

**LAPEER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
May 5, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

Vice-Chair Henning called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the lower level of the County Complex Building. Commissioner Miller opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:	Brenden Miller	District #1
	Dyle Henning	District #3
	Lenny Schneider	District #4
	Rick Warren	District #5
	Linda M. Jarvis	District #6
	Bryan Zender	District #7

Jackie Arnold, Chief Financial Officer  
Lynette Stanford, Secretary/Deputy County Clerk

Absent: Gary Roy District #2

**AGENDA**

The agenda and draft minutes from the April 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed.

**136-22**

Motion by Warren, supported by Jarvis, to accept the agenda with the deletion of a closed session. Motion carried.

**137-22**

Motion by Warren, supported by Jarvis, to approve the April 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, with a note of a spelling error on the first page. Motion carried.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES**

Henry Horton, County Surveyor gave a brief update regarding Remonumentation.

Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk gave a report of the Election held May 3, 2022.

Eric Pearson, Managing Director of the Road Commission introduced John Daly, who will be assuming the roll of Managing Director due to Mr. Pearson's retirement after 35 years of service.

Pete Kirley, Director of Veterans Affairs gave an update regarding his department.

**PUBLIC TIME** – 8 people spoke during public time.

**138-22**

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

139-22

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

140-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

141-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

142-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

143-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

144-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

145-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

146-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

147-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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

**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, existing service reductions by way of long-term position vacancies will progressively erode service levels and 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, December 1, 2022 through 2028, 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.

(Resolution continued)

**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, 2022-2028).*

“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 2028, 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.

**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: Schneider, aye; Warren, aye; Zender, aye; Jarvis, aye; Miller, aye; Henning, aye; Roy, absent. 6 ayes, 1 absent. Motion carried.

148-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

149-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

150-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

151-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

152-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, 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.

153-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Jarvis, to authorize the Treasurer to fill one full-time Land Management Account Clerk position (#33) due to an FMLA leave up until May 24, 2022, at no additional cost to the County's General Fund; and further, to authorize changing the funding of this position to Fund 532. Motion carried.

154-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Jarvis, to authorize the Health Department to fill one full-time Senior Programs Director position (#357) due to a recent resignation effective May 16, 2022, at no additional cost to the County General Fund. Motion carried.

155-22

Motion by Zender, supported by Warren, pursuant to the recommendations of the properties committee to authorize Building and Grounds to accept the quote from Better Buy Flags for the purchase of a new flag pole with installation at the Historic Courthouse at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00; and further to authorize Building and Grounds to purchase new flags to be included in the total price, to be paid from Fund 295 at no additional cost to the general fund. Motion carried.

156-22

Motion by Zender, supported by Jarvis, pursuant to the recommendation of the American Rescue Plan Act Committee (ARPA) and in response to the impacts of the Covid-19 public health emergency, to amend Board Motion #78-22 to increase the total by an additional \$1,310.00. Motion carried.

157-22

Motion by Zender, supported by Jarvis, pursuant to the recommendation of the American Rescue Plan Act Committee (ARPA) and in response to the impacts of the Covid-19 public health emergency, to amend Board Motion #79-22 to increase the total by an additional \$9,188.00. Motion carried.

158-22

Motion by Schneider, supported by Warren, to approve the County's Audit Motion for disbursements dated May 6, 2022, based upon the signature of the County Controller/Administrator; and further, to approve the Road Commission Audit Motion for disbursements dated May 5, 2022 based upon the signatures of the Road Commission Chairman and Finance Director. Roll Call vote: Schneider, aye; Warren, aye; Zender, aye; Henning, aye; Jarvis, aye; Miller, aye; Roy, absent. 6 ayes, 1 absent. Motion carried.

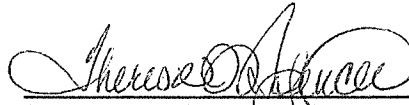
**Public Time** – 4 people spoke during public time.

The Commissioners gave brief reports on meetings and conferences that they have recently attended, as well as upcoming meetings and events.

Vice-Chair Henning declared the meeting adjourned. 11:19 a.m.

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Dyle Henning, Vice-Chair  
Board of Commissioners



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Theresa M. Spender, County Clerk  
Clerk of the Board