

LAPEER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 2, 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 Henning opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Quentin Bishop, County Controller/Administrator
Jackie Arnold, Chief Financial Officer
Lynette Stanford, Secretary/Deputy County Clerk

Absent:	Gary Roy	District #2
	Lenny Schneider	District #4

AGENDA

The agenda and draft minutes from the May 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed.

193-22

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

194-22

Motion by Jarvis, supported by Warren, to approve the May 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes, with a note of a spelling error on the first page. Motion carried.

ELECTED OFFICIAL/DEPARTMENT HEAD UPDATES

Sheriff McKenna introduced Deputy Lindsey Vogt, who has recently joined the Lapeer County Sheriff Department staff, and administered the Oath of Office to Deputy Vogt.

*Commissioner Miller arrived. 9:08 a.m.

John Bustle, Program and Operations Director gave a brief update regarding the Parks.

PUBLIC TIME – 1 person spoke during public time.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BOARD – one unexpired term

195-22

Motion by Warren, supported by Jarvis, to appoint Donna Shelton to serve on the Mental Health Services Board, for an unexpired term ending March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

196-22

Motion by Miller, supported by Zender, to approve the Tentative Truth in Taxation Calendar for Fiscal Year 2022, as submitted; and further, to adopt the following Resolution, which establishes the date of June 16, 2022 for the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing, and authorizes the publication of the hearing notice:

RESOLUTION
Regarding Proposed Public Hearing on
Increasing Property Taxes

WHEREAS, the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners of the County of Lapeer is required to establish a public hearing on a proposed increase of 0.3123 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the hearing is hereby established for Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lapeer County Complex, Lower Level, 255 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446, and authorizes publication in a newspaper of general circulation on June 8, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the taxing unit which will publish the public hearing notice has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate; and,

WHEREAS, if adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 6.32% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing; and further, if the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating revenue will increase by -1.28% over the preceding year's operating revenue; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners will take action on the proposed additional millage at their June 16, 2022 meeting shortly after 9:00 a.m. at the Lapeer County Complex, 255 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446.

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

197-22

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to adopt the following Resolution Opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732:

RESOLUTION

***RESOLUTION OPPOSING MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 4729, 4730, 4731, &
4732***

WHEREAS, Zillow, a for-profit corporation from Seattle, WA, has been lobbying the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation that undermines the integrity of Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices across the State of Michigan; and,

(Resolution continued)

WHEREAS, the legislation that Zillow is lobbying for would require Register of Deeds and Treasurer Office across the State of Michigan to provide for-profit corporations copies of any official records maintained by those offices at a significant discount or in some instances free of any charge. As a result, the taxpayers will be responsible for picking up the tab for providing these records and the financial burden created by the loss of revenue for these offices; and,

WHEREAS, if these Bills become law, Zillow and other for-profit corporations will have the ability to demand the manner in which the Register of Deeds and Treasurer must provide copies of official records; and,

WHEREAS, if these Bills become law, they would impose new restrictions and limits on what Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices can charge for parcel cards, and would burden Michigan taxpayers with the cost to provide records to out-of-state entities and corporate organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Zillow and other corporations will capitalize on selling publicly owned records, provided to them free of charge, while at the same time placing Michigan residents at a higher risk for fraud and theft; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League are united in opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners **OPPOSE** Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732, as private corporations should not benefit financially from public records at the expense of Michigan taxpayers; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, Senator Kevin Daley, Representative Gary Howell, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds, and the Michigan Municipal League.

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

198-22

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to adopt the following resolution regarding Michigan Works:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the US Department of Labor (USDOL) has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Wagner Peyser Act Staffing (Docket No. ETA-2022-0003) which would require States, with no exceptions, to use State merit staff to provide Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) services; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal would reverse current federal policy that allows States maximum flexibility in staffing to provide ES services; and,

WHEREAS, a 1998 settlement agreement (*Michigan v Herman*) has allowed the State of Michigan to use local merit staff employees to deliver ES services through the local network of Michigan Works! Agencies to over 86,000 job seekers in 2021; and,

WHEREAS, our primary concern is the negative impacts of this proposal to Michiganders and the primary customers of the workforce development system - both job seekers and employers; and,

WHEREAS, a key benefit to greater staffing flexibility is strong local strategic relationships with businesses, higher education, nonprofits, childcare, elementary and secondary education, adult education providers, and other partners which allows for more efficient customer service to connect job seekers with in-demand jobs and training opportunities and facilitates a pipeline for those students to local employers; and,

WHEREAS, GST Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board, comprised of business, labor and community leaders, is currently responsible for the effective and efficient delivery of seven Michigan Works American Job Centers in Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, Shiawassee and Tuscola Counties using 20+ ES local staff, and this rule would take away local control of Employment Services; and,

WHEREAS, with this required staffing model, staff and service reductions are inevitable as services currently provided by over 400 Michigan Works! staff would be reduced to approximately 100 State of Michigan staff, resulting in significantly longer wait times for job seekers and delays in services for the 32,000 businesses served annually; and,

WHEREAS, this change would risk potential loss of several of the 99 full and satellite Michigan Works! American Job Centers across the state, and would negatively impact our constituents by decreased assistance filling job openings, reduction and elimination of job fairs, cutting of industry-led collaboratives, and decreased or no access to job training programs; and,

(Resolution continued)

WHEREAS, limiting ES staffing to State staff, would eliminate the advantage of the streamlined current staffing model in Michigan which leverages other program funding from WIOA Title II Adult Education, SNAP, TANF, TAA, and others to supplement the Wagner-Peyser state allocation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners, of Lapeer, Michigan, hereby urges the USDOL to abandon this proposed rule change, and urges Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Congressional Delegation to support local control by the Workforce Development Boards and oppose this rule and notify the USDOL Secretary that it would have an adverse impact on the Michigan "One Stop" workforce development system,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Debbie Stabenow, Congressional Representative Lisa McClain, State Senator Kevin Daley, State Representative Gary Howell, Chief Executive Officer of Michigan Works, Jody Kerbyson, and Michigan Association of Counties.

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

199-22

Motion by Warren, supported by Jarvis, to authorize the Friend of the Court to accept and electronically submit the Access and Visitation Grant Contract No. SCAO 2022-019 (CFDA# 93.597) 1st Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022; and further to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign said Amendment. Motion carried.

200-22

Motion by Miller, supported by Warren, to authorize Community Mental Health to fill one full-time Peer Support Specialist position (#565) in the Harmony Hall Clubhouse Program due to a recent resignation effective on May 16, 2022, as well as any subsequent vacancy should internal transfers occur, at no additional cost to the County's General Fund. Motion carried.

201-22

Motion by Miller, supported by Warren, to authorize the Friend of the Court to fill the full-time Enforcement Officer position (#203) due to an internal transfer to another County Department effective June 10, 2022, as well as any subsequent vacancy should an internal promotion occur, at no additional cost the County's General Fund. Motion carried.

202-22

Motion by Warren, supported by Zender, to approve the County's Audit Motion for disbursements dated June 6, 2022, based upon the signature of the County Controller/Administrator; and further, to approve the Road Commission Audit Motion for disbursements dated June 5, 2022 based upon the signatures of the Road Commission Chairman and Finance Director. Roll Call vote: Warren, aye; Jarvis, aye; Miller, aye; Schneider, absent; Zender, aye; Henning, aye; Roy, absent. 5 ayes, 2 absent. Motion carried.

Public Time – 2 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. 10:00 a.m.

Dyle Henning, Vice-Chair
Board of Commissioners



Theresa M. Spencer, County Clerk
Clerk of the Board