

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, November 17, 2014  
COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS, 304 E. Grand River, Howell, MI

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Carol Griffith, at 7:30 p.m.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by the Clerk indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Present: Kate Lawrence (1), William Green (2), David Domas (3), Ronald VanHouten (4), Donald Parker (5), Steven Williams (6), Carol Griffith (7), Dennis Dolan (8), Gary Childs (9)

Absent: None

Also present: Sue Bostwick (Equalization), Dianne McCormick (Health), Debbie Oberle (Animal Control), Chris Folts (Facilities Services), Richard Malewicz (IT), Jon Waggoner (Veterans), Brian Jonckheere (Drain), Cindy Catanach (Finance), Belinda Peters (Administration), Margaret M. Dunleavy, Debbie Warden

Correspondence. It was moved by Commissioner Williams to accept and place on file the correspondence from Cheboygan and Otsego Counties. Seconded by Commissioner Dolan. MOTION CARRIED.

Call To The Public.

- (1) Arnold Anderson, 3535 Cedar Lake Road, Fowlerville, stated that his nephew was given citations for his livestock getting out.
- (2) Ray Moses, 230 S. Maxfield Road, Brighton, stated that animal control has come on his property and he did not want them on his property without a warrant.
- (3) Clark Humrich, 3100 Bradley Road, Webberville, had a petition and that there were more coming.
- (4) Mary Priebe, 404 Greenwich Drive #C, Howell, spoke regarding the LETS program. She stated that they do not have enough funds for buses and staff.
- (5) Matt Germane, 3600 Bullard Road, Hartland, Farm Bureau President and Hartland Township Trustee, stated that the person needs to receive a notice or a warning and he would work with the commissioners to help resolve problems.
- (6) Gordon Munsell, stated he has over 20 cattle and that the penalty was too severe.
- (7) Joe Parker, 2401 Bull Run Road, Fowlerville, asked how fines are established.
- (8) Helene Salame, 6328 Allen Road, stated that her daughter was a 4H member and was issued two (2) tickets, cow and calf, for getting out. It was reduced to one (1). Animal control has made repeatedly visits to her home since last April.
- (9) Andrea Kowalski, 5925 E Clyde Road, Howell, informed the board she has been harassed by Animal Control for seven (7) years. The county vet that came to her house, she felt, was not qualified to take care of large animals. She had to pay for the vet's visit.
- (10) Janet White, 10568 Judd Road, Fowlerville, showed the board petition's which she stated contained 100 signatures in support of the farmer.

Minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Lawrence to accept the minutes of the regular meeting minutes of November 3 and November 12, 2014 along with the work session minutes of October 27, November 10 and November 12, 2014, as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Green. MOTION CARRIED.

Tabled Items. None.

Agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Williams to approve the agenda, as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports. Commissioner Green stated he feels we have better things to do with our time than to write citations on farmers.

Commissioner Domas stated that this will be looked into.

Commissioner Griffith congratulated the Health Department for their accreditation and thanked Commissioner Childs for his work also.

Commissioner Griffith thanked the election department and IT department for a smooth election.

Chris Folts, Facilities Services, showed the drawings for the renovation of the county grounds between the old Courthouse and the Administration Building.

Consent Agenda. Commissioner Green presented the consent agenda and adopted each as follows:

Resolution No. 2014-11-305, Resolution To Concur With The Public Defender Contracts Made By The 44<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court-Circuit Court

Resolution No. 2014-11-306, Resolution Approving The Modification Of The Michigan Works! FY2014 Service Center Operation Grant For The Period July 1, 2014 To June 30, 2015 To A New Total Of \$50,000-MI Works!

Resolution No. 2014-11-307, Resolution Authorizing Agreement With The Michigan Department Of Environmental Quality To Conduct Environmental Health Services-Public Health

Resolution No. 2014-11-308, Resolution Authorizing Issuance Of A Blanket Purchaser To Ultralevel Inc. For The Information Technology Department-Information Technology

Resolution No. 2014-11-309, Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With The Michigan Department Of Agriculture And Rural Development Regarding The Companion Animal Welfare Fund-Animal Control

Resolution No. 2014-11-310, Michigan Heritage Restoration Program-Facility Services & Planning

Resolution No. 2014-11-311, Resolution Approving The Updated L.E.T.S. Title VI Program Required By The Federal Transit Administration (FTA)-L.E.T.S.

Resolution No. 2014-11-312, Resolution Authorizing A Budget Amendment To The Veterans' Services 2014 Operating Budget-Veterans' Services; and

Resolution No. 2014-11-313, Resolution To Fill The Vacancy Of The Full-Time Veteran Benefits Counselor In The Livingston County Veterans' Services Department-Veterans.

Seconded by Commissioner Childs. Roll call vote: Ayes: Green, Domas, VanHouten, Parker, Williams, Griffith, Dolan, Childs, Lawrence; Nays: None; Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Williams presented Resolution No. 2014-11-314, Resolution To Appoint Member To The Livingston County Workforce Development Council-Michigan Works!, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Dolan. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Dolan presented Resolution No. 2014-11-315, Resolution To Authorize A Mid-Fourth Quarter Amendment To The Fiscal-Year 2014 Budget-Administration, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Green. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner VanHouten presented Resolution No. 2014-11-316, Resolution Requesting A Correction To The Apportionment Report-Equalization, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Green. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Domas presented Resolution No. 2014-11-317, Resolution To Reaffirm Resolution No. 2013-05-156 Expressing The Immediate Need To Fund The Repair Of Michigan Roads-Board of Commissioners, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Lawrence. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner Williams asked that the resolution be sent to all townships.

Commissioner Dolan presented Resolution No. 2014-11-318, Resolution To Approve Appointments To The Livingston County Area Agency On Aging 1-B- Board of Commissioners, and moved its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Domas. MOTION CARRIED.

Closed Session. It was moved by Commissioner Parker to go into closed session for a discussion of purchase of real property. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. MOTION CARRIED.

The board went into closed session at 8:11 p.m.

The board returned to open session at 8:28 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Parker to authorize the use of the MMRMA settlement offer towards the purchase of property. Roll call vote: Ayes: Williams, Griffith, Dolan, Childs, Lawrence, Green, Domas, VanHouten, Parker; Nays: None; Absent: None. Resolution to be numbered 2014-11-319. MOTION CARRIED.

Call To The Public.

- (1) Mary Priebe spoke in regards of the persons with disabilities that were trying to vote on election day. She stated no one was helping them.
- (2) Fred Chambers, 3541 Cedar Road, stated that he is the farmer that received the three citations. He stated the control officer brought a trailer to take the cows due to her not knowing who they belonged to. He stated that she said she had given him a warning before and if she did she would have known the livestock belonged to him.

Adjournment. It was moved by Commissioner Williams that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Commissioner Domas. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Margaret M. Dunleavy  
Livingston County Clerk