Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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Jim Storey, Chairperson Dean Kapenga, Vice Chairperson

BOARD PLANNING SESSION-AGENDA

Thursday, May 11, 2023, @ 9:00 AM County Services Building, Board Room Virtual Meeting Options Attached

DISTRICT 1

Jim Storey 616-848-9767 jstorey@ allegancounty.org

9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Jim Storey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

DISTRICT 2

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DISTRICT 3

Dean Kapenga 616-218-2599 dkapenga@ allegancounty.org

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- 1. 2023/27 Strategic Plan Updates:
 - a. Rock Tenn Developer–Vishal Arora, Founder/Ceo, Magnus Capital Partners
- 2. Board of Commissioners-Mileage Reimbursement
- Administrative Update
 - a. 2022 Annual Wellness Report and 1st Quarter 2023–Lyn Holoway, Human Resources Manager with Holtyn & Associates

DISTRICT 4

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OTHER ITEMS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

DISTRICT 5

Gale Dugan 269-694-5276 gdugan@ allegancounty.org

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:

- 1. 2022 Annual Public Health Report and 1st Quarter 2023–Angelique Joynes, Health Officer
- 2. Administrative Update

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting—Thursday, May 25, 2023, 9:00 AM @ COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, BOARD ROOM.

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HōM Flats at West River

Otsego, MI



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Introduction

Established in 2009 and based in Grand Rapids, MI, Magnus Capital Partners is a privately-held real estate development firm with a focus on innovative, profitable projects.

With a value-added approach and focus on risk-adjusted returns, our investment strategies are based on current conditions and a long-term outlook—relevant today for a profitable future.

- More than \$1B of investments to date including value-add and development of multifamily and commercial properties throughout the US.
- Focus on infill locations in major markets.
- Leverage multifamily experience, address the workforce housing shortage.
- Correlate investments with transit infrastructure.
- Develop long-term public and private partnerships.

Who is Magnus?





Our Vision

At HoM Flats, we create socially responsible housing solutions.

Be diligent.

Diligence requires patience and perseverance. Many of the questions we ask are tedious and exhaustive. Some are difficult to ask. Yet the temerity to pursue the answer is what informs our execution and allows us to be the vanguard of responsible change in the housing industry and raise living standards in our communities.

Do good.

Address the workforce housing shortage.

Innovate.

Innovation can be difficult, but equally necessary to improve the living standards of our residents and the surrounding communities. Leadership can require the adoption of less obvious choices. Magnus Capital Partners deploys innovative solutions because of its unflinching belief that change is a positive force.

Investment Principles

Integrity First

- Conduct ourselves with integrity, transparency, and professionalism
- Partner with high quality people to foster momentum
- Protect our reputation as a trusted partner

Thematic

- Concentrate on urbanization trend in major markets
- Address workforce housing shortage, leverage Federal and State incentives
- Develop long-term public and private partnerships

