



## *Lapeer County Board of Commissioners*

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### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**

**\*\*CAFÉ RAY'S CONFERENCE ROOM – LOWER LEVEL\*\***

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**

**7:30 A.M.**

*Committee Members: Gary Howell (Chair), Truman Mast, and William Hamilton*

### **A-G-E-N-D-A**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** BY CHAIRMAN GARY HOWELL
- 2) CONSIDERATION OF THE **AGENDA**
- 3) CONSIDERATION OF THE **MINUTES** FROM THE **MARCH 20, 2024** POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
- 4) **NEW/OLD/REFERRED ITEMS** –
  - A. Review and Discussion Regarding the Draft EMS Ballot Language
  - B. Review and Discussion Regarding the Draft Veterans Services Ballot Language
  - C. Draft Recognition Resolutions (*referred from the 3/28/24 Full Board to P&P Committee then to the 4/11 COW with authority to act, Motion #118-2024*):
    - Resolution #2024-R04, Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
    - Resolution #2024-R05, National Crime Victims' Rights Week
  - D. Discussion regarding Policy on Processing Resolutions
- 5) **ADDITIONAL ITEMS** (if needed):
  - A)
  - B)

*~Meets at the call of the Chair, As Needed~*

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**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 20, 2024**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM 302 – ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**  
**COUNTY COMPLEX**  
**255 CLAY STREET, LAPEER, MI 48446**

Chairman Gary Howell called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. in the Conference Room 302 in the Administration Office on the Third Floor of the County Complex.

Members Present: Commissioners Gary Howell, Truman Mast, and William Hamilton.

Others: Moses Sanzo, County Administrator/Controller; Jackie Arnold, CFO; and Doreen Clark, Administration Office Manager; Stephanie King, Chief Animal Control Officer; Russ Adams and Carla McCormick, Lapeer EMS.

**AGENDA**

**Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**MINUTES**

The minutes from the February 22, 2024 Policies & Procedures Committee meeting were reviewed.

**Motion by Mast, supported by Hamilton, to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2024 Policies and Procedures Committee meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

**EMS - DRAFT BALLOT LANGUAGE**

Mr. Russ Adams and Carla McCormick from Lapeer EMS was present to further review the draft renewal ballot language for the countywide EMS Services ballot language, which also includes a small increase. This version includes the statutory language for being a renewal and the new additional amount, which cannot be expired in order to be considered a "renewal." He also reported that they are still meeting with a few DDA/TIFA district representatives to determine if any will be capturing a portion of the millage funds. He stated that the City has expressed they will be capturing, but the Village of Otter Lake meeting is scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Lengthy questions and discussion followed. It was a consensus of the Committee that this matter be placed on the April 11<sup>th</sup> COW Agenda and that EMS provide their final ballot language prior to that meeting. Moses stated that he will then have the County's legal firm also review it. The deadline for ballot language is: April 11<sup>th</sup> COW (final draft review); April 18<sup>th</sup> (EMS Approval); April 25<sup>th</sup> (BOC Full Board Approval); Deadline to County Clerk is May 12<sup>th</sup>. Further discussion followed regarding the impact of the Headlee Rollback. Mr. Adams stated he will provide a document with the bullet points on the proposed rates and rollback impacts.

**Motion by Mast, supported by Hamilton, to refer the draft proposed ballot language for county-wide emergency medical services to the April 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole, contingent upon the final figure adjustments by Equalization Department and a legal review by the County's corporate counsel, The Kelly Firm. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **REVISED DRAFT ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

The revised draft Animal Control Ordinance with the changes and clarifications from our legal counsel, The Kelly Firm, was reviewed and discussed. The clarifications included ground feeding to deter people from feeding stray cats in more populated areas, defining accessory structures, and a few others were reviewed based on discussions from the previous committee meeting. Questions and discussion followed. It was noted that Chairman Kohlman would not be present at the next Committee of the Whole so it can be forwarded directly to Full Board.

**Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to recommend to the April 25, 2024 Full Board Meeting, and based on the recommendation of the Policies and Procedures Committee and the County's legal counsel, The Kelly Firm, to approve and adopt the revised Lapeer County Animal Control Ordinance and Fee Schedule, as attached and to authorize the publication of said ordinance on the County's website and a notice in a local newspaper of general circulation; and further, that the ordinance will be effective 30-days following said posting and notice. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **DRAFT RESOLUTION OPPOSING P.A. 233**

Committee Chairman Howell reviewed the draft Resolution Opposing Public Act 233 of 2023 which would support the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act and repeal Part 8 of PA 233 to restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities. He also recommended that the Board use this same type of formatting for all future resolutions to be consistent. Questions and discussion followed.

**Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to recommend to the Full Board, pursuant to the recommendation of the Policies and Procedures Committee, to adopt the following Resolution Opposing Public Act 233 of 2023 and to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chair to sign said resolution:**

**LAPEER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Resolution Opposing Public Act 233 of 2023  
Resolution NO. 2024-R06**

**WHEREAS,** citizens, through their local governments are best able to assess the needs of their communities and should be allowed to determine what plans and projects are appropriate; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Michigan legislature has passed, and the governor has signed Public Act 233 of 2023, which strips away local control of utility scale wind and solar projects and places control with the Michigan Public Service Commission; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, will do everything it legally can to prevent special interests from taking away local control from our citizens.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners expresses its strong disapproval of Public Act 233 which takes away local zoning control from our communities; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which would restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to all Michigan counties, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Governor, and all of our State Representatives and State Senators that represent Lapeer County.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **DRAFT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOME SCHOOLING**

Commissioner Hamilton reviewed the draft Resolution in Support of Home Schooling. This matter was referred to the Committee for consideration. Brief questions and discussion followed.

**Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to recommend to the Full Board, pursuant to the recommendation of the Policies and Procedures Committee, to adopt the following Resolution Opposing Public Act 233 of 2023 and to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chair to sign said resolution:**

#### **RESOLUTION DESIGNATING LAPEER COUNTY AS A "FREEDOM TO HOMESCHOOL" COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R03**

**WHEREAS,** it is the parent(s) fundamental right to direct the upbringing and education of *their children*, this right is protected by the U.S. Constitution and Michigan Constitution; and,

**WHEREAS,** Article VIII, Section 1 of the Michigan Constitution states: "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged"; and,

**WHEREAS,** Section 380.10 of the Michigan Revised School Code states: "It is the natural, fundamental right of parents and legal guardians to determine and direct the care, teaching, and education of their children"; and,

- WHEREAS,** parental rights include, however are not limited to, making decisions regarding children's education and health care in a manner consistent with their family values, and parents must do so to promote *their* children's general health and well-being as well as their right to direct the education of *their* child, be it public, homeschooling, private or parochial education; and,
- WHEREAS,** according to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Due Process Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment protects parental rights. The U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed that they are fundamental rights; and,
- WHEREAS,** parents have every right to seek accountability, choice, and transparency in *their children's* education, and that Government officials must be held accountable for what's promoted to children; and,
- WHEREAS,** no single form of education can meet the needs of all students or families; and,
- WHEREAS,** the lower a student-to-teacher ratio is, the greater the ability to individualize education for an individual student becomes, as well as a better outcome; and,
- WHEREAS,** Homeschooling offers profound flexibility in how education is delivered to students, as well as open ended opportunities to customize and individualize education around learning styles, interests, moral and religious beliefs and life goals of the student; and,
- WHEREAS** no teacher or institution can know or love a child more than a child's parent(s); and,
- WHEREAS** Statistics show that Homeschooled students have consistently shown above-average results on all standardized tests and are likely to be at least one grade ahead of public-school students; and,
- WHEREAS,** State Superintendent Michael Rice has asked the Michigan Legislature for a Homeschool Registry. This is a violation of Parental rights and privacy that would result in placing barriers that would have an intimidating adverse effect while placing obstacles and unnecessary restrictions on those wishing to Homeschool their children in Lapeer County; and,
- WHEREAS,** Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel has stated she supports "monitoring" the private homes of Homeschoolers to inspect their private properties, a blatant violation of our 4<sup>th</sup> amendment rights.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** by the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Lapeer, Michigan, be, and hereby is, declared to be a "Freedom to Homeschool County," and,

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that this board affirms its full support for the right of parent(s) to educate *their children*, and that freedom of educational choice will lead to the best possible outcome for each individual student.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners call upon our Lapeer County Sheriff and Lapeer County Prosecutor to defend our 4<sup>th</sup> amendment constitutional rights on this matter and specifically any efforts by the those outside our county that may result in any attempt to force warrantless searches of the homes and properties of Homeschool families.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners shall not authorize or appropriate new funding, resources, employees, agencies, contractors, buildings, detention centers or offices for the sole purpose of enforcing any statute, law, rule, order, or regulation that restricts the rights of parents to Homeschool ***their children***.

