

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

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

ALSO PRESENT: Travis Havens and Heather Perez (Hospice of Lenawee), Erin VanDyke, Jen Ambrose, Jim Hammond, Jan Hammond, Jenny Escott, Brittany Kurutz, Gordon Gauss, Jack Baker, Jon Wetherbee, Kevin Martis, Ian Wendt (WLEN), Joshua Van Camp, Carol Knoblauch, Troy Bevier, Angela Sword-Heath, Mary Lowe (Telegram), Carolyn Bater, Howard Bales, Jessica Sattler, Heidi Cannon, Allen Heldt, Burke Castleberry, Shannon Elliott, Kim Murphy, Roxann Holloway, and Rebecca Borton

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

Comm. Bolton moved to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2022 meeting, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Tillotson moved to accept the agenda with amendments, seconded by Comm. Goetz. Motion CARRIED.

Communications read.

Limited Public Comment was opened for any agenda item.

Travis Havens and Heather Perez presented an update from Hospice of Lenawee.

Comm. Goetz moved to approve the following proclamation, Comm. Tillotson seconded,

**Hospice of Lenawee's 40th Anniversary & Commemorating 10 Years of Care provided in the Hospice Home** **PRO#2022-010**

**WHEREAS**, Hospice of Lenawee was chartered on January 1, 1982, as an independent, community-based non-profit hospice and celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hospice of Lenawee and commemorates 10 years of care provided in the Hospice Home; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lenawee County Commission salutes the commitment of Hospice of Lenawee in providing compassionate, patient and family-centered care to the people of our community during and after the last season of life by proclaiming June 20 to June 25, 2022 Hospice of Lenawee Week; and

**WHEREAS**, Hospice of Lenawee is recognized for their innovation in establishing the only in-patient Hospice Home in Lenawee County; and

**WHEREAS**, Hospice of Lenawee provides exceptional service through an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach to treatment including expert medical care, quality symptom control, and comprehensive pain management as a foundation of care; and

**WHEREAS**, the caring team at Hospice of Lenawee provides individualized physical, social, emotional, and spiritual support to the patient, as well as providing comfort and support to those caring for them; and

**WHEREAS**, Hospice of Lenawee provides complimentary bereavement services for anyone in need of grief support regardless of whether or not they have received hospice services; and

**WHEREAS**, Hospice of Lenawee supports all hospice eligible patients including those who are uninsured or underinsured regardless of their ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS**, Hospice of Lenawee has the only full-time Hospice Medical Director, board certified in hospice and palliative care in Lenawee County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The Lenawee County Commissioners officially recognize and thank Hospice of Lenawee for their pioneering work and continued focus on upholding patient dignity and providing the highest quality end-of-life care, while supporting those who are grieving in our community.

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

Erin VanDyke, County Treasurer, presented an update from the Land Bank Authority.

Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, and Jessica Sattler presented an update on the Phoenix Project.

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

**Board Appointments:**

**Department of Health & Human Services / Medical Care Facility**

Commissioner Karol “KZ” Bolton Annual Liaison Appointment

**Community Mental Health Authority Board - 3 year term (reappointments)**

Nate Smith, Tecumseh 3/25

Erin Starlin, Hudson 3/25

Tim Kelly, LISD, Adrian 3/25

The appointments as presented are APPROVED.

**Health Department:** Three temporary positions for the Community Health Navigator program with funding from Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) is APPROVED.

**MOA/LDA and disAbility Connection:** The Memorandum of Agreement between the Department on Aging and disAbility Connections for office space is APPROVED.

**IT Committee Recommendation:** The request for \$184,800 out of General Contingency for the purchase of the Karpel case management system; with an annual service agreement of \$43,200 is APPROVED.

**Juneteenth:** Juneteenth is HEREBY recognized as a county holiday effective immediately.

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 4729, 4730, 4731 AND 4732**

**RES#2022-10**

***Require Treasurers and Registers to Provide Data to Corporations at Taxpayer Expense***

**WHEREAS**, Zillow has spearheaded legislation to undermine the integrity of the Register of Deeds and Treasurers offices across the State of Michigan greatly reducing revenues needed to fund the daily operation of both offices; and; and

**WHEREAS**, Zillow, a for profit corporation, is asking the State of Michigan legislature to pass legislation that will provide them ALL the records of Lenawee County’s taxpayers from both the Register of Deeds and the Treasurer’s Offices at a huge discount or, in some instances, 100% free of charge; and

**WHEREAS**, Zillow will then sell those records for profit putting our constituents at a higher

risk of fraud or theft while placing the burden to fund the offices on the taxpayers of Lenawee County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Clerks, and Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, bipartisan organizations, unanimously oppose these bills.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenawee County Commission calls upon the Michigan senate to oppose efforts to adopt legislation under the current language as passed by the Michigan House of Representatives on April 27, 2022.

Resolution #RES2022-10 is ADOPTED.

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

Comm. Wittenbach reported from the Information Technology / Equalization 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.

Comm. Bales moved to adopt the following resolution, with the exception of the allotment to Lenawee Now, Comm. Tillotson seconded,

**Resolution Enacting Third Quarterly Allotment of Allocations** **RES#2022-09**

**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.

Discussion followed. Motion CARRIED by the following Roll Call Vote: YEAS (6) Comm. Bales, Bolton, Goetz, Stimpson, Tillotson, Wittenbach. NAYS (3) Comm. Collins, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny.

Comm. Tillotson reported from the Accounts Payable Committee. The meeting set for May 19, 2022 was cancelled.

June 2, 2022-

Comm. Tillotson moved to approve total vouchers for payment in the amount \$3,116,930.03 with the general fund's portion being \$442,260.22, Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

Comm. Bales reported from the Road Commission.

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

Comm. Goetz reported from the Solid Waste Committee.

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.

Comm. Collins reported from the Health Board.

Comm. Wittenbach reported from MAC – General Government.

Unfinished Business:

Administrator Murphy informed the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners that due to a lack of state funding, Project Phoenix will not move forward until the commissioners direct otherwise.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Comm. Bolton announced that there is a free Health Screening being held at the St. Mary Activity Center tomorrow.

Comm. Bolton announced that the Community Action Center has a Water Bill Assistance Program for any income eligible household.

Comm. Collins expressed his concern, regarding a recent no conflict document he received.

Comm. Tillotson moved to adjourn at 2:58 P.M. Comm. Wittenbach seconded. Motion CARRIED.

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Roxann Holloway, County Clerk

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David Stimpson, Chair