360° Success

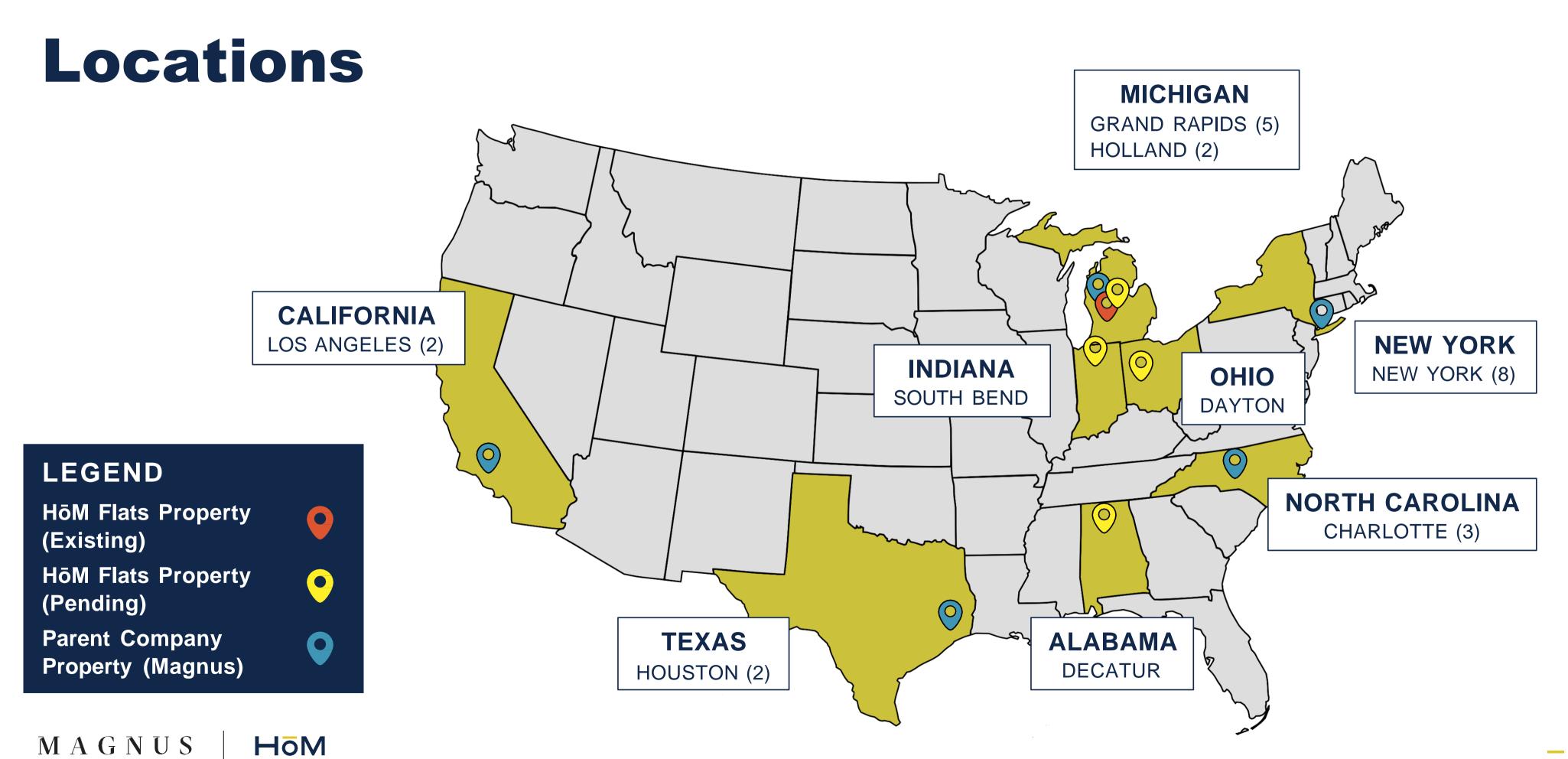
- Unlock value for all stakeholders
- Embrace potential of public and private partnerships
- Insist upon alignment of financial, development, and design goals

Transit-Oriented

- Invest alongside local transit infrastructure
- Focus on supply constrained submarkets that support densification
- Capitalize on shortage of workforce housing near employment centers







How We Manage

Magnus Capital Partners is vertically integrated, unlike many other real estate investment companies. This allows us to maintain efficiency and accountability throughout the entire development spectrum.











Executive Summary

With its HōM Flats properties, Magnus is providing a local solution to a national issue: Wage growth isn't keeping pace with the rise in housing prices, and there's not enough housing to keep up with the demand. All choices - from design to financing to community partnerships - have been informed by the decision to make the HōM Flats brand a pure play in workforce housing.

HōM Flats at West River will bring workforce units with best-in-class amenities intentionally designed to build community. Potential amenities are those typically seen at Class-A properties, including a game room, art studio, resident café, 24-hour maintenance, on-site recycling and a fitness studio, as well as rooftop terraces, indoor and outdoor children's play spaces, dog washing stations, indoor and outdoor dog parks and walking paths.

Our existing projects include:

- HōM Flats at 28 West in Wyoming, MI, a 640-unit, 3-phase development, with two phases completed in 2021 and 2022, and a 3rd phase set for construction in late 2023.
- HōM Flats at Felch Street in Holland, MI, a 114-unit development, completed in 2022.
- HōM Flats at Maynard in Grand Rapids, MI, a 240-unit development currently under construction with an anticipated January 2024 opening.



People. Place. Process.

People.

For the people, by the people. Lowercase 'd' democracy. We consider the people who live, work and partner with HōM Flats as the most valuable assets we have. We want to give people the tools they need to create the lives they aspire to. We do so through financial literacy classes, free gym classes, a Public Market, and so much more.

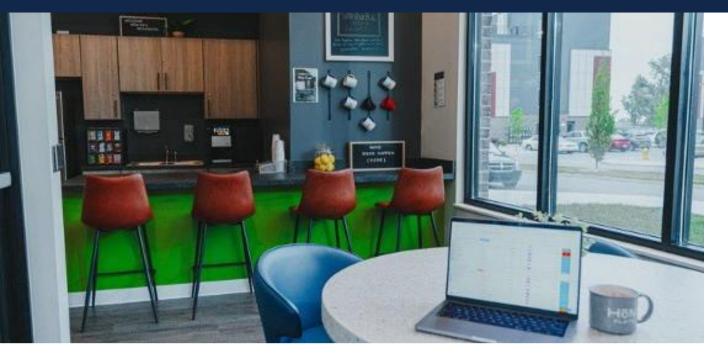
Place.

HōM Flats is anchored to each community. With close proximity to local conveniences, it is a natural modern extension of these communities. Each location provides great universal designs, lifestyle-driven amenities (gym/yoga classes, pet washing stations, open plan layouts, etc.), the PASS Partnership program, and more.

Process.

