

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, January 3, 2017
COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS, 304 E. Grand River, Howell MI 48843

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Elizabeth Hundley at 7:32 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), Douglas Helzerman (4), Donald Parker (5), Robert Bezotte (6), Carol Griffith (7), Dennis Dolan (8), Gary Childs (9).

Absent: None.

Also present: Kevin Wilkinson (EMS), Rich Malewicz (IT), Diane Gregor (IT), Dianne McCormick (Public Health), Brandon Denby (Register of Deeds), Jeff Boyd (EMS), Cindy Catanach (Finance), Dan Wholihan (Livingston County GOP Chair), Matt Nordfjord (Counsel), Elizabeth Hundley (County Clerk), Cristina Schuster (Deputy Clerk).

Correspondence. None.

Call to the Public. Dan Luria, 6210 Cowell Road, Brighton, Michigan, requested live broadcasting of Board of Commissioners Meetings. He provided the Clerk with a petition signed by Livingston County residents supporting this request.

Dennis (Mike) Palmer, 10382 Grand River, Brighton, Michigan and John Wallbank, 2899 Pardee Road, Howell, Michigan also spoke in favor of broadcasting Board of Commissioners Meetings.

Minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Lawrence that the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of December 27, 2016, be approved as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Tabled Items. None.

Agenda. Clerk Hundley made a friendly amendment to the agenda, without objection, to move the Discussion item regarding Broadcasting County Meetings after consideration of Resolution 2017-01-003, Resolution Adopting Rules Of The Livingston County Board Of Commissioners And To Establish Meeting Dates For 2017. It was moved by Commissioner Parker to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Helzerman. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports. None.

Consent Agenda. None.

Resolutions for Consideration.

Clerk Hundley presented Resolution No. 2017-01-001, Election Of Board Chair for 2017-Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Childs nominated Commissioner Lawrence for Chairperson of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner Lawrence elected Chairperson of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for 2017.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution No. 2017-01-002, Election Of Board Vice Chair for 2017-Board of Commissioners. Nominations: 1. Commissioner Childs nominated Commissioner Griffith for Vice Chairperson of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Dolan. 2. Commissioner Bezotte nominated Commissioner Domas for Vice Chairperson of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for 2017. Commissioner Domas respectfully declined the nomination, voicing his support for the nomination of Commissioner Griffith. Vote for Commissioner Griffith as Vice-Chair: 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED. Commissioner Griffith elected Vice Chairperson of the Livingston County Board of Commissioners for 2017.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution No. 2017-01-003, Resolution Adopting Rules Of The Livingston County Board Of Commissioners And To Establish Meeting Dates For 2017-Board of Commissioners. Discussion followed regarding an amendment to the Parks and Open Space Committee Meeting dates. Chairperson Lawrence indicated that Kathleen Kline-Hudson, Director of Planning requested the Parks and Open Space meeting be held after the first Finance meeting every month. Commissioner Domas moved for adoption including the amended calendar. Seconded by Commissioner Green. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion. Broadcasting County Meetings. IT Director Rich Malewicz presented the Board with several options available and items to consider for broadcasting meetings. Chairperson Lawrence suggested a committee of three Board members to study the topic and report their findings back to the Full Board. Commissioners Childs, Domas and Helzerman volunteered as committee members. Discussion followed.

Call to the Public. Mary Lawson of Hamburg, Michigan spoke in favor of broadcasting Board of Commissioners Meetings. She also questioned if there was a timeline for the committee's recommendation. Chairperson Lawrence anticipated the timeline to be 1-2 months.

Bob Potocki, 8420 Woodland Shore Drive, Brighton, Michigan and Dennis (Mike) Palmer, 10382 Grand River, Brighton, Michigan also spoke in favor of broadcasting Board of Commissioners Meetings.

Adjournment. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Elizabeth Hundley
Livingston County Clerk