

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING, November 6, 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).

Absent: Gary Childs (9).

Also present: Kevin Wilkinson (EMS), Ken Hinton (County Administrator), Rich Malewicz (IT), Hilery DeHate (Finance), Cindy Catanach (Finance), Matt Nordfjord (Counsel), Joni Harvey (911), Chad Chewing (911 Director), Chris Folts (Facilities Director), Jeff Warder (Undersheriff), Robert Spaulding (DPW), Greg Kellogg (LETS), Elizabeth Hundley (Clerk) and Amy Kstesich (Deputy Clerk).

Correspondence. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith to receive and place on file the correspondence from Alger County regarding Resolutions 2017-10 and 2017-11. Seconded by Commissioner Dolan. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Call to the Public. Bob Potocki, of Brighton Township, handed out his written request for information regarding the sales history list with respect to the Brighton Township District Drain.

Ron Kardos, of Oceola Township and the Sierra Club, announced that they will have a speaker present on November 16, 2017, at St. James Episcopal Church in Dexter at 6:30 p.m., who will address the pipelines in Michigan: Rover, Nexus and Line 5.

Irene Donne, MSU Extension, introduced herself as the Horticulture Educator for the Livingston County MSU Extension. Ms. Dunne also thanked the Board for their continued support and funding for the MSU Extension.

Minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Dolan that the minutes of the regularly scheduled meetings of October 16, 2017, and October 25, 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 Green to approve the agenda as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Reports. Ken Hinton, County Administrator, provided an explanation and update on the Indigent Defense Compliance Plan, that will become mandatory soon, and how that plan will affect Livingston County.

Commissioner Parker requested that the Board allocate the anticipated return of dividends, expected to be received prior in 2017, from the MAC Compensation Fund and apply that dividend as an additional payment to the 2018 MERS Pension Plan. It is estimated that the dividend may be as much as \$250,000. Discussion.

Public Hearing. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing regarding Adoption Of The 2018 Livingston County Budget. Seconded by Commissioner Green. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED. The hearing was opened at 7:55 p.m.

Comments. Judy Daubenmier, of Genoa Township, Chair of the Livingston County Democratic Party, spoke of her support of the \$50,000 appropriation in the budget for LETS.

Dr. Leo E. Hanifin, Livingston County Transportation Coalition, also spoke regarding his support of the \$50,000 appropriation in the budget for LETS and for the County's continued support of funding for the Economic Development Council and Spark.

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith and seconded by Commissioner Helzerman to close the public hearing. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED. The public hearing was closed at 7:57 p.m. and the regular meeting was resumed.

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

Resolution 2017-11-178, Resolution Authorizing Contract Agreement With Great Lakes Recovery Centers, Inc., And Personalized Nursing Light House, Inc., For Residential Treatment Services For Adult Drug Court Participants – District Court;

Resolution 2017-11-179, Resolution Authorizing The 44th Circuit Court To Fill The Resource Coordinator Position For Adult Drug Court – District Court;

Resolution 2017-11-180, Resolution To Modify The Non-Union Employees, Elected Officials, And Judges Benefit Plans For 2018 Fiscal Year – Human Resources;

Resolution 2017-11-181, Resolution Authorizing Interjurisdictional Agreement (Sewer Use) With Genesee County, And Adoption Of IJA Sewer Use Ordinance For Livingston County – Drain;

Resolution 2017-11-182, Resolution Approving Moving Four Full-Time 911 Supervisors From FLSA Exempt To Non-Exempt - 911 Central;

Resolution 2017-11-183, Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance And Signing Of The 2018 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement Outlining The Criteria Required To Receive Reimbursement For The Emergency Management Program – Emergency Management;

Resolution 2017-11-184, Resolution To Authorize A Third Quarter Supplemental Appropriation To The Fiscal-Year 2017 Budget – Administration.

Resolutions for Consideration. Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-11-185, Resolution To Approve An Appointment To The Livingston County Planning Commission - Board Of Commissioners and Commissioner Griffith moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-11-186, Resolution Adopting The 2018 Livingston County Budget - Board Of Commissioners and Commissioner Green moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. Discussion.

Commissioner Parker made a Motion to Amend The 2018 County Budget to reflect that the anticipated dividends which are to be received from MAC Workers Compensation Fund, this year, shall be allocated exclusively to the MERS Pension Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Domas. Discussion. Commissioner Parker withdrew his Motion. Commissioner Domas withdrew support.

Commissioner Domas expressed dissatisfaction with funds being appropriated and allocated to Spark. He also asked the Board to consider reducing and/or eliminating funds to Spark. Discussion. Commissioner Lawrence stated that Spark will be presenting their annual report to the Board on November 8, 2017, and that would be an appropriate time to discuss this further.

Commissioner Domas made a Motion to Amend the 2018 Budget to Move Line Item 101-72800 Economic Development to Line Item 101-96800 Contingency. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. Discussion. Vote taken 5 yes; 3 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-11-186, Resolution Adopting The 2018 Livingston County Budget As Amended - Board Of Commissioners and Commissioner Green moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. Roll call vote: Green, Domas, Helzerman, Parker, Bezotte, Griffith, Dolan, Lawrence; No: None; Absent: Childs. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-11-187, Resolution Authorizing Capital Expenditure For Emergency Boiler Installation At The Historical Courthouse – Facility Services/Board of Commissioner. Discussion. Commissioner Green moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Parker made a Motion to Waive The Agenda Deadline Board Rule Regarding Submission of a Late Agenda Item. Seconded by Commissioner Domas. Discussion. Roll call vote: Parker, Bezotte, Griffith, Dolan, Lawrence, Green, Domas, Helzerman; Absent: Childs. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Parker made a Motion To Appropriate the Additional MAC Dividend Payment that will be Received in 2017 as an Additional Payment to the MERS Pension Fund in 2018. Seconded by Commissioner Domas. Roll call vote: Parker, Bezotte, Griffith, Dolan, Lawrence, Green, Domas, Helzerman; Absent: Childs. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Call to the Public. Pat Convery, President of the Howell Chamber of Commerce, spoke regarding her support of the funding for LETS and of the Board's continued support of economic development in Livingston County.

Dr. Leo E. Hanifin, Livingston County Transportation Coalition, gave a brief update of the coalition receiving a planning grant and his desire to seek input from the Board of Commissioners as the grant moves forward.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Elizabeth Hundley  
Livingston County Clerk