WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mike Ballard, Andrew Munson, Kim Murphy, Dustin Reckner, Carma King, Lee Ann Minton, Scott Holtz, Jen Ambrose, Burke Castleberry, Troy Bevier, Jim Craig, Jeff Ewald, Martha Hall, Dmitry Shapiro and Spencer Durham (The Telegram), Cal Zastrow, Martin Marshall, and Roxann Holloway

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

Comm. Wittenbach moved to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2019, meeting, Comm. Bolton seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to accept the agenda as amended, Comm. Knoblauch seconded, Motion CARRIED.

Communications were read.

Comm. Stimpson opened the floor for nominations for Vice-chair. Comm. Tillotson nominated Terry Collins, Comm. Knoblauch seconded the nomination. There were no more nominations made. Comm. Knoblauch moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote, Comm. Bolton seconded. Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

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

**2020 Standing Committees:** Standing Committee appointments will remain the same as in 2019.

**Board Appointments:** The following reappointments are CONFIRMED.

**Airport Commission** 3-year term
- Bob Knoblauch, Riga 12/22

**GIS Policy Committee** 2-year term
- Martha Hall, Health Officer 12/21
- Terry Collins, E-911 Board; County Commission 12/21
- Mark Haag, Lenawee Intermediate School District 12/21
- Scott Merillat, Lenawee County Road Commission 12/21
- Kevin Cornish, Representing Villages 12/21

**Health Board** 5-year term
- John Tuckerman, Blissfield 12/24

**Land Bank Authority** 3-year term
- Chris Clarke, Banking 12/22
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Jessica Sattler, Community Development  
12/20

**Parks and Recreation Commission** 3-year term  
Chris Wittenbach, Clinton  
John Lapham, Onsted  
12/22

**Region 2 Planning Commission** 3-year term  
Larry Gould, Morenci  
Fred Gallagher, Adrian  
Dawn Bales, Madison Twp  
Jim Driskill, Hudson  
12/22

**Southeast Michigan Consortium Board** 1-year term  
Karol “KZ” Bolton, Adrian  
Chris Wittenbach, Clinton  
12/20

**Annual Liaison Appointments:** The 2020 liaison appoints are to remain the same other than  
- Department of Health & Human Services / Medical Care Facility  
  John Lapham 12/20

**Prosecuting Attorney Reorganization:** The reorganization of the Prosecutor’s Office; bringing two outside assistant prosecutors into the main office, to reclassify those assistant prosecutors to senior assistant prosecutors, and to bring one legal secretary into the office pool is APPROVED.

**INVESTMENT POLICY**  
POL#2020-001

Date of Adoption: February 12, 2003  
Date of Amendments: 2/18/04  
Annually reviewed and adopted in January since 2008

It is the policy of Lenawee County to invest its funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow needs of the County and comply with all state statutes governing the investment of public funds.

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the County. These assets are accounted for in the various funds of the county and include the general funds, special revenue funds, debt service funds and capital project funds, (unless bond ordinances and resolutions are more restrictive), enterprise funds, internal service funds, trust and agency funds and any new fund established by the County.

The primary objectives, in priority order, of the County’s investment activities shall be:  
**Safety**--Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to insure the preservation of capital in the overall portfolio.

**Diversification**--The investments will be diversified by security type and institution in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.

**Liquidity**--The investment portfolio shall remain sufficiently liquid to meet all operating requirements that may be reasonably anticipated.

**Return on Investment**--The investment portfolio shall be designed with the objective of obtaining a rate of return throughout the budgetary and economic cycles, taking into account the investment risk constraints and the cash flow characteristics of the portfolio.

Authority to manage the investment program is derived from the following: Lenawee County Board of Commissioners’ most current resolution designating depositories and M.C.L.
48.40 requiring the County Treasurer to be the custodian of the County’s funds. Management responsibility for the investment program is hereby delegated to the Lenawee County Treasurer who shall establish written procedures and internal controls for the operation of the investment program consistent with this investment policy. Procedures should include references to: safekeeping, cash purchase or delivery vs. payment, investment accounting, repurchase agreements, wire transfer agreements, collateral / depository agreements and banking service contracts. No person shall engage in an investment transaction except as provided under the terms of this policy and the procedures established by the Lenawee County Treasurer. The Lenawee County Treasurer shall be responsible for all transactions undertaken and shall establish a system of controls to regulate the activities of the subordinate officials.

The County of Lenawee is limited to investments authorized by Act 20 of 1943, as amended, and may invest in the following:

1. Bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
2. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts or depository receipts of a financial institution meeting all criteria as a depository of public funds contained in the state law.
3. Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two (2) highest classifications established by not less than 2 standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.
4. In United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements.
5. Bankers Acceptances on United States banks.
6. Obligations of this state or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than 1 standard rating service.
7. Mutual funds registered under the investment company act of 1940, title I of chapter 686, 54 Stat. 789,15 U.S.C. 80a-1 to 80a-3 and 80a-4 to 80a-64, with authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation. However, a mutual fund is not disqualified as a permissible investment solely by reason of either of the following:
   a. The purchase of securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery bases.
   b. The ability to lend portfolio securities as long as the mutual fund receives collateral at all times equal to at least 100% of the value of the securities loaned.
   c. The limited ability to borrow and pledge a like portion of the portfolio’s assets for temporary or emergency purposes.
8. Investment pools organized under the surplus funds investment pool act, 1982, PA367, MCL129.11 to129.118.
9. The investment pools organized under the local government investment pool act, 1985 PA121, MCL 129.141 to 129.150.