**BE IT FURTHER ESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Michigan State Senators; Ruth Johnson and Kevin Daley, Michigan State Representatives; Greg Alexander, Phil Green, Jamie Greene and the other 82 County Board of Commissions in the State of Michigan, U.S. Congress Representative, Lisa McClain, U.S. Senators; Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Lapeer County Sheriff Scott McKenna, Lapeer County Prosecuting Attorney John Miller, and all County Department Directors.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **DOCUMENT/RECORDS RETENTION POLICY**

Moses Sanzo, County Administrator, gave an update and advised the Committee that there were some language in the draft Policy that came from the previous meeting that needed to be added to include District Court and a clarification with regards to Health Department and reviewed those changes.

It was a consensus of the Committee that there were no objections to the revisions and that the appropriate attachment with the reflected corrections be included and forwarded to the Clerk's Office when the draft motion from the last meeting goes before the Full Board.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS – VETERANS SERVICES DRAFT BALLOT LANGUAGE**

**Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to amend the Agenda and include discussion on the draft ballot language for the Veterans Affairs Services millage. Motion carried unanimously.**

Administrator Sanzo gave an update regarding the draft Veterans Services Ballot Language for the August primary. He stated that he sent our legal counsel, The Kelly Firm, the draft language from Pete Kirley, Veterans Affairs Director. They are still in the process of reviewing it, and Veterans will be getting a clarification from his Board and will then send out letters to the local DDA's/TIFA districts to determine if they will be capturing any of the millage monies. Questions and discussion followed.

**Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to recommend and refer to the April 25, 2024 Full Board Meeting, the final draft Veterans Services Millage ballot language contingent upon the appropriate figures from the Equalization Department, review by our legal counsel, and approval by the Veterans Affairs Board. Motion carried unanimously.**

**ADJOURN**

**Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 4:07 p.m.**

Gary Howell, Chairman  
Lapeer County Policies and Procedures Committee

Minutes prepared by: Doreen Clark, Office Manager

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**LAPEER COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AUTHORITY  
MILLAGE RENEWAL AUTHORIZATION  
FOR SIX YEARS**

Shall Lapeer County be authorized to **renew**<sup>1</sup> its millage supporting county-wide emergency medical services<sup>2</sup> through an interlocal government agreement with the Lapeer County Emergency Medical Services Authority of **0.8814 mills** with **new additional millage of 0.3 mills**<sup>3</sup> for a total millage of **1.1814 mills**<sup>4</sup> (**\$1.18**) for each \$1,000.00 of taxable property value) for 6 years, from 2025 through 2030?<sup>5</sup> It is estimated that this millage renewal<sup>6</sup> for continuing county-wide emergency medical services<sup>7</sup> will raise approximately **\$4,803,958.09** in its first year<sup>8</sup>. By operation of Michigan law, this millage will disburse captured revenue to the City of Lapeer Downtown Development Authority and the Village of Otter Lake Downtown Development Authority.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> MCL 211.24f(2)(f) “a clear statement whether the millage is a renewal or a previously authorized millage or the authorization of a new millage.”

<sup>2</sup> MCL 211.24f(2)(d) “a clear statement of the purpose for the millage”

<sup>3</sup> MCL 211.24f(5) “a taxing unit that levies millage under this act shall not submit a single question to the electors of the taxing unit requesting both the renewal of voter authorized millage and the authorization of new additional millage if the additional millage is greater than 0.5 mill.”

<sup>4</sup> MCL 211.24f(2)(a) “millage rate to be authorized.”

<sup>5</sup> MCL 211.24f(2)(c) “the duration of the millage in years.”

<sup>6</sup> Second statement of MCL 211.24f(2)(e) “a clear statement whether the millage is a renewal or a previously authorized millage or the authorization of a new millage.”

<sup>7</sup> Second statement of MCL 211.24f(2)(d) “a clear statement of the purpose for the millage.”

<sup>8</sup> MCL 211.24f(2)(b) “the estimated revenue to be collected in the first year.”

<sup>9</sup> MCL 211.24f(1) “the ballot shall disclose each local unit of government to which the revenue from that millage will be disbursed.”



