

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

April 28, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Vice-Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the lower level of the County Complex Building. Commissioner Henning opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Commissioners Lenny Schneider, Bryan Zender, Dyle Henning, Linda M. Jarvis, *Rick Warren

Others: Quentin Bishop, County Controller/Administrator, Jackie Arnold, Chief Financial Officer, Lynette Stanford, Secretary/Deputy County Clerk, Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk

Absent: Commissioner Brendan Miller, Gary Roy

Motion by Zender, supported by Warren, to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion regarding the National Day of Prayer, and the Chart of Accounts Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Jarvis, to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

Elected Official/Department Head Updates

Emil Joseph III, Friend of the Court gave an update regarding his department.

Rachel Horton, Animal Control Division Chief gave an update regarding her department.

Public Time – one person spoke during public time.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to adopt the 2022 Lapeer County Equalization Report as presented; and further, to authorize the Chairman/Vice-Chair and County Clerk to sign the L-4024 and L-4037C forms to be submitted to the State of Michigan. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the 14-page Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as submitted by Community Mental Health. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve a credit card for purchases approved by the Prosecuting Attorney and monitored through the current County accounts payable processes, at no cost to the County General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Jarvis, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the three (3) Fiscal Year 2022 Remonumentation Grant Agreements between Lapeer County and Kennedy Surveying, Inc.; Davis Land Surveying and Engineering; and R.A. Duthler Land Surveyor, LLC., as submitted; and further, to authorize the County Chief Financial Officer to sign said agreements. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Jarvis, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the three (3) Fiscal Year 2022 Remonumentation Peer Review Group Services Agreements between Lapeer County, Ray Davis, Steve Thompson, and Earl Gravlin, as submitted; and further, to authorize the County Chief Financial Officer to sign said agreements. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the contract agreement between the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office and CyberPath Services for chirping, at no additional cost to the County General Fund; and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair and/or County Controller/Administrator to sign said agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the contract agreement between the Lapeer county Sheriff's Office and Combined Public Communications for tablets and new phones, at no additional cost to the County General Fund; and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair and/or County Controller/Administrator to sign said agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the contract agreement between the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office and Combined Public Communications for E-Jail purchase and conversion, at a cost of \$18,480.00, to be paid from line item 101-351-944.000, at no additional cost to the County General Fund; and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair and/or County Controller/Administrator to sign said agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to accept the Federal USDOJ Reimbursement Grant (CFDA# 16.607) for nine bullet proof vest and five stab vests for the Sheriff's Department, and to authorize the purchase of said items for a total not to exceed \$12,250.00, to be paid out of line item 101-301-743.010 and 101-351-743.010 . Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to adopt and approve the Resolution for Millage Proposition for Law Enforcement and Ballot Language; to be placed on the August 2, 2022 Primary Election Ballot, as follows:

**LAPEER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION FOR MILLAGE PROPOSITION
FOR COUNTY-WIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, law enforcement services for the citizens of Lapeer County is an essential and necessary function of government under the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement services need to be maintained at a consistent service level throughout Lapeer County in all functions of law enforcement services including those services that township and municipal police departments are dependent on such as, death investigations, traffic crash scene reconstruction, marine patrol, undercover narcotics investigations, search and rescue operations, investigation of major crimes, and road patrols in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners has determined that maintaining current levels of law enforcement services has become more challenging in the present economic environment and those services are essential to the quality of life and economic future of Lapeer County; and

(Resolution continued)

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners has determined that it is appropriate and necessary to seek a supplemental millage for the purpose of averting reductions in law enforcement services in Lapeer County; and address public safety issues in schools with school resource officers; recruitment, training and retention of law enforcement personnel; and remediate illegal drug trafficking within Lapeer County; and

WHEREAS, due to the systemic nature of the criminal justice system, appropriate staffing levels at the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney are necessary in supporting the investigative work performed by law enforcement in the successful prosecution of major crimes throughout Lapeer County; and

