

# PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

**August 30, 2023**

*Room 302 COUNTY COMPLEX  
255 CLAY STREET, LAPEER, MI 48446*

Chairman Kohlman called the meeting to order at approximately 1:02 p.m. in Room 302 of the County Complex.

Members Present: Commissioners Tom Kohlman, Kevin Knisely, Truman Mast, Moses Sanzo, County Administrator/Controller, and John Bustle, Program & Operations Manager

Others: Jillian Weiss, Building & Grounds/Parks Special Events Coordinator, Joe Suma, Drain Commissioner, and Mike Womack, City of Lapeer Manager

Visitors/ Citizens: none.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes from August 10, 2023 were briefly reviewed.

**Motion by Knisley, supported by Mast, to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2023 meeting of the Properties Committee meeting as presented. Motion carried.**

## **NEW/GENERAL ITEMS**

DRAIN- Request to purchase 5 parcels adjacent to Merritt Lake Dam on behalf of the Merritt Lake Special Assessment District.

ADMIN- Requested discussion with City of Lapeer Manager, Mike Womack, to discuss Courthouse Square pavilion and request from City Planner regarding County building.

## **ADMIN**

Due to time constraints, discussion with Mike Womack occurred first. Sanzo briefly explained the past history between with the City and the County regarding the Courthouse Square Pavilion, which ended with the pavilion being first come first serve and the seating being secured to the ground. The pavilion currently needs maintenance work with the understanding that upcoming maintenance will be required. Womack discussed wanting to have a working relationship between the City and County. Womack explained wanting the pavilion to look nice and the possibilities of events. Kohlman expressed concern about the social district expanding onto county property.

Further discussion on which entity would be responsible for maintenance and utility billing occurred.

1. **Motion by Mast, supported by Knisely, to recommend to the Full Board to approve further communication between both administrations (Moses Sanzo, Lapeer County Administrator/Controller and Mike Womack, City of Lapeer Manager) to come to an agreement regarding the Courthouse Square Pavilion. Said agreement would be presented to the Properties Committee. Motion carried.**

Womack left the meeting at 1:27 p.m. following motion.

### **DRAIN**

Suma explained that the parcels are in the auction on September 8<sup>th</sup> and a price was provided by Dana Miller, Treasurer. Suma explained the reason behind the purchase is for access and safety of the Dam. Knisely expressed concern about the land being majority wetlands. Suma explained that with the purchase of two of the parcels it could create a staging area for repairs to the Dam if needed, as those parcels are not wetlands. Suma explained that if the listed parcels are bought privately, the potential for an easement purchase could occur and expressed liability concerns of the Dam. Suma explained how the levying and monies would be collected though the Merritt Lake Special Assessment District.

2. **Motion by Knisely, supported by Mast, to recommend to the Full Board to authorize the purchase of parcels 015-200-043-00, 015-200-044-00, 015-200-046-00, 015-200-047-00, located in Metamora Township, Lapeer County, to be paid initially by Lapeer County General Funds at the cost provided by Treasurer, not to exceed \$24,200.00, and reimbursed by the Merritt Lake Special Assessment District with monies to be collected from the levying of special assessments.**

### **ADJOURN**

Motion by Mast, supported by Knisely, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. 1:50 p.m.

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Tom Kohlman, Chairman  
Lapeer County Properties Committee