In an effort to improve resident experience, we provide an investment in technologies like the RealPage resident portal, social media campaigns, a regularly scheduled calendar of resident events, online maintenance requests, etc.

About Hom Flats







The HōM Flats Model

At HōM Flats, we take delight in supporting our neighbors, and contributing to the growth of our communities. Likewise, we seek to enrich the lives of our residents through the amenities, services, and programming offered at each HōM Flats location.

Featuring high-quality design, innovative style, and best-in-class amenities, we offer creative, modern living spaces built for those who expect excellence and demand value.

HōM Flats residents can find comfort knowing they are part of a broader community that values safety, service, and self-expression.



In-Unit Features











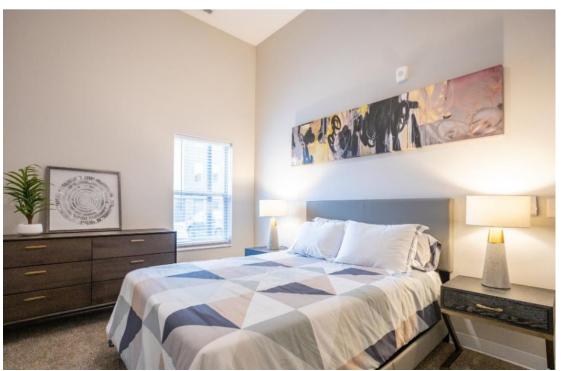










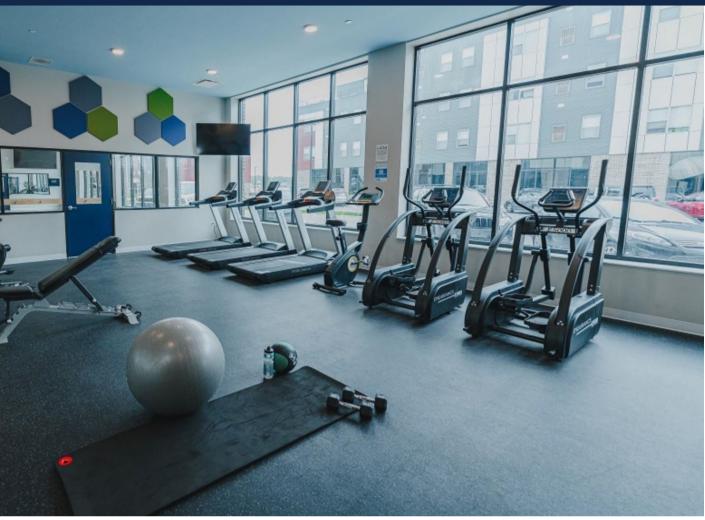








Living at HoM Flats





Amenities: Living Well

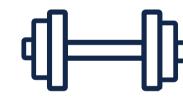
With ample areas to recharge, refresh, and relax, our residents enjoy taking advantage of the best HōM Flats complimentary amenities.

HōM Flats offers many ways to recharge indoors or outdoors, with friends or oneself, with vigor or with relaxation.





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FITNESS STUDIO/
FREE FITNESS
CLASSES

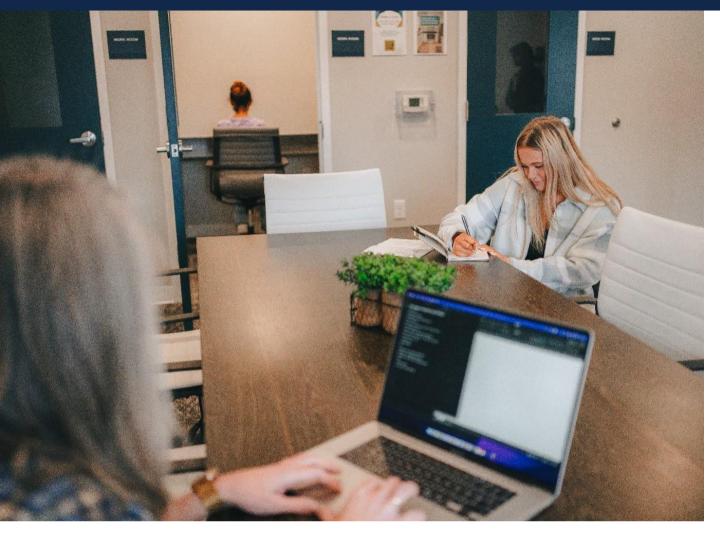








Living at HoM Flats





Amenities: Modern Conveniences

With modern conveniences abound, our residents enjoy productivity and peace-of-mind.

HōM Flats provides spaces and conveniences for residents to be productive, diligent, and accomplish all the tasks that come their way.