WHEREAS, without a supplemental millage, major service reductions will occur that will deteriorate the quality of life in Lapeer County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer seeks to have the voters of Lapeer County determine whether or not they desire to raise funds for the purpose of supporting the provision and improvement of public safety law enforcement services by approving a millage rate of 1.45 mills for a period of six (6) years, 2023 through 2029, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 6 of the 1963 Michigan Constitution authorizes the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners to place upon the ballot a request for supplemental millage on the taxable valuation of all property in the County of Lapeer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Lapeer at the next State Primary Election to be held in said County on Tuesday, August 2, 2022:

**COUNTY-WIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT
MILLAGE PROPOSITION**

This proposal will permit Lapeer County to levy up to 1.45 mills for Law Enforcement for six (6) years (December 1, 2022-2027).

"For the purposes of maintaining and promoting portions of the Law Enforcement and Safety functions for the citizens of Lapeer County in the areas of the Lapeer County Sheriff Department and the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes that may be imposed on taxable property in Lapeer County, be increased up to 1.45 mills (\$1.450 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, being December 1, 2022 through 2027, inclusive for the purpose of supplementing existing law enforcement services funding levels?

[] YES

[] NO

If approved and levied in full, this millage would raise approximately \$4,788,154.38 in the first year of levy. 87% of the funding will directly supplement the budget of the Lapeer County Sheriff Department and 13% of the funding will directly supplement the budget of the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney with no reductions in general fund budgets of either department as a result of the passing of this millage."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this proposition shall be stated on the ballots to be prepared and distributed in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Michigan

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposal to be submitted to the duly qualified voters of Lapeer County at the State Primary Election to be held in Lapeer County on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

(Resolution continued)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of said proposition be filed with the County Clerk as required by the laws of the State of Michigan.

Roll Call vote: Warren, aye; Zender, aye; Jarvis, aye; Miller, absent; Schneider, aye; Henning, aye; Roy, absent. 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion

*Commissioner Warren excused. 11:01 a.m.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Jarvis, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve consulting services contract extension with MGT of America Consulting, LLC to prepare a Lapeer County Cost Allocation Plan based on actual costs for Fiscal Year 2021, and further, to authorize the County Controller/Administrator to sign said agreement, at no additional cost to the County General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Jarvis, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve consulting services contract extension with MGT of America Consulting, LLC to prepare a Health Department Cost Allocation Plan based on actual costs for Fiscal Year 2021, and further, to authorize the County Controller/Administrator to sign said agreement, at no additional cost to the County General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the Contract with Opengov to build the new Chart of Accounts for a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00, to be paid from line item 101-210-801.010, at no additional cost to the County General Fund; and further; to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair and/or County Controller/Administrator to sign any documents needed for this to occur. Motion carried.

*Commissioner Warren returned. 11:05 a.m.

Discussion followed regarding the National Day of Prayer.

Motion by Warren, supported by Schneider, to recommend to the Full Board, to instruct the Buildings and Grounds/Parks Department to reserve the Historic Courthouse Square for the first Thursday in May each year, so that the National Day of Prayer event can take place there. Motion carried.

Public Time – two people spoke during public time.

The Commissioners gave brief reports on upcoming meetings and events.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, to go into closed session for the purpose of Labor Negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Schneider, aye; Warren, aye; Zender, aye; Jarvis, aye; Miller, absent; Henning, aye; Roy, absent. 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried. 11:25 a.m.

The meeting recessed. 11:25 a.m.

Lynette Stanford, Secretary/Deputy County Clerk was excused, and Amy R. Stearns, Chief Deputy County Clerk remained. 11:26 a.m.

The meeting reconvened. 11:34 a.m.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, to go out of closed session. Motion carried.
11:40 a.m.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Zender, to approve the minutes of the closed session.
Motion carried.

Motion by Schneider, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the Letter of Understanding between Lapeer County and Police Officers Association of Michigan Unit B ("Union"), as presented during closed session, and allow the County Controller/Administrator to sign said letter. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned. 11:42 a.m.

Dyle Henning, Vice-Chairman
Committee of the Whole