

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
June 8, 2023
9:00 a.m.

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

Present: Commissioners Brad Haggadone, William Hamilton, Gary Howell, Kevin Knisely, Tom Kohlman, Truman Mast, Bryan Zender

Others: Jackie Arnold, Interim County Controller/Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, Doreen Clark, Administration Office Manager, Amy Stearns, Chief Deputy County Clerk, Andrea King, Deputy Clerk

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Knisely, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Motion by Knisely, supported by Howell, to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

Elected Official/Department Head Updates

Theresa Spencer, County Clerk gave an update regarding the Jury Board needing a position filled.

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

Phil Kaatz, Interim District Coordinator, MSU Extension, introduced himself as the Interim District Coordinator of the re-districted region.

Public Time – three people spoke during public time.

Mike Womack, City of Lapeer Manager, introduced himself to the Board. He discussed the possibility of new boundaries for the City of Lapeer Social District and the possibility of moving the farmer's market moving back downtown.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Mast, to recommend to the Full Board, to accept grant funds from FEMA for the purchase of livestock corral panels for Animal Control at cost not to exceed \$2030.00. Funds to be directed to fund 225.433.813.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Knisely, to recommend to the Full Board, to amend motion #217-22 from the June 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting related to the incinerator purchase for Animal Control to reflect the price increase from \$275,000.00 to \$278,318.00 for additional stack sections to meet the required height of the building, to be paid from ARPA fund 281 (expenditure category 6.1). Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to accept the FY24 MDHHS Allocations and authorize the Director/Health Officer to e-sign the application. Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Health Department to purchase a 6 x 12 ft. enclosed storage trailer at a cost not to exceed \$6,947.00, and at no additional cost to the County's General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Knisely, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office to purchase a replacement metal detector for the County Courthouse at a cost not to exceed \$5,120.00 (with shipping) from line #207-350-977.000, and at no additional cost to the County's General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Knisely, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office to purchase a new Jail Management System (JMS) to replace a now non-existing program, at a first- year cost of \$14,970.00, to be paid from line #207-351-850.200, and at no additional cost to the County's General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Knisely, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff's Department as presented:

\$35,000 decrease to line item 207-100-700.100 (Contingency)
\$25,000 increase to line item 207-301-956.000 (Training)
\$10,000 increase to line item 207-301-980.000 (Vehicles)

Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported to Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office to purchase a new TruckVault brand secure weapons and equipment storage unit for installation and use in a new 2022 Dodge Durango entering into service as a Special Response Team/Supervisor vehicle assigned to the Patrol Division, at a cost not to exceed \$3,048.99, to be paid from line #207-307-977.000, and at no additional cost to the County's General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the Tentative Truth in Taxation Calendar for FY 2023, as attached; and further to adopt the following Resolution, which establishes the date of June 22, 2023 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 0.5117 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on property in 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the hearing is hereby established for Thursday, June 22, 2023 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 14, 2023; 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 8.07% 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 1.99% 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 22, 2023 meeting shortly after 9:00 a.m. at the Lapeer County Complex, 255 Clay Street, Lapeer, Michigan 48446.

Roll Call vote: Haggadone, aye; Zender, aye; Hamilton, aye; Howell, aye; Knisely, aye; Mast, aye; Kohlman, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Howell, to recommend to the Full Board to authorize payment to Shifman Fournier, PLC, in the amount of \$5,040.00 for labor related legal services rendered through May 31, 2023, to be paid from line item #101-239-801.020. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board and pursuant to the recommendation of the Policies and Procedures Committee, to approve the revised Rules of Procedure for the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners for FY 2023, as attached. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Mast, to recommend to the Full Board and pursuant to the recommendation of the Policies and Procedures Committee, to approve the revised Financial Goals, Policies and Practices, as attached, reflecting the new Section 10 regarding Cash Receipting. Motion carried

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Mast, to recommend to the Full Board to increase the Prosecuting Attorney's salary to \$145,000.00 annually.

Motion by Mast, supported by Knisely, to amend the motion above to increase the Prosecuting Attorney's salary to \$149,000.00 annually. Amended motion failed.

Vote on original motion: Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, pursuant to action taken at the May 25, 2023 giving the Committee of the Whole meeting the authority to act in this matter, to approve the Employment Agreement between the County of Lapeer and Moses Sanzo, as the appointed Lapeer County Controller/Administrator, as negotiated and agreed upon, for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027; and further, to authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Howell, to recommend to the Full Board, to give a written Notice of Intent to the Prosecuting Attorney of the Board's intent to seek alternate corporate counsel services. Motion carried.


Motion by Howell, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to have the Chairman appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to look into civil counsel procedures and to seek out potential law firm vendors to represent the County. Motion carried.

Chairman Kohlman appointed Commissioner Howell, Commissioner Hamilton, and himself to serve on the Civil Counsel Ad Hoc Committee.

Public Time – five people spoke during public time.

Commissioners gave brief reports and thanked Jackie Arnold for the great job she did as the Interim County Controller/Administrator.

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to adjourn the meeting. 11:06 a.m.



Tom Kohlman, Chairman
Committee of the Whole