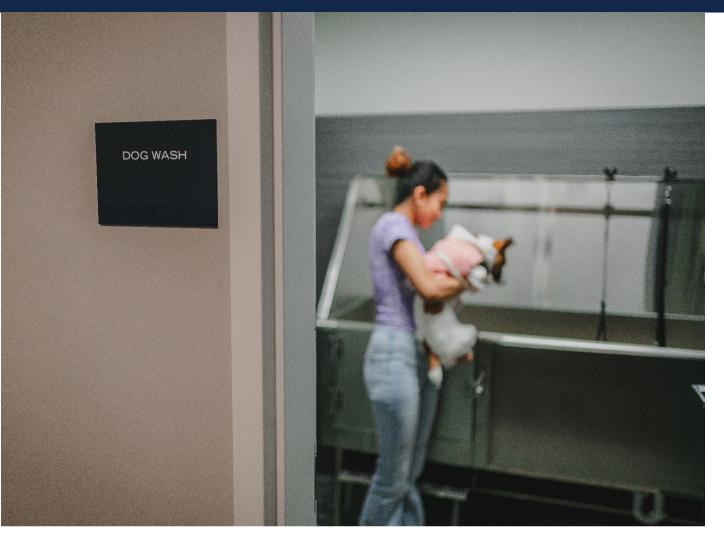


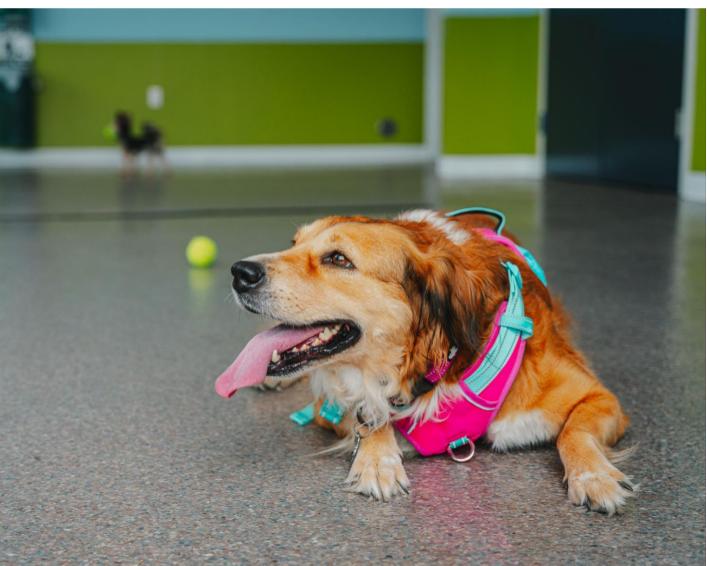






Living at HoM Flats





Amenities: Pet Friendly

Residents no longer have to worry about the cost or availability of a groomer. The property includes complimentary use of self-serve dog washing stations and an on-site dog park.

HōM Flats is happy to be a pet-friendly community for our residents and their furry friends.





AND
OUTDOOR
DOG PARKS



Resident Programs

Each HōM Flats property offers events and programs for the residents to help establish and strengthen a sense of community. Some examples include:

FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES

HOLIDAY EVENTS

RESUME REVIEW SERVICE

YOGA AT HŌM

ARTIST
PAINTING
CLASSES

COMMUNITY JOB HIRING EVENTS

BINGO

FITNESS CLASSES

TRIVIA NIGHT









Community Partnerships— Shopping Locally

In support of local businesses, we establish exclusive discounts for HōM Flats residents with a select group of local businesses.

- **RESTAURANTS**
- LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS
- RETAILERS



