

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
October 12, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Chairman Kohlman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Historic Courthouse, Courtroom on the second floor. Commissioner Mast opened the meeting with a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Others: Moses Sanzo, County Controller/Administrator, Jackie Arnold, Chief Financial Officer, Doreen Clark, Assistant to the Administrator, Lynette Stanford, Secretary/Deputy County Clerk

Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to approve the agenda with the addition of a motion to add a member to the Recycling Committee (aka Solid Waste Planning Committee), and the deletion of a closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Zender, to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting; and further, to approve the correction to motion #293.2023 from the September 28, 2023 Draft Regular Board Meeting Minutes to reflect the Michigan Municipal League, not Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). Motion carried.

Elected Official/Department Head Updates

Moses Sanzo, County Controller/Administrator requested that the Committee amend the membership to the Information Technology (I.T.) Committee.

Motion by Zender, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, to establish an Information Technology (I.T.) Committee as a regular sub-committee of the Board effective immediately, and that the following members be appointed:

Committee Voting members:

Tom Kohlman – Chairman

Kevin Knisely – Commissioner

Bill Hamilton – Commissioner

Moses Sanzo – Administrator/Controller

Jackie Arnold – Chief Financial Officer

John Bustle – Buildings & Grounds/Parks Director

Jeremiah Brown – IT Service at 911 Dispatch

Non- voting member:

Mike Bartley – Founder/Owner of ASI

Motion carried.

John Miller, Prosecutor gave an update regarding recent Court proceedings.

Public Time – six people spoke during public time.

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Community Corrections Grant, so that the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board (TARCCAB) can provide Community Corrections Service, for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, as submitted; and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign said Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Mast, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), in the amount of \$5,542.00, at no additional cost to the County General Fund; and further, to authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign said Grant. Motion carried.

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Valley Area Agency on Aging (VAAA) award for various senior programs and services, and to authorize the Health Department Director to electronically sign the contract, and that a copy be forwarded to the County Clerk, to be entered into the Official Record as an exhibit. Motion carried.

Motion by Knisely, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department to submit the Corrections Office's training Grant for the 3rd calendar year, at no additional cost to the County General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Howell, to recommend to the Full Board, to adopt the 2023 Lapeer County Apportionment Report (L-4402) as prepared by the Equalization Director; and further, to authorize the report to be sent to the State of Michigan. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize payment to Shifman Fournier, in the amount of \$1,575.00, for labor related legal services rendered through September 30, 2023, to be paid from line item 101-239-801.020. Motion carried.

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize payment to the Valley Area Agency on Aging (VAAA) in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the local match contribution for Fiscal Year 2024, to be paid from line item 276-102-957.000. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Goodland Township's PA 116 Application submitted by applicant, Keeping Farms, LLC, for Section No. 24 Town No. 8N, Range 12E, Parcel #44-009-024-004-20, approximately 36 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Almont Township's PA 116 Application #01 submitted by applicant, Keeping Farms, LLC, for Section No. 24 Town No. 6N, Range 12E, Parcel #44-001-024-003-10, approximately 73 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Almont Township's PA 116 Application #02 submitted by applicant, Keeping Farms, LLC, for Section No. 24 Town No. 6N, Range 12E, Parcel #44-001-024-001-10, approximately 72.22 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Almont Township's PA 116 Application #03 submitted by applicant, Spencer Living Trust Gordon & Elaine, for Section No. 11 Town No. 6N, Range 12E, Parcel #44-001-011-012-00, approximately 157 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Almont Township's PA 116 Application #04 submitted by applicant, Spencer Living Trust Gordon & Elaine, for Section No. 14 Town No. 6N, Range 12E, Parcel #44-001-011-013-00, approximately 78 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Almont Township's PA 116 Application #05 submitted by applicant, S & B Farms, LLC, for Section No. 5 Town No. 6N, Range 12E, Parcel #44-001-005-014-00, approximately 74 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Almont Township's PA 116 Application #06 submitted by applicant, S & B Farms, LLC, for Section No. 14 Town No. 6N, Range 12E, Parcel #44-001-014-005-00, approximately 77.5 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Almont Township's PA 116 Application #07 submitted by applicant, S & B Farms, LLC, for Section No. 17 Town No. 6N, Range 12E, Parcel #44-001-017-004-20, approximately 186 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Hamilton, pursuant to motion 290-2023 of the September 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, giving the Committee of the Whole the authority to act, which shall include forwarding the motion to the next regular meeting to be entered into the record, that the Lapeer County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of Almont Township's PA 116 Application #08 submitted by applicant, S & B Farms, LLC, for Section No. 18 Town No. 6N, Range 12E, Parcels #44-001-018-020-00 and #44-001-018-021-00, approximately 152 acres for a period of 10 years, and on October 12, 2023 recommends approval of said application. Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the purchase of the proposed office furniture for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, at a cost not to exceed \$11,856.00, from the contingencies budget line for said department. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Knisely, to recommend to the Full Board, to add Commissioner Haggadone as the third member of the Recycling Sub-Committee (aka Solid Waste Planning Committee), with the other members being Commissioners Howell and Kohlman. Motion carried.

Public Time – four people spoke during public time.

Commissioner Reports

At this time, the Commissioners had an opportunity to give brief reports on meetings and conferences that they have recently attended, as well as upcoming meetings and events, along with statements regarding public time comments.

County Controller/Administrator and/or Chief Financial Officer updates

Moses Sanzo, County Controller/Administrator thanked the Committee for supporting the Information Technology (I.T.) Committee, and gave a brief update regarding the process of finding health insurance providers for the County Employees.

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to adjourn the meeting. 10:12 a.m.



Tom Kohlman, Chairman
Committee of the Whole