

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, October 16, 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), David Domas (3), Douglas Helzerman (4), Donald Parker (5), Robert Bezotte (6), Carol Griffith (7), Dennis Dolan (8), Gary Childs (9).

Absent: William Green (2).

Also present: Kevin Wilkinson (EMS), Ken Hinton (County Administrator), Rich Malewicz (IT), Cindy Catanach (Finance), Matt Nordfjord (Counsel), Roberta Bennett (Purchasing), Jim Rowell (Building Official) Brian Jonckheere (Drain Commissioner), Michelle LaRose (Environmental Projects Manager), Elizabeth Hundley (Clerk) and Amy Kotesich (Deputy Clerk).

Correspondence. None.

Call to the Public. Kay DeRocher of Hartland spoke of her appreciation that the meetings are now videotaped and requested that the Board extend the trial period an additional two weeks since two recent meetings were not videotaped. She also suggested that in lieu of the missing videotaped meetings that the Board consider videotaping two Finance Meetings.

Sue Kelley of the Sierra Club acknowledged Ruth Munzel's many years of dedicated service to the Livingston County Board of Canvassers. Ms. Kelley also presented the Board with a handout wherein the Crossroads Group Sierra Club is presenting guest speak, Dr. Eric Anderson, who will be discussing The Great Lakes: Understanding Weather, Ice, Algae, Currents and Line 5 Oil on November 15, 2107, at 7:00 p.m. at the Brighton District Library. She invited the entire Board to attend. Lastly, Ms. Kelley commented that the Sheriff Deputies, assisting with safety and security at the site, were not the first to notice the gas spill.

The following people spoke during the Call to the Public in regards to the ET Rover Pipeline project: Phyllis Branke of Putnam Township, Cliff Rowley of Pinckney, Jen Nelson of Brighton, Matthew Bork, John Machowicz of Pinckney and Cathy Motycka of East Lansing.

Boyd Buchanan, Livingston County Home Builders, inquired as to when he should speak about building fees and was advised that he should speak at the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

Minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith that the minutes of the regularly scheduled meetings of October 2, 2017, and October 11, 2017, be approved as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Tabled Items. None.

Agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Childs to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Dolan. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports. Chairperson Kate Lawrence presented a Recognition of Service award to Ruth Munzel for her 32 years of dedicated service to the Livingston County Board of Canvassers.

Brian Jonckheere and Michelle LaRose, from the Livingston County Drain Commission, highlighted the importance of supporting the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, "GLRI," and its benefits to Livingston County and to the Great Lakes. Discussion followed.

Public Hearing. It was moved by Commissioner Childs to open the public hearing regarding the Building Department revising and lowering building permit fees. Seconded by Commissioner Helzerman. The hearing was opened at 8:27 pm.

Comments. Boyd Buchanan, Livingston County Home Builders, spoke in support of the building department fee revision and commended the building department on their superior service to the community. Jack Lansing, Capitol Construction, also spoke in support of the fee revision and for the attentive building department staff and ease of working with the building department. Shad Banstedum, Allen Edwin Homes, echoed the same sentiments and was in support of the fee revision. Adjourn. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Bezotte to close the public hearing. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED. The public hearing was closed at 8:30 pm.

Consent Agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Childs to approve the resolutions on the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. Roll call vote: Childs, Lawrence, Domas, Helzerman, Parker, Bezotte, Griffith, Dolan. No: None. Absent: Green. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED. Resolutions passed with the consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2017-10-170, Resolution Authorizing 2018 Memorandum Of Understanding On Cash Match Funding For Behavior Health Managed Care Service (IV-Program Wraparound)-Circuit Court

Resolution No. 2017-10-171, Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Windstream For Redundant Internet Services-Information Technology

Resolution No. 2017-10-172, Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With eScribe Software Ltd. To Provide Board Meeting Management Software-General Government

Resolutions for Consideration. Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-10-173, Resolution Authorizing A Reduction In The Multiplier Used For Building Permit Fee Calculations And Other Adjustments In The Permit Fees For The Building Department-Building Department/Infrastructure & Development, and Commissioner Domas moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. Discussion followed. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-10-174, Resolution To Approve Appointments To The Human Services Collaborative Body-Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner Griffith moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Helzerman. Discussion followed. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-10-175, Resolution To Approve An Appointments To The Livingston County Planning Commission-Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner Childs moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Dolan. Discussion followed. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-10-176, Resolution Appointing The Livingston County Animal Control Director-County Administration, and Commissioner Dolan moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. Discussion followed. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Lastly, Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-10-177, Resolution To Oppose The Reduction In Federal Funding For The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, and Commissioner Domas moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. Discussion followed. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Call to the Public. Cathy Motycka, East Lansing, thanked the Board for allowing concerned citizens and public groups to voice their opinions. Karen Pierce, Hamburg Township, acknowledged Ruth Munzel and thanked the Board for the continued support of clean water in Livingston County and the State of Michigan. Sue Kelly, Brighton, spoke regarding the DEQ and the pipeline.

Adjournment. It was moved by Commissioner Childs that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Elizabeth Hundley
Livingston County Clerk