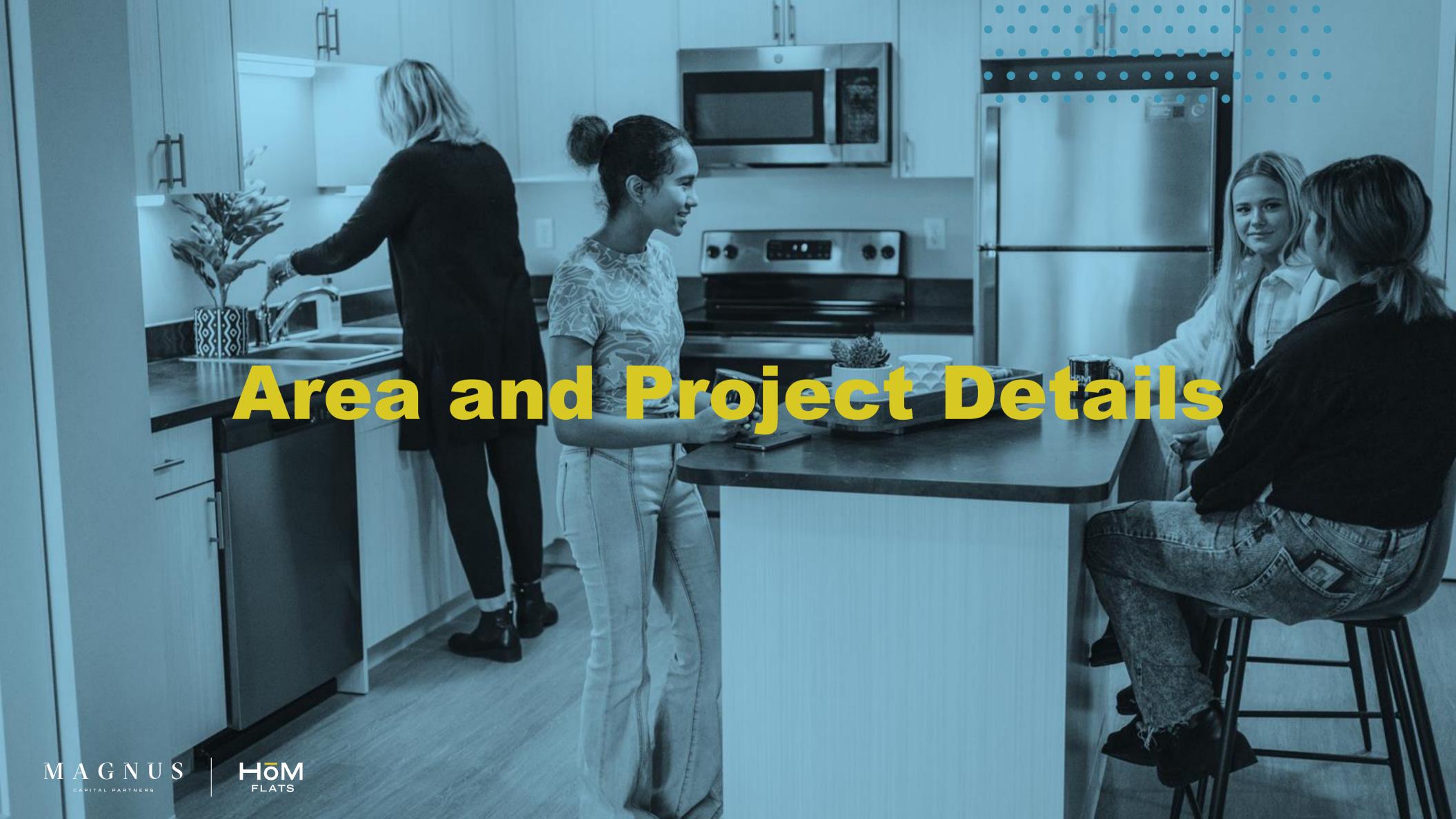
The HōM Flats PASS Program adds value to our residents by connecting them with businesses and services that fit their needs and budget.

The local businesses are chosen because they share in our belief to create positive social impact in the community. Our residents benefit by the savings and our **PASS Partners** gain access to a growing list of HōM Flats residents who agree that local businesses are a vital engine to our local economy and are willing to express their commitment with added patronage.









THE ALLEGAN COUNTY FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN IDENTIFIES THE "ROCK TENN REDEVELOPMENT" AS A PRIORITY PROJECT FOR THE AREA.

OTSEGO HOUSING NEEDS

The City of Otsego's housing plan affirms a focus on a mixed-income strategy to support both affordable and market-rate investments within the community.

The plan states 52 new workforce housing units are needed in 2023 within the City of Otsego. The plan further declares an additional 130 to 180 workforce units will be easily absorbed over the next 24 to 36 months.

Source: 2023 Housing Needs Assessment, City of Otsego



Examples of Residents' Incomes/ Jobs/Rent

These profiles are typical of Otsego renters and demonstrate what affordable housing should cost. For these working individuals, there is limited rental inventory to begin with—let alone ones that are cost-efficient or have amenities. With HōM Flats at West River, we aim to deliver high-quality, socially responsible housing at a great value.



St. Margaret School

Average Salary AMI Hourly Wage Proposed Rent

2 TEAM MEMBER

Tractor Supply Company _

Average Salary AMI Hourly Wage Proposed Rent \$30,000 60% \$14.42 \$932

3 PARTS SPECIALIST

Average Salary AMI Hourly Wage Proposed Rent \$40,000 70% \$19.23 \$1,087

4 SERVICE CONSULTANT

Midway Chevrolet

Average Salary AMI Hourly Wage Proposed Rent
\$45,000 80% \$21.63 \$1,243

5 SUPPLY CHAIN LOADER

Average Salary AMI Hourly Wage Proposed Rent \$45.000 80% \$21.63 \$1.243

6 ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Michigan Association of School Boards

