

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, March 6, 2017
COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS, 304 E. Grand River, Howell MI 48843

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Kate Lawrence 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), Douglas Helzerman (4), Donald Parker (5), Robert Bezotte (6), Dennis Dolan (8).

Absent: David Domas (3), Carol Griffith (7), Gary Childs (9).

Also present: Kevin Wilkinson (EMS), Ken Hinton (Administration), Cindy Catanach (Finance), Rich Malewicz (IT), Jeff Warder (Undersheriff), Lt. Eric Sanborn (Sheriff Department), Robert Spaulding (DPW), Matt Nordfjord (Counsel), Elizabeth Hundley (Clerk), Cristina Schuster (Deputy Clerk), Ron Kardos (Sierra Club), Richard Green (Sierra Club), Tim McGuire (Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund), Beverly LaBelle (Historical Committee), Dan Wholihan (Livingston County GOP Chair).

Correspondence. None.

Call to the Public. Tim McGuire of the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund presented the Board with a plaque and stained glass in memory of Jack LaBelle, former Board of Commissioner and Trustee of the Worker's Compensation Fund. He spoke in regards to Mr. LaBelle's accomplishments.

Mrs. Beverly LaBelle also addressed the Board in memory of her husband's accomplishments.

Jim of Oceola Township spoke regarding Resolution 2017-03-045, Resolution Authorizing The 2017 Michigan Medical Marihuana Operation And Oversight Grant Between The Office Of The Sheriff And The State Of Michigan Department Of Licensing And Regulatory Affairs being considered later this evening. He has concerns about how the grant money will be allocated and invited the Board to view a You Tube video on the matter.

The following people also spoke in reference to the above resolution:

Lisa of Brighton thanked law enforcement for a recent response she experienced. She spoke regarding her concern about unannounced compliance checks for medical marihuana card holders.

Jen of Brighton spoke regarding her concerns for safety and privacy as a non-violent medical marihuana card holder. She would like the focus to be on education.

Shannon of Howell also spoke regarding her concerns of unnecessary compliance checks for law abiding citizens. She also stressed the importance of education.

Anonymous Cannabis Patient of Brighton spoke regarding the importance of education. She is law abiding and doesn't want the police to appear unannounced. She feels she should be protected by federal law.

John Wallbank of Genoa Township feels the press has painted a disturbing picture of the grant allocation and would like clarification on the application of the grant.

Tommy of Brighton feels there is more money allocated to equipment than education in the grant. He is worried about being targeted and the police abusing the law.

Denise O'Connell supports law enforcement but disagrees with compliance checks on medical marihuana card holders. She does not feel this is a good use of the county's money.

Laura of Brighton thanked our military and veterans and respects police officers. Although she is not a medical marihuana card holder, she values her freedom and privacy. She feels this grant would be a violation.

Undersheriff Warder addressed the Board. He stated he understands and respects the concerns of the citizens. The intent of the proposed medical marihuana grant will be focused on education and communication. Compliance will be directed to dispensaries. As a show of good faith, the Sheriff Department will remove the tasers as a line item in the grant. To further encourage communication, he will also meet with a small committee during this process.

Dan Wholihan, Livingston County GOP Chair invited the Board and the public to a Friends of the NRA Fundraiser on March 23, 2017. The cost is \$60.00.

Minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Helzerman that the minutes of the regularly scheduled meetings of February 21, 2017, and March 1, 2017, be approved as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. 6 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Tabled Items. None.

Agenda. Commissioner Parker requested Resolution 2017-03-045, Resolution Authorizing The 2017 Michigan Medical Marihuana Operation And Oversight Grant Between The Office Of The Sheriff And The State Of Michigan Department Of Licensing And Regulatory Affairs-Sheriff be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to Resolutions for Consideration. Chairperson Lawrence made a friendly amendment to the agenda to that affect without objection. It was moved by Commissioner Parker to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Green. 6 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports. None.

Consent Agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Green to approve the resolutions on the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Helzerman. Roll call vote: Yes: Green, Helzerman, Parker, Bezotte, Dolan, Lawrence. No: None. Absent: Domas, Griffith, Childs. 6 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolutions passed with the consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2017-03-039, Resolution Recognizing The Observance Of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, April 09-15, 2017-Central Dispatch;

Resolution No. 2017-03-040, Resolution Authorizing Out Of State Travel For The Safe Havens Directors To Attend The Supervised Visitation Network 2017 Annual Conference-Circuit Court;

Resolution No. 2017-03-041, Resolution Authorizing Out Of State Travel For Four Members Of The Adult Drug Court Team To Attend The 23rd National Association Of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Annual Training Conference-Circuit Court;

Resolution No. 2017-03-042, Resolution Authorizing Livingston County To Participate In The 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), And To Submit FY-2016 HSGP Applications And Agreements-Emergency Management;

Resolution No. 2017-03-043, Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With EQ Detroit, Inc. DBA U.S. Ecology To Provide Household Hazardous Waste Collection And Disposal Services-Solid Waste Management;

Resolution No. 2017-03-044, Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Cruisers, Inc. To Provide Emergency Lighting & Equipment For County-Owned Vehicles-Sheriff;

Resolution No. 2017-03-046, Resolution Authorizing A Budget Amendment To The Fiscal-Year 2017 Budget-Administration;

Resolution No. 2017-03-047, Resolution Authorizing Reorganization Of 911-Central Dispatch-Administration.

Resolutions for Consideration. Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-03-045, Resolution Authorizing The 2017 Michigan Medical Marijuana Operation And Oversight Grant Between The Office Of The Sheriff And The State Of Michigan Department Of Licensing And Regulatory Affairs-Sheriff, and Commissioner Helzerman moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Parker. Discussion followed. 6 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence then presented Resolution 2017-03-048, Resolution To Accept The Annual Report Of The Livingston County Clerk For 2016-County Clerk, and Commissioner Dolan moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. 6 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Call to the Public. Shannon of Howell addressed the Board regarding the Medical Marihuana Grant Resolution. She would like law enforcement to be educated and still doesn't see the need for certain items allocated within the grant.

Jim of Oceola Township appreciates the Undersheriff's comments tonight and is looking forward to working together to dispel the miscommunication.

Adjournment. It was moved by Commissioner Helzerman that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Commissioner Green. 6 yes; 0 no; 3 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Hundley
Livingston County Clerk