regular meeting, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Bales moved to approve the minutes from the November 30, 2022, special meeting, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve the agenda as presented, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Communications: Communications were read.

Limited Public Comment was opened for any agenda item.

There were no public comments.

Comm. Bolton moved to adopt the following recognition, Comm. Tillotson seconded.

RUDY FLORES

WHEREAS, Rudy Flores was recently chosen as this year's recipient of the Michigan Hero Award. This award is bestowed to Michiganders, businesses, and nonprofit organizations across the state who are applauded for their commitment to volunteerism, service and philanthropy.

Rudy is the co-chair of the Southeastern Michigan Migrant Resource Council. Professionally, he is employed with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services where he assesses, coordinates, and develops services for local migrant and seasonal farmworkers. He has served many years on the Adrian Public School Board, he volunteers on the board of directors for the Rea Literacy Center, and he recently accepted a board position with ProMedica.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners commends Rudy Flores for his years of service to the residents of Lenawee County; and

FURTHER congratulate him on his achievements.

Motion carried by a unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Comm. Bolton moved to adopt the following recognition, Comm. Bales seconded.

PLANEWAVE INSTRUMENTS

WHEREAS, the PW1000 telescoping system, created by PlaneWave Instruments, was recently named by the Michigan Manufacturers Association as the ***Coollest Thing Made in Michigan***. This coveted honor is part of the annual MFG Excellence Awards, which celebrates the inspiring stories of our manufacturing industry, the thousands of unique manufacturing companies across the state, the hundreds of thousands of Michiganders employed in the industry, and the local communities that support it. The program recognizes what makes Michigan manufacturing the best in the world; the leaders and products that push the industry forward.

The PW1000 is a state-of-the-art 1-meter observatory-class robotic telescope featuring a direct-drive mounting system, designed specifically for scientific discovery and installed at some of the leading research institutions around the world. The PW1000 telescope stands over 12' tall and weighs 3,000 pounds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners recognize PlaneWave Instruments as a champion within an industry that is constantly growing and evolving; and

FURTHER congratulate PlaneWave Instruments on all of their achievements and honorable recognitions.

Motion carried by a unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Sheriff Bevier presented the Life Saving Award to Sergeant Casey Opsal.

Rudy Flores presented an update on the Migrant Worker program.

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the following consent agenda items, Comm. Wittenbach seconded.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Agricultural Advisory Land Use & Economic Development Committee - 3 year term

Jim Swindeman/Field Crop Farmer, Deerfield 12/25

Kenneth Lake/Agribusiness, Riga 12/25

Community Mental Health Authority Board - 12 members / 3 year term

James Goetz, Riga Twp. 3/23

Dave Stimpson, Commissioner 3/23

County Planning Commission - 7 members/3 year term concurrent appt. w/ Airport Zoning

Board

Ralph Tillotson, Adrian Township 12/25

Becky Liedel, Adrian 12/25

Keith Dersham, Adrian 12/25

District Library - 7 members / 4 year term

Marilyn Kremer, Woodstock Township 12/26

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

Firefighter (statutory) – Nic Wilson 12/25

General Public – David Dixon 12/25

Emergency Management – Craig Tanis 12/25

Health Board - 5 members / 5 year term

Lee Ann Minton, Hudson 12/27

Land Bank Authority – 7 members/3 year term

Accept Resignation of Jim Palmer, Realtor	12/23
Jake Wright, Building Inspector	12/25
Roger Ferguson, Banking	12/25

Region 2 Planning Commission - 10 members / 3 year term

Larry Gould, Morenci	12/25
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Solid Waste Coordinating Committee - 9 members - 3 year term

John Tuckerman (Community at Large)	12/25
Greg Elliott, City of Adrian - YES	12/25

Veterans' Affairs Executive Committee - 4 members - 4 year term

Michael Shadbolt, Hudson	12/26
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Accounts Payable Year-End Authorization: The Accounts Payable Committee is hereby AUTHORIZED to adjust sectors of the General Fund as necessary within the amended 2022 Budget and to adjust the non-general funds as necessary.

FIRST QUARTER: JANUARY 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2023

RES#2022-19

WHEREAS, the 2023 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 2023 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 2023 appropriations as contained in the 2023 General Fund Budget be established for the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, 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.

RES #2022-19 is ADOPTED.