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## VETERANS AFFAIRS MILLAGE

### PROPOSAL

Shall the expired previously voted increases in the tax limitations in Lapeer County of 0.185 mills (.185 per \$1,000 of taxable value), reduced to .1813 mills (0.1813 per \$1,000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 0.185 mills for 6 years, 2024 through 2029, inclusive, for the continued funding of the Lapeer County Department of Veterans' Affairs?

If approved, this new additional millage would allow the County to levy up to 0.185 mills (replacing the two previously authorized Veterans' Affairs Millages which expired in 2023) for the purpose of continuing to support funding for the administration of Lapeer County's Department of Veterans' Affairs, raising an estimated \$\_\_\_\_\_ in the first year if approved and levied. A property with a taxable value of \$100,000 would be annually taxed up to \$18.50 for the millage. By operation of Michigan law, this millage will disburse revenue to certain local units of government including [the DDAs, TIFAs]

YES [ ]

NO [ ]

**COUNTY OF LAPEER  
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS MILLAGE**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer (the "County"),  
held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following Resolution was offered by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_;

PRESENT: Members \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Members \_\_\_\_\_

**Whereas** the County of Lapeer Board of Commissioners is in agreement to approve the millage language for the purposes of continuing to support funding for the administration of Lapeer County's Department of Veteran's Affairs; and,

**Whereas** the previously approved millages for the Lapeer County Veteran's Affairs expired in 2023;

**Whereas** the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners seeks to approve a millage increase to support the Lapeer County Department of Veteran's Affairs up to the originally levied .185 mills.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the County Clerk place upon the ballot for August 6, 2024, election a millage of .185 mills for a period of 6 years, 2024 through 2029, for consideration by the electorate.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the following is the language for the Veteran's Affairs millage to be submitted to the electorate.

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YES     [   ]

NO     [   ]

AYES:     Members \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NAYS:     Members \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

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Tom Kohlman, Chair  
Lapeer County Board of Commissioners

## DDA/TIFA DETERMINATIONS ON CAPTURING COUNTY EXTRA VOTED VETERANS SERVICES MILLAGE

*(Those capturing, MUST EACH be included in Ballot Language)*

**2024**

	MUNICIPALITY	ADDRESS 1	ADDRESS 2	Cap	Not
	CITY OF IMLAY CITY	150 N. Main Street	Imlay City, MI 48444		
	CITY OF LAPEER TIFA 1	576 Liberty Park	Lapeer, MI 48446		
	CITY OF LAPEER TIFA 2				
	CITY OF LAPEER TIFA 3				
	CITY OF LAPEER DDA				
	CITY OF LAPEER DDA EXPANSION EAST*				
	CITY OF LAPEER DDA EXPANSION WEST*				
	CITY OF LAPEER LDFA				
	CITY OF LAPEER BROWNFIELD				
	VILLAGE OF ALMONT	817 N. Main Street	Almont, MI 48446		
	VILLAGE OF ALMONT				
	VILLAGE OF CLIFFORD	4548 Madison Street	Clifford, MI 48727		X
	VILLAGE OF COLUMBIAVILLE	PO Box 100	Columbiaville, MI 48421		
	VILLAGE OF DRYDEN	PO Box 329	Dryden, MI 48428		
	VILLAGE OF METAMORA	PO Box 117	Metamora, MI 48455		X
	VILLAGE OF NORTH BRANCH	PO Box 704	North Branch, MI 48461		X
	VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE	PO Box 193	Otter Lake, MI 48464		X
	VILLAGE OF OTTER LAKE				X

*\*City of Lapeer DDA Expansion E and W does not capture any County Operating Tax*

*\*Most have online websites to submit documentation to; City TIFA, LDFA & Brownfield have online plans;*

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**RESOLUTION #2024-R04**

- WHEREAS,** Lapeer County Central Dispatch has been designated as the Public Safety Answering Point for all public safety response in Lapeer County for those emergencies that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,
- WHEREAS,** the telecommunications of Lapeer County Central Dispatch answer those calls for assistance and serve as the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,
- WHEREAS,** the safety of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical service providers that serve our citizens are dependent on the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who contact Lapeer County Central Dispatch; and,
- WHEREAS,** Lapeer County Central Dispatch Public Safety Telecommunicators provide the single most vital link for our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical service providers, by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them with information, and ensuring their safety; and
- WHEREAS,** the Public Safety Telecommunicators of Lapeer County Central Dispatch have assisted in the saving of many lives, the apprehension of criminals, and prevention of considerable property loss each year; and,
- WHEREAS,** each member of Lapeer County Central Dispatch has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance as a Public Safety Telecommunicator; and,
- WHEREAS,** on October 9, 1991, the Congress of the United States proclaimed the second week in April as "National Public Safety Telecommunications Week."