All security transactions, including collateral for repurchase agreements and financial institution deposits, entered into by the County shall be on a cash (or delivery vs. payment) basis. Securities may be held by a third-party custodian designated by the Treasurer and evidenced by safekeeping receipts as determined by the Treasurer.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

Policy #2020-001 is ADOPTED.

**MSU Memorandum of Agreement:** The annual Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Lenawee and Michigan State University is APPROVED.
Agreement 2017-0080, Authorization P14/R1

WHEREAS, many older adults and persons with disabilities in Lenawee County are in need of transportation beyond what Dial-A-Ride and Lenawee Transportation Corporation are able to provide; and

WHEREAS, the “specialized services” grant to Lenawee County provides funds to meet those transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, a Revised Project Authorization from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has been proposed to provide additional funding for operating assistance and extend the authorization term by 15 days, or October 15, 2020.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Agreement 2017-0080, Authorization No: P14/R1 in the amount of $18,086 for FY 2020 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds from the project authorization be granted to Lenawee Department on Aging in accordance with the terms of the project, and

HEREBY, authorize the Chairman and the County Clerk to sign the aforementioned Revised Project Authorization.

Resolution #2020-002 is ADOPTED.

2020 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 remonumentation 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, and Scott Warnke to the 2020 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 2020 PEER Group agreement(s) on behalf of the County of Lenawee, Michigan.

Resolution #2020-003 is ADOPTED.

ReMon Research & Monumentation Agreements: The Monumentation Remonumentation agreements with Bartolo Surveying, LLC, and Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. are APPROVED.

Motion to approve the consent agenda CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.
Comm. Wittenbach moved to approve the following proclamation, Comm. Knoblauch seconded,

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION MONTH**

**HEREAS**, providing for the education of Michigan’s school-aged children is a fundamental duty of state government, as stated in Article VIII, Section 2, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

**HEREAS**, the education of our youth is the foundation upon which the economic, social, and intellectual capital of our state is built; and

**HEREAS**, locally-elected school boards play an important and vital role in a representative democracy, and decisions made by local boards of education directly influence instruction in Michigan’s public schools; and

**HEREAS**, our 82 local board members contribute hundreds of hours each year leading their districts—whether it is by deliberating important decisions about curriculum; adopting policies; hiring top-notch personnel and administrators; listening to staff, parent, and student concerns; or recognizing outstanding programs—board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement; and

**HEREAS**, these decisions affect the present and future lives of children, and also set direction to prepare all students to be competitive in a local, state, national, and global 21st Century knowledge economy, and

**HEREAS**, local school board members are exceptional people who tackle the enormous job of governing school districts, and demonstrate, to the over 15,000 K-12 students in Lenawee County, the high character of civic duty and responsibility that all citizens should engage; and

**HEREAS**, Local School Board Member Recognition Month provides an opportunity to build stronger relationships between the thousands of women and men who champion the cause of public education as board members, their schools, and the communities they serve; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners recognize the contributions of the local boards of education to the academic success of public school students, and express its sincerest appreciation for their focus on the well-being and achievement of children throughout the county; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners proclaims January 2020 as *Local School Board Member Recognition Month* in Lenawee County, and encourage local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize dedicated local school board members.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

Comm. Wittenbach moved to approve the following resolution, Comm. Tillotson seconded,

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER 4-YEAR TERM**

**HEREAS**, the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today’s Board of Commissioners; and

**HEREAS**, the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

**HEREAS**, Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

**HEREAS**, the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century—road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment, and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic
development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS, Legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

Motion CARRIED by a Unanimous Roll Call Vote.

The Information Technology/Equalization January meeting was cancelled.

The January Human Services Committee meeting was cancelled.


The January Criminal Justice Committee meeting was cancelled.

Comm. Knoblauch reported from the Physical Resources Committee.

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

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Accounts Payable Committee.

December 19, 2019
Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount $2,644,901.85 with the general fund’s portion being $452,845.96, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

January 2, 2019
Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount $1,503,967.32 with the general fund’s portion being $172,387.98, Comm. Knoblauch seconded. Motion CARRIED.

There was no meeting of the Policies & Procedures Committee.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the Parks Commission.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the Dept. of Human Service.

Comm. Knoblauch reported that the Solid Waste Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for January 29th at 10:00 A.M.
Comm. Bolton reported from Michigan Works.

Comm. Knoblauch reported from MTA.

Comm. Tillotson reported from CMHPSM.

Comm. Knoblauch reported from the Veterans Affairs Board.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the Health Board.

New Business: NONE

Public Comments and Announcements:

Mr. Cal Zastrow, from KawKawlin Township, suggested the Board of Commissioner welcome families of all denominations into the community by proclamation.

Comm. Lapham moved to adjourn at 1:51 P.M., Comm. Knoblauch seconded. Motion CARRIED.

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Roxann Holloway, Clerk                           David Stimpson, Chair