

LAPEER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 4, 2024
9:30 A.M.

Chairman Kohlman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the lower level of the County Complex Building. Commissioner Hamilton opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:	Tom Kohlman	District #1
	Gary Howell	District #2
	Kevin Knisely	District #3
	Brad Haggadone	District #4
	Truman Mast	District #5
	William Hamilton	District #6
	Bryan Zender	District #7

AGENDA

The agenda and draft minutes from the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed.

07-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Mast, to accept the agenda with the addition of an amendment to the Rules of Procedure, and the deletion of a closed session. Motion carried.

08-2024

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to approve the November 30, 2023 Regular Board, as presented. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

No comments were received.

PUBLIC TIME – one person spoke during public time.

09-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to approve the Attorney-Client Fee Agreement between the County of Lapeer and The Kelly Firm, PLC, for General/Legal Counsel Services for a period of three years, effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026; and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign said agreement. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

10-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Zender, supported by Mast, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign said the Grant Agreement for the Fiscal Year 21 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement (CFDA# 97.067), that were approved and accepted to reimburse the County for the renewal of the NIXLE Alerting services through March of 2024 (258-2023). Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

11-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Hamilton, supported by Zender, to accept the 2024 Animal Welfare Fund Grant administered by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and rural Development Michigan Department Agricultural Rural Development (MDARD); and further, to authorize the County Controller/Administrator to electronically accept the grant and a copy be forwarded to the County Clerk to be entered into the official record. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

Emergency Management Advisory Council - two-year term12-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Knisely, supported by Haggadone, to re-appoint Jeremy Howe, Mike Vogt, Kathy Haskins, Kimberly Goldorf, Phil Kaatz, Jeremy Compau, Ted Sadler, Mike Boskee, and Marilyn Szost (alternate for Kathy Haskins), to serve on the Emergency Management Advisory Council, for a two-year term ending December 31, 2025. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

13-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Knisely, supported by Hamilton, to authorize payment to Shifman Fournier, in the amount of \$1,740.00, for labor related legal services rendered through November 30, 2023, to be paid from line item 101-239-801.020. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

14-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Zender, supported by Mast, to authorize the renewal of the Workers Compensation Service Agreement with Comprehensive Risk Services, LLC, for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025, for the annual amount of \$29,850.00 each year (with the cost to be shared 38% as Lapeer County’s portion and 62% as Lapeer County Medical Care Facility’s portion) for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025, to be paid from line item 101-242-713.000, with the understanding that this motion authorizes the Finance Department to process the payments as outlined; and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign said agreement. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

15-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Haggadone, supported by Mast, to approve the following documents from Municipal Employees' Retirement System related to placing the seven (7) County Commissioners from the other Elected Officials division 13 into their own separate Defined Contribution Division, which includes a Division Benefit freeze to Defined contribution with the conversion option, per the request of the Board of Commissioners, as submitted:

- *Resolution Adopting the MERS Defined Contribution Plan (1 page)*
- *MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement (5 pages)*
- *Contribution Addendum for MERS Defined Contribution (2 pages)*
- *Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement (7 pages)*
- *Addendum for Plan Closures, Freezes and Conversions (5 pages)*

and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign said documents, with each document being entered as an official exhibit.

Roll Call vote: Haggadone, aye; Zender, aye; Hamilton, aye; Howell, aye; Knisely, aye; Mast, aye; Kohlman, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried unanimously.”

Motion carried.

16-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to the written notification given to Prosecuting Attorney John Miller in Board Motion #189-2023 on June 22, 2023, of the Board's intent to seek alternate corporate counsel services, to terminate the Engagement of General/Civil Legal Counsel services agreement that was previously approved in motion #77-21, effective December 31, 2023, with the understanding that this will also eliminate the additional \$17,000.00 stipend allocated to John Miller for corporation counsel services; and further, that this Board wishes to extend sincere appreciation to Mr. Miller for his services over the last three years. Motion carried.”

17-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Mast, supported by Knisely, pursuant to the recommendation of the Properties Committee, to approve the installation of security cameras on the exterior of the Community Mental Health Building and Harmony Hall, to be paid for by Community Mental Health Funding, at a cost not to exceed \$15,500.00, at no additional cost to the County General Fund. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

18-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Hamilton, supported by Knisely, to adopt the following Resolution, as amended, in support of Broadband expansion in Lapeer County:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING
BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS
2023-R12**

WHEREAS, in Lapeer County, 77% of Broadband Survey respondents with internet Access and Visitation Contract reported not having the minimum of 25mb download/3 mb upload speeds to be considered a broadband connection; and,

WHEREAS, in Lapeer County, 98% of Broadband Survey respondents with internet Access and Visitation Contract reported not having the modern standard of 100mb download/20mb upload speeds to be considered a broadband connection; and,

WHEREAS, the digital divide is exacerbating the homework gap and learning for students without broadband access at home; and,

WHEREAS, lack of broadband access negatively impacts economic development, property values, personal prosperity, education, health and safety and overall quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, having broadband access enables cost savings in many areas of personal commerce, yielding hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in overspending by those without broadband; and,

WHEREAS, communities without broadband have difficulty leveraging capabilities like TeleHealth, online banking, virtual meetings, working remotely and distance learning; and,

(Resolution 2023-R12 continued)

WHEREAS, *broadband access can combat the isolation experienced by our seniors and those living alone by enabling them to stay connected to family and friends.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners urges Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to leverage their resources, be future-focused and expand high-speed internet access to all residents of Lapeer County, Michigan.*

Roll Call vote: Hamilton, aye; Haggadone, aye; Howell, aye; Knisely, aye; Mast, aye; Zender, aye; Kohlman, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried.

