

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**January 11, 2024**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Chairman Kohlman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the lower level of the County Complex Building. Commissioner Kohlman opened the meeting with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Commissioners Brian Zender, Brad Haggadone, William Hamilton, Gary Howell, Kevin Knisely, Truman Mast, Tom Kohlman

Others: Moses Sanzo, County Controller/Administrator, Jackie Arnold, Chief Financial Officer, Lynette Groves, Secretary/Deputy County Clerk

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, to approve the agenda with the deletion of a closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by Knisely, supported by Hamilton, to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

**Elected Official/Department Head Updates**

Karly Creguer, District Coordinator, MSU Extension gave a brief update regarding the purchase of an emergency livestock trailer.

Lauren Emmons, C.E.O., Community Mental Health gave a brief update for the upcoming appointments to the Mental Health Services Board.

**Public Time** – one person spoke during public time.

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase 2 AED's from the Lapeer County Emergency Medical Services Authority Board (EMS), at \$1,857.50 each, to be paid from line item 207-301-977.000. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the transfer of \$89,661.33, representing the 1<sup>st</sup> of three installments toward the annual allocation of \$268,984.00, from Lapeer County Community Mental Health Appropriations (101-990-999.222) to Lapeer County Community Mental Health Expenditures (222-990-695.010). Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, to adopt the following "Resolution to Adopt the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Citizens Participation Plan" for Lapeer County, to be further referenced as the MSHDA CPP, as required to be a participant in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding:

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**RESOLUTION – 2024-R01**

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**To adopt the  
Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)  
Citizens Participation Plan (CPP)  
Lapeer County, Michigan**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lapeer has applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lapeer is required to have an adopted Citizens Participation Plan (CPP) or adopt the Michigan State Housing and Community Development Authority CPP as a requirement for eligibility under CDBG; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Lapeer has chosen to adopt the Michigan State Housing and Community Development Authority Citizen's Participation Plan; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners of Lapeer County, Michigan hereby adopts the Michigan State Housing and Community Development Authority Citizen's Participation Plan, as presented and on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Roll Call vote: Howell, aye; Haggadone, aye; Hamilton, aye; Knisely, aye; Mast, nay; Zender, aye; Kohlman, nay. 5 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, to adopt the following "Authorizing Resolution" related to the application of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)'s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program to benefit low and moderate-income residents; and further, to designate the County Controller/Administrator as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer for said grant:

**COUNTY OF LAPEER**

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION – 2024-R02**

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSDHA) has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lapeer County desires to request \$590,000 in CDBG funds to implement administrative activities and a Homeowner Improvement Project in partnership with the Human Development Commission (HDC) of Lapeer County; and

(Resolution 2024-R02 continued)

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is consistent with the needs of the local community as described in the Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will benefit residents of the county with at least 51 percent of those assisted being low- and moderate-income persons as determined by census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**WHEREAS**, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Lapeer County hereby designates the County Administrator/Controller as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Roll Call vote: Howell, aye; Hamilton, aye; Knisely, aye; Mast, nay; Zender, aye; Haggadone, aye; Kohlman, nay. 5 ayes, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported by Howell, to recommend to the Full Board, to establish a Public Hearing at the January 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, to hear public comments related to the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Improving Local Livability CHILL Grant Program application through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA); and further, to authorize the County Clerk to publish said notice in a local newspaper of general circulation. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Knisely, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the immediate payment of the Fiscal Year 2023 dues to the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), in the amount of \$14,268.59 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, to be paid from line item 101-241-957.102 (2023 Budget). Motion carried.

Motion by Knisley, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize payment to Shifman Fournier, PLC, in the amount of \$540.00, for labor related legal services rendered through December 31, 2023, to be paid from line item 101-239-801.020. Motion carried.

Motion by Knisely, supported by Mast, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize payment to the Lapeer Development Corporation for Professional Economic Services for Fiscal Year 2023/2024, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, to be paid from line item 101-237-959.000. Motion carried.

**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.

**County Controller/Administrator and/or Chief Financial Officer updates**

No comments were made.

Motion by Zender, supported by Knisely, to adjourn the meeting. 9:51 a.m.



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Tom Kohlman, Chairman  
Committee of the Whole