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the week of April 14 – 20, 2024 as **PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK** in Lapeer County, in recognition of the men and women whose dedication and professionalism help keep our county and citizens safe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Commissioners urges county residents and public safety responders, to join in honoring the staff of Lapeer County Central Dispatch in recognition for their continued professionalism and dedication to the public safety of Lapeer County.

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Tom Kohlman, Chairman of the Board

*I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted by a vote at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer, State of Michigan, on this 11th day of April, 2024.*

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Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk  
Clerk of the Board



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**PROCLAMATION #2024-R05**  
**HONORING NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

- WHEREAS,** the term "victim" is more than just a label and has legal standing and protections that go along with it; and,
- WHEREAS,** crime victims' rights acts passed here in Michigan and at the federal level guarantee victims the right to meaningfully participate and use their voice in the criminal justice process;
- WHEREAS,** victim service providers, advocates, law enforcement officers, attorneys, and other allied professionals can help survivors find their justice by enforcing these rights;
- WHEREAS,** the right to provide an impact statement ensures that victims' voices are considered in court during the sentencing and, when applicable, restitution processes,
- WHEREAS,** including and elevating the voices of survivors makes certain they are heard and seen and creates a path to forging and sustaining community trust.
- WHEREAS,** engaging survivors creates responses and services that are credible, meaningful, and centered on individual needs;
- WHEREAS,** survivors' lived experience can serve as a catalyst for implementing innovative programs, shifting existing programs in new directions, and changing policies or practices that prevent survivors from accessing services or pursuing justice;
- WHEREAS,** National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to listening to crime survivors in every space where decisions are made that could impact them, and
- WHEREAS,** the Lapeer County Prosecuting Attorney, is hereby dedicated to amplifying the voices of survivors and creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners of Lapeer, Michigan, do hereby proclaim the week of **April 21-27<sup>th</sup>, 2024** as **NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM RIGHTS WEEK** reaffirming Lapeer County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victim Rights' Week and throughout the year; and expressing our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

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Tom Kohlman, Chairman of the Board

*I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted by a vote at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer, State of Michigan, on this 11th day of April, 2024.*

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Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk  
Clerk of the Board



- 5.14 **Closed Meetings:** Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act (PA 267 of 1967, section 15.263), there are eleven (11) purposes in which Closed Meetings may be called, such as for collective bargaining (union) negotiations; in order to consider the purchase or lease of real property, up to the time an option to purchase or lease for that real property is obtained; to consult with legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only when an open meeting could have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation or settlement position of the public body. In addition, a meeting may be closed by two-thirds (2/3) vote to review an employment application when requested by a candidate, and to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, or for any other reasons allowed under the Open Meetings Act.
- 5.15 **Attendance of Closed Meetings:** The Board has sole discretion to determine who may be permitted to attend a Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, particularly MCL 15.267 and 15.268. Routine attendance beyond the Board members, Administrator, Finance Director, and Clerk or Deputy Clerk, or exclusion of the Administrator or Finance Director, must be approved by the majority of the Board.
- 5.16 **Resolutions:** Pursuant to Motion 182-99 from the March 25, 1999 Regular Board Meeting, the Committee of the Whole shall have the authority to act on resolutions regarding commendation, congratulations, retirement, and appreciation; and further, that the Committee of the Whole be given authority to act on any other Resolution, when directed to other elected officials, and requiring immediate action, when two-thirds (2/3) of the members elected are present, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the official record (effective January 17, 2019).

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **COMMITTEES**

- 6.1 **Standing Committees:** There shall be five (5) standing committees of the Board:
1. Committee of the Whole
  2. County Properties
  3. Personnel
  4. Public Safety
  5. Policies, Procedures & Bylaws
  6. Broadband Committee
  7. I.T. Committee
  8. Materials Management Planning (Recycling) Committee
  9. ARPA (American Rescue Planning Act) Committee
- 6.2 **General Duties of Committees:** The general duties of each committee shall be making recommendations to the Board on issues of County business, act as liaison between the Board and departments and agencies, and to coordinate interrelated activities and to act on other items of business placed on the agenda by the Chairperson of that Committee.