MSUE / MOA: The Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Lenawee and MSU Extension in the amount of \$142,266 with funding to come from 101.261-801 is APPROVED.

RHINO 2023 Byrne JAG Grant: The 2023 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant is APPROVED, and Board Chairman David Stimpson is AUTHORIZED to sign on behalf of the County.

Walmart Tax Tribunal Appeal: Payment of the invoice to Madison Township in the amount of \$22,701.50 from 101.899-858 (Tax Tribunal Charges) for the Walmart Property Valuation Appeal is APPROVED.

Furniture Request: An amount not to exceed \$50,000 from the Contingency Division of the Capital Fund to purchase furniture and equipment is APPROVED.

Resolution of Intent - Medina Maritime Merge Project

RES#2022-22

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submission of an application titled "Medina Maritime Merge Project" to the Spark Grant Program to build a bridge over the Bean creek allowing access to the second

side of the park, install a kayak/canoe launch, pond grading, install an inclusive playground, renovate the restroom & pavilion, and restore family areas at Medina Park.

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of Lenawee County; and,

WHEREAS, Medina Park has been a local family gathering spot for rural residents to explore the river, and woods since 1974, a bridge and waterway launch will open the park to further exploration and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community; and,

WHEREAS, with this resolution of support it is acknowledged that Lenawee County is not committing to any obligations; financial or otherwise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby supports submission of a Spark Grant Application for Medina Maritime Merge Project, by the DNR.

RES #2022-22 is ADOPTED.

Resolution of Intent – Gerber Hill Park Learn & Lead Project

RES#2022-21

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submission of an application titled “Gerber Hill Park Learn and Lead Project” to the Spark Grant Program for the addition of inclusive play area, an outdoor educational area, inground tables and benches, baseball diamond fencing, metal roofing and electrical outlet for the pavilions, and paving the parking lots; thereby creating an outdoor experience for people of all abilities to learn and lead.

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of Lenawee County; and,

WHEREAS, Gerber Park has been open to and enjoyed by residents, schools, and Ohio tourists for many years. These additions will create a welcoming space for individuals, students, and families to play, learn, compete, and enjoy the park safely; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community; and,

WHEREAS, with this resolution of support it is acknowledged that Lenawee County is not committing to any obligations; financial or otherwise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby supports submission of a Spark Grant Application for Gerber Hill Park Learn and Lead Project, by the DNR.

RES #2022-21 is ADOPTED.

Resolution of Intent Bicentennial Park Inclusive Community Project

RES#2022-20

WHEREAS, the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) submission of an application titled “Bicentennial Inclusive Community Project” to the Spark Grant Program for park and trail accessibility, the addition of inclusive activity areas for both the younger and aging populations, viewing areas, and improvements to family gathering areas; thereby creating an outdoor experience for people of all abilities at Bicentennial Park.

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of Lenawee County; and,

WHEREAS, Bicentennial Park has been open to, and enjoyed by residents for many years and these additions will provide people of all abilities an opportunity to safely enjoy the park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project, if completed, will be a benefit to the community; and,
WHEREAS, with this resolution of support it is acknowledged that Lenawee County is not committing to any obligations; financial or otherwise.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby supports submission of a Spark Grant Application for the Bicentennial Inclusive Community project, by the DNR.

RES #2022-20 is ADOPTED.

Motion to approve the consent agenda CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Comm. Bales reported from the Information Technology / Equalization Committee.

Comm. Bales reported from the Human Services Committee.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Rules & Appointments Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

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

November 17, 2022-

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount \$4,632,752.34 with the general fund's portion being \$246,103.35, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

December 1, 2022-

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount \$2,184,253.13 with the general fund's portion being \$177,558.73, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Administrator Murphy reported from the Parks Commission.

Comm. Bales reported from the Road Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Health and Human Services.

Comm. Bolton reported from the Dept. on Aging Committee.

Comm. Goetz reported from the Solid Waste Committee.

Comm. Bales reported from the Airport Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from Michigan Works.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Substance Abuse (CMHPSM).

Comm. Collins reported from the Veterans Affair Board.

Comm. Collins reported from the Emergency 9-1-1 District Board.

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Commissioners Goetz and Wittenbach were recognized by the Board of Commissioners for the service to their districts and to Lenawee County.

Comm. Stimpson announced that the Board of Commissioner's Organizational Meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Comm. Tillotson moved to adjourn at 2:34 P.M., Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, Clerk

David Stimpson, Chair