Average Salary AMI Hourly Wage Proposed Rent

\$50,000 Market \$24.04 \$1.553

7 ACCOUNT MANAGER

Safari Circuits

Average Salary AMI Hourly Wage Proposed Rent

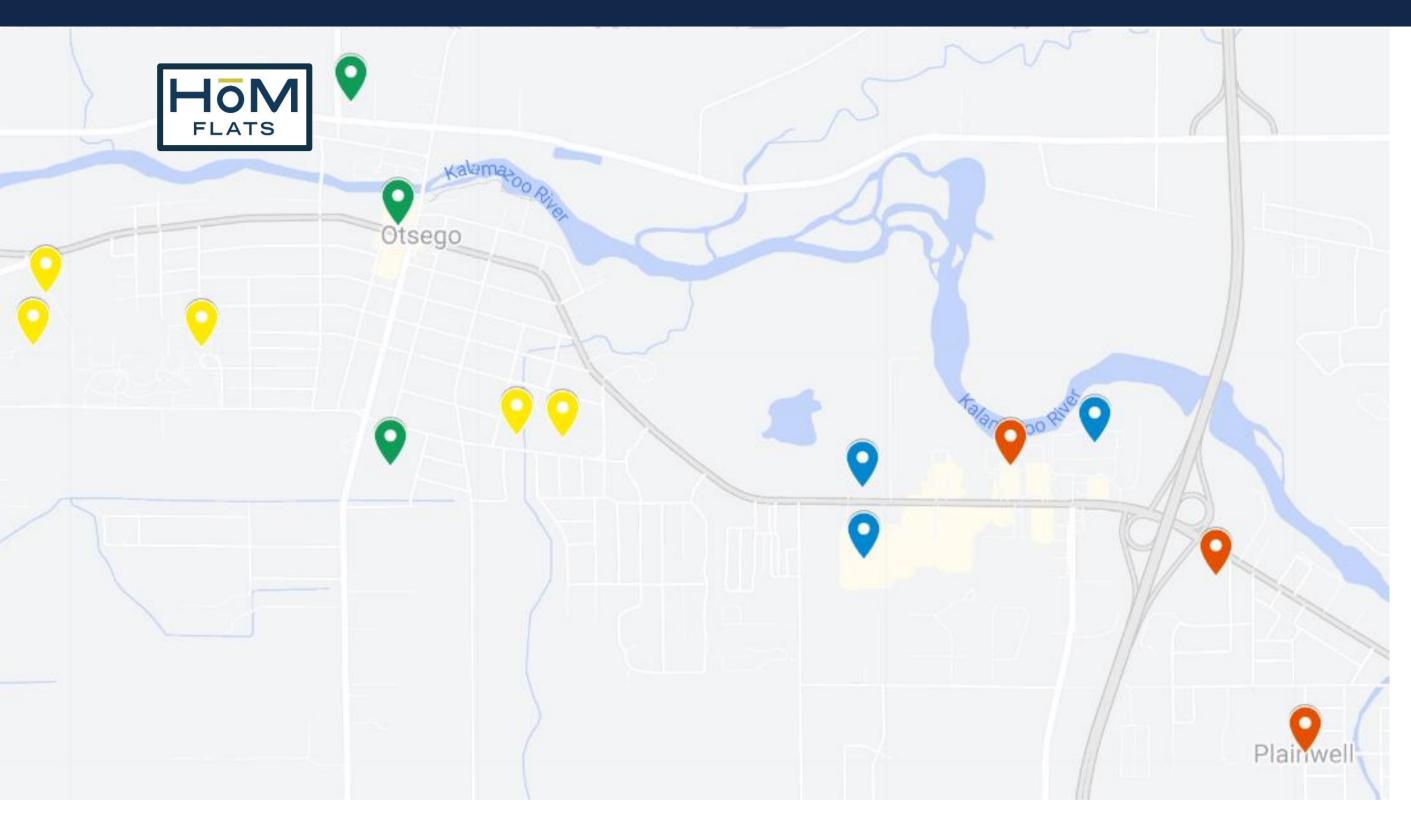
\$52,000 Market \$25.00 \$1,553







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Area Resources & Attractions

With a multitude of hospitals, parks, grocery stores, educational opportunities and more, Otsego offers a variety of resources for residents within proximity to HōM Flats at West River.

