

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, June 19, 2017
COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS, 304 E. Grand River, Howell MI 48843

The meeting was called to order by 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), 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: Ken Hinton (Administration), Rich Malewicz (IT), Jennifer Palmbo (HR), Mike Murphy (Sheriff), Jeff Warder (Undersheriff), Matt Nordfjord (Counsel), Rich McNulty (Counsel), Kevin Wilkinson (EMS), Dianne McCormick (Public Health), Hansel Keene & Bruce Hundley (Veteran's Services Committee), Elizabeth Hundley (Clerk), Kristi Cox (Chief Deputy Clerk), Michelle Graham (Deputy Clerk).

Correspondence. None.

Call to the Public. Melissa Gibson discussed the model ordinance recently adopted by Muncie Animal Control. She provided a handout to the Board members.

Ron Kardos, Oceola Township resident and Sierra Club member thanked the Commissioners who spoke with him regarding the Livingston County Transportation Coalition.

Alice Wyland, Hartland Township resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

James Bruney, Oceola Township resident, voiced concerns with the tax abatement.

Connie Brinkerhoff, Hartland Township resident and Hartland Chamber member, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Bob Griglak, Brighton Township resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Chuck Wright, Handy Township resident, spoke in opposition of the tax abatement.

Joe Mackle, Hartland Township and owner of Mackle's Table and Taps, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Mark Horning, Hartland Township resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Jim Hahn, Brighton Township resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Michael York, Hartland Town Center, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Larry Fox, Deerfield Township resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Mike Peran, member of the Hartland Chamber Board and owner of Livingston Concrete, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Dan Callan, Hartland Township resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Doug Coon, Hartland resident, spoke in opposition to the tax abatement.

Lloyd Rayburn, Hartland resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Kurt Adams, Real Estate Manager for Meijer, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Lindsay Adams, Hartland resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Kay Fountain, Hartland teacher, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Wes Nakagiri, Hartland Township resident, spoke in opposition to the tax abatement.

Glenn Wilkinson, Hartland Township resident, spoke in opposition to the tax abatement.

Michael Ulrich, Brighton resident, spoke in support of the tax abatement.

Minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Dolan that the minutes of the regularly scheduled meetings of June 5, 2017 and June 14, 2017, and closed session meeting of June 5, 2017, be approved as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Tabled Items. None.

Agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Green. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports. Commissioner Parker spoke regarding a discussion he had with an attorney who represents Schoolcraft College regarding the possibility of setting up a satellite location. In a subsequent meeting, he stated that there were exploratory discussions for future educational opportunities.

Commissioner Domas spoke regarding the Veteran's Services Committee meeting to fill a vacancy. He stated that both men interviewed were qualified and the County will be well served.

Consent Agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Bezotte to approve the resolutions on the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. Roll call vote: Yes: Bezotte, Griffith, Dolan, Childs, Lawrence, Green, Domas, Helzerman, Parker. No: None. Absent: None. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolutions passed with the consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2017-06-107, Resolution To Eliminate A Public Health Nurse (PHN) Program Coordinator Position (Grade 10) And Create A Public Health Nurse (PHN) (Grade 9) Position – Public Health;

Resolution No. 2017-06-108, Resolution Authorizing An Additional Contribution To MERS – Administration;

Resolution No. 2017-06-109, Resolution Of The Livingston County Commissioners Receipt, Review And File The Livingston County 2018-2023 Capital Improvement Plan – Planning;

Resolution No. 2017-06-110, Resolution To Accept The 2016 Livingston County Financial Audit – Board of Commissioners.

Resolutions for Consideration:

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution No. 2017-06-111, Resolution To Approve An Appointment To Livingston County Veterans Services Committee – Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner Domas moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. Discussion followed. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution No. 2017-06-112, Resolution Of Rejection Of The Hartland Commercial Rehabilitation District No 1 – Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner Domas moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Helzerman. Bill Gershenson of Ramco-Gershenson, and Paul Glantz of Emagine Theaters addressed the Board. A presentation by James Wickman, Hartland Township Manager, and Bill Fountain, Hartland Township Supervisor was given to demonstrate support at the township level. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Yes: Domas, Helzerman, Parker, Bezotte, Green. No: Griffith, Dolan, Childs, Lawrence. Absent: None. 5 yes; 4 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Closed Session – Discuss Written Legal Opinion. At 8:55 p.m. Commissioner Lawrence requested a motion to move into closed session to discuss written legal opinion. Commissioner Parker moved for a closed session on that basis. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. Roll call vote: Yes: Parker, Bezotte, Griffith, Dolan, Childs, Lawrence, Green, Domas, Helzerman. No: None. Absent: None. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

At 9:11 p.m., the Board returned to Open Session. Commissioner Griffith made a motion to support legal counsel's recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. 8 yes; 1 no (Domas); 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Call to the Public. Wes Nakagiri, Hartland Township resident, thanked the Board for their vote on the tax abatement. He encouraged the Board to set a policy for the future related to these situations.

Once Call to the Public closed, Commissioner Domas made a recommendation to the Commissioners to develop a policy on tax abatements, and he offered to provide support through the process.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Elizabeth Hundley
Livingston County Clerk