19-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Haggadone, supported by Zender, to rescind motion 331-2023 of the October 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, and give Community Mental Health Authority to appoint Brooke Sankiewicz, as the new Chief Executive Officer. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

20-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, to allow the County Controller/Administrator to contact all surrounding counties about the possibility of a recycling partnership. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

21-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to accept the Chairman’s recommendation to change the members of the Recycling Committee to be Commissioner Howell, as Chair, Commissioner Zender, and Commissioner Haggadone as members. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

22-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 368-2023 of the November 30, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, to enter into the official record the following action taken at the December 14, 2023 meeting of the Committee of the Whole:

“Motion by Howell, supported by Mast, to corrected expiration date regarding the appointment of Gabriel Lossing, from motion 330-2023 of the October 26, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, to the Veterans Affairs Committee as December 31, 2026. Motion carried.”

Motion carried.

23-2024

Motion by Knisely, supported by Mast, pursuant to the recommendation of the Properties Committee, to approve the purchase of the ProQA software to be paid for from the 911 millage line 482-325-977.000, at a cost not to exceed \$86,158.00, at no additional cost to the County’s General Fund. Motion carried.”

24-2024

Motion by Mast, supported by Knisely, pursuant to the recommendation of the Properties Committee, to authorize the Executive Director of Central Dispatch to purchase up to 20 replacement radios in a fiscal year, that are unrepairable in the line of APX radios with model numbers ending in “AN,” to be paid for from millage line 482-325-977.000, at no additional cost to the County’s General Fund, and to further require a bi-monthly report of any purchases under these conditions to the Central Dispatch Authority. Motion carried.

Motion carried.

25-2024

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, based upon the recommendation of the American Rescue Plan Act Committee (ARPA), to authorize the Buildings & Grounds/Parks Department to proceed with acquiring quotes for engineering drawings and oversight services related to the proposed addition to the Animal Control Building as discussed at the December 14, 2023 American Rescue Plan Act Committee (ARPA) meeting and report back to the American Rescue Plan Act Committee (ARPA). Motion carried.

26-2024

Motion by Mast, supported by Zender, based upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, to authorize the Sheriff's Department to amend their Table of Organization and add one additional full-time Corrections Officer position (#TBD, Pay Grade S4) to meet the needs of Courthouse Security, to be paid from the Law Enforcement Millage funding, and at no additional cost to the County's General Fund. Motion carried.

27-2024

Motion by Mast, supported by Howell, based upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, to amend the Table of Organization for Community Mental Health to add and fill one full-time BA Professional position (#TBD, Pay Grade 18, Office of Recipient Rights) to meet program needs and caseloads, to be paid from Community Mental Health's budget, and at no additional cost to the County's General Fund, to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

28-2024

Motion by Knisely, supported by Haggadone, pursuant to the recommendation of the I.T. Committee to authorize the Administration Office to proceed with the issuance of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Information Technology Managed Services, as submitted, and report back to the Committee. Motion carried.

29-2024

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Knisely, to refer the recommendation of the I.T. Committee and previous discussions at the Budget Hearings, to authorize the County Administration to amend their Table of Organization and add and fill one full-time I.T. Hardware/Software Network Support Technician position (#TBD, Pay Grade 18), to be paid from the General Fund; and further, to approve the job description for said position, to the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

30-2024

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to enter into the record the County's Audit Motions for December 1st, 15th, and 29th, 2023 and the Road Commissions Audit Motion for disbursements dated November 30th, December 14th, and 28th, 2023. Roll Call vote: Hamilton, aye; Howell, aye; Knisely, aye; Mast, aye; Zender, aye; Haggadone, aye; Kohlman, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken regarding any of the needed appointments.

31-2024

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Mast, to amend Article 6 of the Rules of Procedure, to include the Solid Waste/Materials Management Planning Committee as a standing Committee. Motion carried.

AD HOCK COMMITTEE UPDATE

Commissioner Howell stated that the Ad Hock Committee regarding the search for Legal Counsel for the County is no longer needed as the work is completed.

PUBLIC TIME – No comments were received.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

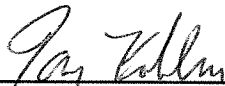
At this time, the Commissioners had an opportunity to give brief reports on meetings and conferences that they have recently attended, as well as upcoming meetings and events, along with statements regarding public time comments.

ADMINISTRATOR/CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UPDATES

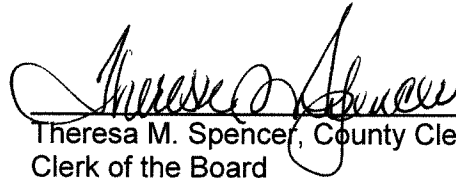
Moses Sanzo, County Controller/Administrator wished everyone a new year and stated that he is looking forward to the next full year.

32-2024

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to adjourn the meeting. 10:04 a.m.



Tom Kohlman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners



Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board