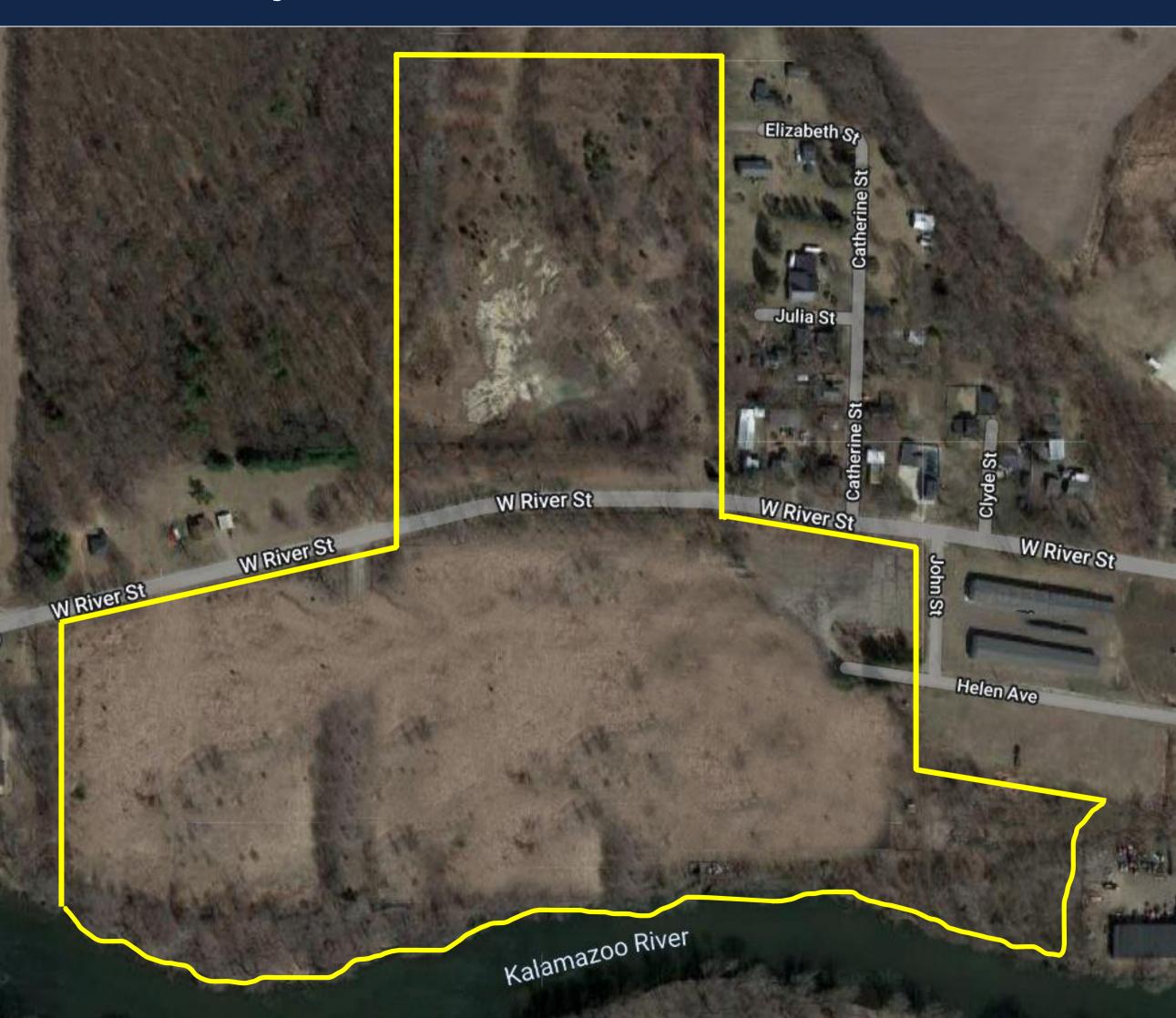
LEGEND

- Groceries
- Libraries/Arts/Education
- Parks
- Healthcare/Hospitals





Area and Project Details



Site Map

HōM Flats at West River is situated along the Kalamazoo River, west of John Street and South of West River Street.

| Area and Project Details



Alignment with the City of Otsego's 2023 Housing Assessment

THE MISSION OF Hom Flats is to create socially responsible housing solutions.

Our mission aligns with the Housing Assessment:

- HōM Flats at West River will add a much-needed option for current and future renters, as the City's vacancy rate for rentals is shown as only 1.8%.
- Forty-seven percent of Otsego's renters are cost-burdened, paying over 30% of their income towards housing expenses. Rental units tied to AMI could help alleviate this burden for some.
- The plan's "Next Steps" call for a focus on mixed-income housing options and specifically identifies workforce housing as a need.

We look forward to working with you.

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Allegan County Administrator

Robert J. Sarro



County Services Building 3283 – 122nd Avenue Allegan, MI 49010 269.673.0203

MEMORANDUM

May 11, 2023

TO: Board of Commissioners

RE: Commissioner Mileage Reimbursement

As a result of eliminating Commissioner per diem and setting an overall fixed salary, County Administration recently requested clarity regarding the intent of mileage reimbursement. Parameters linked to mileage reimbursement were removed when the per diem language was eliminated from the Board Rules and Procedures. The Board added the topic to the May 11, 2023, agenda to revisit the intent of mileage reimbursement. Reimbursement for local unit meetings was identified as an area to discuss.

Current Board standards include taxable and nontaxable mileage, eligibility is specifically defined by the Rules, and any exceptions require Board approval. Paying mileage to a regular place of work (county property) is considered a commute and, therefore, taxable. Payment for commuting is not a common practice under general County policy. No standard among comparable counties supports paying for taxable and nontaxable mileage for county and local unit meetings.

To assist with the Board discussion, the following options are being provided for consideration:

OPTION #1 – A fixed vehicle/travel stipend.

