

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
May 12, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Vice-Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 9:12 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 Bryan Zender, Dyle Henning, Rick Warren, Brendan Miller

Others: Quentin Bishop, County Controller/Administrator, Jackie Arnold, Chief Financial Officer, Amy R. Stearns, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Absent: Commissioner Lenny Schneider, Linda M. Jarvis, Gary Roy

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion regarding what is happening in the insurance industry, and the deletion of a closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

Elected Official/Department Head Updates

No comments were received.

Public Time – one person spoke during public time.

Quentin Bishop, County Controller/Administrator introduced Sheena Horton, Director of MGT Consulting, who was attending via ZOOM, Ms. Horton gave an update regarding the MGT Wage Study. Discussion followed.

Motion by Warren, supported by Miller, to recommend to the Full Board, to adopt the following Resolution regarding Community Corrections:

**RESOLUTION
Fiscal Year 2023 Community Corrections Grant Application**

WHEREAS, Lapeer County, as a member of the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections with Sanilac and Tuscola Counties, recognizes the need to offer felony probationers with specific programming targeted at further advancing offender success rates, reducing recidivism and prison commitment rates; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Corrections Grant Application, written on behalf of the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections, will provide a funding source to incorporate such programming and administrative oversight in Lapeer County.

(Resolution continued)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners hereby approves Lapeer County's participation in the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2023 Community Corrections Grant Application, for the period of 10/01/2022 thru 09/30/23.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon proceedings of the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners this 19th day of May, 2022.

Roll Call vote: Warren, aye; Miller, aye; Schneider, absent; Zender, aye; Henning, aye; Jarvis, absent; Roy, aye. 4 ayes, 3 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Lapeer County Health Department to purchase a Titmus V2 Vision Screener, at a cost not to exceed \$3,989.89, at no additional cost to the County General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, supported by Warren, to recommend to the Full Board, to accept the Michigan Association for Local Public Health (MALPH) Lapeer Health Department Staff Wellbeing mini-grant in the amount of \$4,000.00, at no additional cost to the County General Fund and to authorize the Director/Health Officer, to sign said agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, supported by Warren, to recommend to the Full Board, to accept the Fiscal Year 2022 Round 2 Valley Area Agency on Aging (VAAA) contract amendment, at no additional cost to the County General Fund; and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign said contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the transfer of \$89,193.33, representing the 2nd of three installments toward the annual allocation of \$267,580.00, 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 Warren, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to adopt the following Resolution to Approve Ballot Millage Proposal for Highway, Road and Street purposes, including Bridges within Lapeer County:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BALLOT MILLAGE PROPOSAL
FOR HIGHWAY, ROAD AND STREET
PURPOSES INCLUDING BRIDGES WITHIN LAPEER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, there is need for significant repair, maintenance and improvement of highways, roads, streets and bridges located within Lapeer County and there is no assurance that state and federal money will be available to fund such needed repairs, maintenance and improvements in the County, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Lapeer, acting pursuant to and in accordance with Act 283 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended ("Act 283"), adopted a resolution to request that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners adopt the resolution to submit a ballot proposal to County electors at the November 8th, 2022 state general election to increase the County's total tax rate limitation as provided in Section 6 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963 in order to levy taxes for County road purposes for a specified number of years; and

WHEREAS, Lapeer County is authorized to submit a ballot proposal to the County electors for the authorization of a new millage for road purposes; and

WHEREAS, the wording of the ballot proposal to be submitted to County electors is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. A ballot proposal, as set forth in Exhibit A, to increase the County's total tax rate limitation by, and to levy up to, the amount of 1.85 mill for a period of four (4) years, commencing in 2022 through and including 2025, both inclusive, to provide funding for the maintenance, repair and improvement of highways, roads, streets, and bridges located within Lapeer County, which is a request for a new millage, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County.
2. The ballot proposal shall be submitted to the electors at the state general election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, pursuant to the provisions of Act 62, the General Property Tax Act, and the Michigan Election Law.
3. The ballot proposal to be submitted to the electors shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and in such form as hereby approved and certified to the County Clerk.
4. The County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to provide all notices of the election as may be required by law, including the Michigan Election Law. Without limitation of the foregoing, the Notice of Election shall contain a statement by the County Treasurer of the total of all voted increases in the total tax rate limitation to the County, and each local unit therein, and the year the increases are effective, as required by Section 3 of Act 63.

(Resolution continued)

5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

EXHIBIT A

**MILLAGE PROPOSAL FOR
HIGHWAY ROAD AND STREET PURPOSES INCLUDING
BRIDGES WITHIN LAPEER COUNTY**

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Lapeer be increased by 1.85 mill (\$1.85 for \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2022 to 2025, inclusive, as a new millage, for the purpose of providing funds, as apportioned pursuant to Public Act 133 of 1968 (MCL 224.20b), to the Lapeer County Road Commission, City of Lapeer, City of Inlay City, City of Brown City, Village of Almont, Village of Clifford, Village of Columbiaville, Village of Dryden, Village of Metamora, Village of North Branch, and the Village of Otter Lake to be used exclusively for the repair, maintenance and improvement of existing roads and bridges in the townships, and in the foregoing cities and villages, in Lapeer County. It is estimated that 1.85 mill will raise approximately \$6,415,009.00 when the millage is first levied in 2022.

Roll Call vote: Warren, aye; Miller, aye; Schneider, absent; Zender, aye; Henning, aye; Jarvis, absent; Roy absent. 4 ayes 3 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to amend motion 96-22 to omit "Lapeer Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Development Authority" and replace with "the City of Lapeer". Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, supported by Warren, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize payment to Attorney Howard L. Shifman P.C., in the amount of \$920.00, for labor related legal services rendered through April 30, 2022, to be paid from line item 101-210-801.020. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding Insurance Reform.

Motion by Miller, supported by Warren, to refer the Resolution Regarding Insurance Reform to the May 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting with a revised draft to be presented at that time. Roll Call vote: Miller, aye; Schneider, absent; Warren, aye; Zender, aye; Henning, aye; Jarvis, absent; Roy, absent. 4 ayes, 3 absent. Motion carried.

Public Time – four people spoke during public time.

The Commissioners gave brief reports on upcoming meetings and events.

The meeting adjourned. 11:28 a.m.

Dyle Henning, Vice-Chairman
Committee of the Whole