

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING, November 20, 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), Douglas Helzerman (4), Donald Parker (5), Robert Bezotte (6), Carol Griffith (7), Dennis Dolan (8) and Gary Childs (9); Absent: David Domas (3).

Also present: Kevin Wilkinson (EMS), Ken Hinton (County Administrator), Rich Malewicz (IT), Cindy Catanach (Finance), Dianne McCormick (Public Health), Sue Bostwick (Equalization), Michael Murphy (Sheriff), Brian Jonckheere (Drain), Kevin Mack (LCSD), Matt Nordfjord (Counsel), Jeff Warder (Undersheriff), Elizabeth Hundley (Clerk) and Amy Kostasich (Deputy Clerk).

Correspondence. It was moved by Commissioner Griffith to receive and place on file the correspondence from Allegan County regarding Resolution HB4679 & SB495, Gratiot County Resolution 225, Missaukee County Resolution 2017-18 and Montmorency County Resolution 17-18. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. 8 yes; 0 no; 1 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Domas arrives at 7:31 p.m.

Call to the Public. John Conley, of Green Oak Township, spoke briefly regarding SPARK of Ann Arbor. He also expressed his concern regarding the drug and alcohol abuse in the County and would like to see a plan in 2018 to address the issue.

Rich Perlberg, chair of the Economic Development Council of Livingston County ("EDC"), expressed appreciation for the Board's support of economic development and requested a 3 year contract from the Board for EDC.

Patrick J. Hohl, Hamburg Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for their support to economic development, the EDC and Ann Arbor SPARK. He also requested the Board make a 3 year contract to EDC.

Wes Nakagiri, of Hartland Township, thanked the Board for the increased reporting requirements for EDC and Ann Arbor SPARK and supports the Board for moving forward with a 1 year contract rather than a 3 year contract with SPARK.

Rebecca Foster, of the Village of Pinckney, spoke regarding her support of a 3 year contract with SPARK.

Steve Williams, of Marion Township, gave a brief historical background of economic development in the county prior to participation from EDC and Ann Arbor SPARK. He provided the Board a handout.

Dan Wholihan, Livingston County Republican County Chair, commented that if EDC and Ann Arbor SPARK pay for themselves then he is in support of the Board continuing their support.

Ron Kardos, of Oceola Township and the Sierra Club, spoke regarding his concern over the recent spill of the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline and the age of the Line 5 Straits of Mackinac pipeline.

Sue Kelly, of Brighton and the Sierra Club, thanked the Board for passing the resolution to oppose the reduction in federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Minutes. It was moved by Commissioner Green that the minutes of the regularly scheduled meetings of November 6, 2017, and November 15, 2017, be approved as printed. Seconded by Commissioner Dolan. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Tabled Items. None.

Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Griffith to approve the agenda with a friendly amendment to table and postpone consideration of resolution 2017-11-191, to the next full Board of Commissioner's Meeting immediately following the Finance Meeting scheduled for November 29, 2017. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

FOIA Appeal. Bob Potocki, of Woodland Lake, spoke in support of his FOIA appeal filed with the Board on November 6, 2017. Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk, Matt Nordfjord, Counsel, and Brian Jonckheere, Drain Commissioner, responded to the appeal. Discussion. Commissioner Bezotte made a Motion to uphold the FOIA Denial of the County Clerk. Seconded by Commissioner Green. 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

Reports. Sergeant Kevin Mack, of the Livingston County Sheriff's Department, and Hansel Keene, County Veterans Affairs Committee, presented a Veterans Award Plaque to Sheriff Michael Murphy in honor of all veterans employed, current and former, by the Livingston County Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Parker reported that the actual dividend the County will receive from the MAC Workers Compensation Fund will be \$353,051. The entire dividend is earmarked for the MERS Pension Fund.

Commissioner Green commented on the \$175,000.00 allocation in the County budget for EDC and Ann Arbor SPARK was very fair.

Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Griffith to approve the resolutions on the consent agenda (all items except resolution 2017-11-191, which was tabled and postponed to the next full Board of Commissioner's Meeting immediately following the Finance Meeting scheduled for November 29, 2017). Seconded by Commissioner Bezotte. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Griffith, Dolan, Childs, Lawrence, Green, Domas, Helzerman, Parker, Bezotte. No: None; Absent: None. 9 yes; 0 no; 0. MOTION CARRIED. Resolutions passed with the consent agenda:

Resolution No. 2017-11-189, Resolution Authorizing A 6-Month Extension Of Public Defender Contracts-Circuit Court;

Resolution No. 2017-11-190, Resolution Authorizing The Juvenile Court To Initiate A Sole Source Contract With The University Of Michigan Child Adolescent Data Lab For Data Analysis Fully Funded By The MDHHS, Michigan Juvenile Justice Grant-Circuit Court;