- Least overhead and easiest to administer.
- The County and Commissioners incur a tax burden relative to the full stipend being taxable.
- Each Commissioner receives the same amount, which may be viewed as equal yet perhaps not equitable as some Commissioners may have more meetings or further distances to travel.
- As a taxable compensation benefit, this could not be implemented mid-term.
- If this option was selected, it is recommended that utilization be tracked for the remainder of this term to establish a stipend for the next term.
- Clarity would still be needed as to what eligible reimbursements would be for this term.

OPTION #2 – Keep current Board standards with the addition of local unit meetings.

- Adds to the already high administrative overhead.
- The County and Commissioners incur a tax burden relative to the taxable mileage reimbursement.
- Based on 2022, total mileage expense was \$13,364 and did not include reimbursement for local unit meetings.
- Insert language into Board Rules:
 - i. BOC Mileage: The following BOC-related meetings shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate:
 - (1) Attendance in any official meeting of the BOC or a board, commission, committee, or official activity, e.g., training or conferences to which a BOC member has been appointed by the BOC or BOC Chairperson through BOC action. See Attachment "B" for identified boards, commissions, and committees,
 - (2) Quarterly Interdepartmental Meetings normally held on the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October,
 - (3) Attendance in Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) activities in which participation or appointment has occurred,

- (5) One publicly noticed local unit meeting per month for each local unit in a commissioner's district,
- (4) All other meetings, Board approval will be required.
- Based on an assumption of each commissioner attending one publicly noticed local unit meeting per month for each local unit in a commissioner's district, at an average round trip of 30 miles, the additional nontaxable mileage would be \$8,253, which is not budgeted in 2023.

OPTION #3 – Reinstate the current standards as they were.

- Administrative overhead would stay the same.
- The County and Commissioners incur a tax burden relative to the taxable mileage reimbursement.
- Insert language into Board Rules:
 - BOC Mileage: The following BOC-related meetings shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate:
 - (1) Attendance in any official meeting of the BOC or a board, commission, committee, or official activity, e.g., training or conferences to which a BOC member has been appointed by the BOC or BOC Chairperson through BOC action. See Attachment "B" for identified boards, commissions, and committees,
 - (2) Quarterly Interdepartmental Meetings normally held on the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October,
 - (3) Attendance in Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) activities in which participation or appointment has occurred,
 - (4) All other meetings, Board approval will be required.

OPTION #4 – Eliminate current taxable mileage (commute) and add local unit meetings.

- Administrative overhead would be slightly reduced.
- Commissioners would be ineligible to seek reimbursement for meetings at County property.
- Based on 2022, the total taxable mileage reimbursement for 5 Commissioners was \$4,438 (out of the total mileage reimbursement of \$13,364) and did not include reimbursement for local unit meetings.
- Eligibility for attending any publicly noticed local unit meeting, the additional nontaxable mileage would be higher than the projected \$8,253; however, the \$4,438 would offset a portion.
- Neither the County nor the Commissioner would incur a tax burden relative to the mileage reimbursement being not taxable.
- Insert language into Board Rules:
 - i. BOC Mileage: The following BOC-related meetings, except for meetings held at countyowned properties, shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate:
 - (1) Attendance in any official meeting of the BOC or a board, commission, committee, or official activity, e.g., training or conferences to which a BOC member has been appointed by the BOC or BOC Chairperson through BOC action. See Attachment "B" for identified boards, commissions, and committees,
 - (2) Quarterly Interdepartmental Meetings normally held on the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October,
 - (3) Attendance in Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) activities in which participation or appointment has occurred,
 - (4) Attendance in any publicly noticed local unit meeting in a commissioner's district,
 - (5) All other meetings, Board approval will be required.

In close, I recommend option 4.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS-COMMISSIONER MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

WHEREAS, as a result of eliminating Commissioner per diem and setting an overall fixed salary, on April 27, 2023, County Administration requested clarity regarding the intent of mileage reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners added the topic to the May 11, 2023, Planning agenda to revisit the intent of mileage reimbursement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adopts the overall policy of eliminating current taxable mileage (commute) and adding local unit meetings using the parameters below:

- Commissioners would be ineligible to seek reimbursement for meetings at a county property.
- Eligibility for attending any publicly noticed local unit meeting.
- Insert language into Board Rules, under Section 10, b.:
 - BOC Mileage: The following BOC-related meetings, except for meetings held at county-owned properties, shall be eligible for mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate:
 - (1) Attendance in any official meeting of the BOC or a board, commission, committee, or official activity, e.g., training or conferences to which a BOC member has been appointed by the BOC or BOC Chairperson through BOC action. See Attachment "B" for identified boards, commissions, and committees,
 - (2) Attendance in Quarterly Interdepartmental Meetings normally held on the last Wednesday of January, April, July, and October,
 - (3) Attendance in Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) activities in which participation or appointment has occurred,
 - (4) Attendance in any publicly noticed local unit in a commissioner's district,
 - (5) All other meetings, Board approval will be required; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to perform a budget adjustment to cover the additional expense within the 2023 Budget.