

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

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

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Peters, Rick Richardson, Eric Cullum, Ron Bailey, Thomas Kendziora, David Panian (The Daily Telegram, Gary Pickle, Sheriff Bevier, Kim Murphy, Linsdey Brayton, Jennifer Ambrose, Jillienne Bowers, Melissa Burnor (the Advance), Bethany Teague, Tim Watters, Michelle Gray, Heidi Cannon, Dustin Krasny, Martin Marshall, Kim Murphy, Rebecca Borton, and Roxann Holloway.

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

Comm. Bales moved to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2021, meeting, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Comm. Lapham. Motion CARRIED.

Communications were read.

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

The following board appointments CONFIRMED:

Land Bank Authority

Erin VanDyke, County Treasurer (reappointment) 12/24

Kristen Brown, Assessor Representative (appointment) 12/24

Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

concurrent appointments with Brownfield Authority and Hospital Finance Authority

Jessica Sattler – District #8 representative (appointment) 12/25

Veterans' Affairs Executive Committee

Aaron Ricketts, Britton (appointment) 12/25

RESOLUTION ENACTING FIRST QUARTERLY ALLOTMENT OF ALLOCATIONS RES#2021-32

WHEREAS, the 2022 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 2022 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 2022 appropriations as contained in the 2022 General Fund Budget be established for the period beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, 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.

Resolution #2021-31 is hereby ADOPTED.

MSU – Memorandum of Agreement: The annual memorandum of agreement between the County of Lenawee and MSU Extension is APPROVED.

Project Phoenix Next Steps: Funding Phase II of the Project Phoenix in an amount of \$320,000 out of the 2022 Budget is APPROVED.

Changes for the 2021 Audit process: The request to contract with Rehman and to solicit auditing bids is APPROVED.

Red Mill Pond Dam: A loan in an amount not to exceed \$44,000 is APPROVED for the emergency repairs to Red Mill Pond dam; and is to be repaid through special assessments to the lake level district.

Accounts Payable Year-End Authorization: The Accounts Payable Committee is AUTHORIZED to adjust sectors of the General Fund as necessary within the amended 2021 budget and to adjust non-general funds as necessary.

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

Comm. Lapham reported from the Rules & Appointments Committee.

Comm. Collins reported from the Criminal Justice Committee.

Comm. Lapham reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

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

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers through November 18, 2021, for payment in the amount \$2,867,295.76 with the general fund's portion being \$520,345.33, Comm. Collins seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers through December 2, 2021, for payment in the amount \$1,636,197.91 with the general fund's portion being \$173,788.04, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Bales reported from the Policy & Procedures Committee.

Comm. Bales reported from the Road Commission.

Comm. Goetz reported from the Solid Waste Committee.

Comm. Bales reported from the Airport Commission.

Comm. Bolton reported from Michigan Works.

Comm. Collins reported from the Veterans Affairs Board.

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

Unfinished Business:

Administrator Marshall gave an update on Project Phoenix.

The team is in the process of meeting weekly with the environmental group. A request has been posted for both qualifications, for the Architect and Engineering Services and the Grant Writing and Administration. They are also working with the hiring coordinator to hire a director to oversee the project and manage the facility.

Administrator Marshall gave an update on the old courthouse renovation project.

Offices will begin moving back into the old courthouse next Thursday and Friday. The Annex Building will be closed both of those days, with the exception of the Public Defender's Office. All offices will re-open on Monday, December 20th.

New Business:

District #2 Commissioner Interviews:

Ron Bailey, Dustin Krasny, Eric Cullum, Lindsey Brayton, and Scott Peters submitted applications. All applicants were invited to attend the meeting today and provided with a copy of the questions.

Each candidate in attendance was allowed a 3-minute introductory to summarize who they are, their background (especially as it relates to your interest in the County Commission); details of any prior community service or involvement; and their background, experience and interests that makes them a good fit to represent the citizens of District 2 on the Board of Commissioners.

They were then each asked the following questions:

1. The County Commission has the responsibility to set policy for many functions in county government. **Please describe your understanding of the difference between formulating and setting a policy for a specific function and developing and implementing an operational program prescribed by the policy.**
2. The County Commission has a fiduciary responsibility over all funds entrusted to and expended by the various departments in county government. **Please describe your experience with, or understanding of, government fund accounting, or other experience you have with budget preparation and financial reporting.**
3. As with all government operations, the Board of Commissioners operates in a transparent and open fashion. **Please describe what an open meeting means to you.**

The County Commissioners interviewed all applicants at today's meeting.

Comm. Stimpson shared that no nominations or votes will take place today. The Board of Commissioners will vote on filling the District 2 position at the January 12, 2022, Commissioner's Meeting, after Commissioner Lapham's effective resignation date.

The January meeting will also be an open meeting of the Board of Commissioners and anyone is welcome to attend.

Public Comment:

Public comment was received by Bethany Teague, regarding a meeting time change.

Announcements:

Comm. Goetz inquired about the Board of Commissioner's Scholarship Fund.

Comm. Bales shared information regarding the Board of Commissioner's Scholarship Fund.

Comm. Bolton announced the upcoming Martin Luther King Celebration that will be held on January 17, 2022, at Adrian College.

Comm. Bolton announced that a public hearing will be held on December 17, 2021, at the Lenawee County Road Commission, regarding projects for the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ).

Comm. Bolton announced that the Farmer Lead Group will hold a meeting tomorrow, regarding soil improvement and conservation.

Comm. Collins thanked all the District 2 Commissioner Applicants for their interest in the appointment. Comm. Stimpson also thanked the applicants for coming today.

Comm. Stimpson presented Comm. Lapham with a special commemoration for his service on the Board of Commissioners.

Comm. Collins and Comm. Tillotson both thanked Comm. Lapham for his years of service.

Comm. Tillotson moved to adjourn at 2:47 p.m., Comm. Lapham seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

David Stimpson, Chair