Resolution No. 2017-11-192, Resolution To Reorganize Two Positions And Create An Irregular Public Health Nurse Position In The Livingston County Health Department-Health Department;

Resolution No. 2017-11-193, Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With The Michigan Department Of Environmental Quality To Conduct Environmental Health Services-Public Health;

Resolution No. 2017-11-194, Resolution Authorizing An Agreement With Point And Pay To Provide Credit Card Processing Services-Treasurer;

Resolution No. 2017-11-195, Resolution To Amend Resolution 2016-11-181 Which Authorized Acceptance Of Payments By Financial Transaction Devices In Livingston County-Treasurer;

Resolution No. 2017-11-196, Resolution Authorizing State Grant Agreement And Contracts For 2018 For The Remonumentation And State Plane Coordinate Determination Of The Public Land Survey Corners In Livingston County-Register Of Deeds;

Resolution No. 2017-11-197, Resolution Appointing County Representative Of The Survey Remonumentation Plan – 2018-Register Of Deeds;

Resolution No. 2017-11-198, Resolution Appointing The Grant Administrator Of The Survey Remonumentation Plan – 2018-Register Of Deeds;

Resolution No. 2017-11-199, Resolution Authorizing A Purchase Order For Rowe Engineering As The Facilitator Of The GPS Portion Of The 2018 Remonumentation State Plane Coordinate Determination Of The Public Land Survey Corners In Livingston County-Register Of Deeds;

Resolution No. 2017-11-200, Resolution Authorizing Per Diem Meeting Payment; Appointments Of Survey & Remonumentation Peer Group Members For 2018 For The Livingston County Survey & Remonumentation Program-Register Of Deeds;

Resolution No. 2017-11-201, Resolution Authorizing 2018 Non-Profit Contracts-Administration;

Resolution No. 2017-11-202, Resolution Authorizing The Sheriff Storage Facility Project-Administration;

Resolution No. 2017-11-203, Resolution Authorizing Agreement For Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, P.C. To Provide Legal Services To Livingston County-Administration;

Resolution No. 2017-11-204, Resolution Authorizing Issuance Of Purchase Orders For Software Maintenance For 2018-Information Technology;

Resolution No. 2017-11-205, Resolution Authorizing The Purchase Of Zoll X Series ALS Monitors-Emergency Medical Services;

Resolution No. 2017-11-206, Resolution Authorizing The Reorganization Of The EMS Department For 12-Hour EMS Supervisors- Emergency Medical Services;

Resolutions for Consideration. Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-11-207, Resolution Authorizing Changes In Base And Mileage Charges For Emergency Medical Services- Emergency Medical Services and Commissioner Childs moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Dolan. Discussion. 6 yes; 3 no (Domas, Helzerman and Parker); 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-11-208, Resolution Authorizing Agreement With The Economic Development Council To Provide Support For 2018 County-Wide Assistance-Administration and Commissioner Bezotte moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Domas. Discussion.

Commissioner Griffith made a Motion to Amend Resolution 2017-11-208, Resolution Authorizing Agreement With The Economic Development Council To Provide Support For 2018 County-Wide Assistance to a 3 year term commencing on January 1, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Childs. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Griffith, Dolan, Childs, and Lawrence. No: Green, Domas, Helzerman, Parker, Bezotte; Absent: None. 4 yes; 5 no; 0 absent. MOTION FAILED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-11-208, Resolution Authorizing Agreement With The Economic Development Council To Provide Support For 2018 County-Wide Assistance-Administration and Commissioner Bezotte moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Domas. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Chairperson Lawrence presented Resolution 2017-11-209, Resolution Requesting A Correction To The Apportionment Report-Equalization and Commissioner Green moved for its adoption. Seconded by Commissioner Griffith. Discussion. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Green, Domas, Helzerman, Parker, Bezotte, Griffith, Dolan, Childs, Lawrence; No: None; Absent: None. 9 yes; 0 no; 0 absent. MOTION CARRIED.

Call to the Public. Wes Nakagiri, of Hartland Township, thanked the Board for moving forward with a 1 year commitment with SPARK and commented that the City of Ann Arbor spends significantly less on economic development than the County.

Brian Jonckheere commented that his office holds the most outside contracts within the County and they favor 3 year contracts. He believes it undercuts the benefits when you only sign a 1 year contract.

John Conley, of Green Oak Township, appreciates the Board's goal to see how we spend tax money. He also stated that our roads cannot handle more development.

Patrick J. Hohl, Hamburg Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for their support of the Economic Development Council and was surprised to hear that the Board still had transparency questions.

Bruce Hundley, of Genoa Township and a member of the Airport Board, commented that the airport has sold over 25,000 gallons of jet fuel so far this year.

Phil Santer, Ann Arbor SPARK, thanked the Board for its continued support.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Elizabeth Hundley
Livingston County Clerk