

## ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on September 14, 2023 at 9:05 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of August 24, 2023, and rules of this board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The Deputy Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1 JIM STOREY  
DIST #2 MARK DEYOUNG  
DIST #3 DEAN KAPENGA  
DIST #4 SCOTT BELTMAN  
DIST #5 GALE DUGAN

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS**

2/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS**

3/ Chairman Storey asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Dugan asked to move the Treasurers Annual report that was scheduled for the afternoon session as discussion item #1 for the morning session.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adopt the changes to the meeting agenda as requested. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

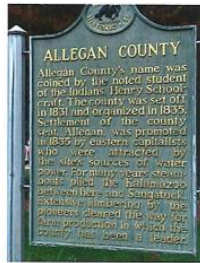
**AGENDA - ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

4/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to adopt the meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:****INFORMATIONAL SESSION - COUNTY TREASURER**

5/ Treasurer Sally Brooks distributed her 2022 Annual Report to the board. Chief Deputy Treasurer Sheila Buckleitner also addressed the board on the Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report of Real Property Foreclosure Sales that will be submitted to the State in September of 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to accept the Treasurer's Annual Report and the Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report of Real Property Foreclosure Sales as presented to the board and to be placed in the minutes. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

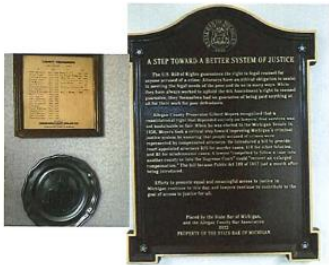


Original COURTHOUSE built 1836 By the Allegan Company

Historical Marker - S0226 - Allegan County (Marker ID#:S0226)  
Statehood Era(1815-1860) Erected Date: 1962



Breve Brigadier General Benjamin D. Pritchard  
Defenders of Our Nation 1861-1865



## *Allegan County Treasurer's Annual Report*

Sally L. Brooks, Treasurer

## Treasurer's Duties

- The County Treasurer is authorized by the Michigan Constitution and State law to serve as the County's Banker and Investment Officer. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer to receive *all moneys belonging to the county, from whatever source they maybe derived*; and all moneys received by him for the use of the county *MCL 48.40*.
- The Treasurer is also responsible for:
  - Duty of Management Functions
  - Managing cash and investments
  - Receipting recording all county revenue
  - Certifying deeds
  - Issuing dog and kennel licenses
  - Property taxes provide counties with more than half their general fund revenue.
  - Responsible in the management of collection of delinquent real property taxes and serves as agent of the delinquent revolving fund, which the County is able to forward to local units of government *MCL 211.87b(2)*
  - Reporting to State of Michigan Education System for Taxable Values and changes made through board of reviews etc.
  - Responsible for accounting of revolving drain fund records and reimbursement *MCL 280.303*

# Duty of Management Functions

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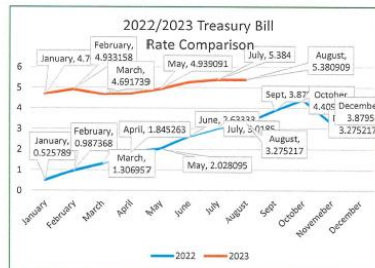


\*Guide to County Government MSU

Treasurers also have other duties in connection with property tax administration: distributing and reconciling taxes collected by city and township treasurers, handling delinquent property tax accounts, operating a delinquent tax revolving fund, and certifying the payment of property taxes. Still other duties for some treasurers include the sale of dog licenses, as well as serving as members of statutory panels such as the apportionment commission, plat board, tax allocation board, and more. Nevertheless, for such assignments,\* **the law separates the office of treasurer from the flow of many county management functions to protect the county against possible compromise of fiscal integrity.**"

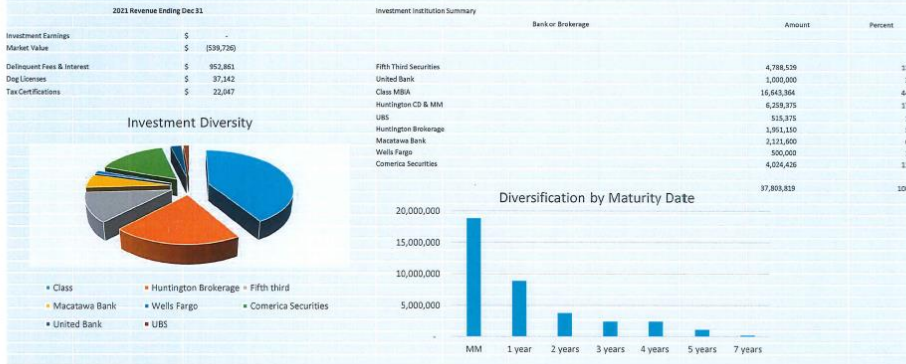
# Cash and Investments

The 1 Year Treasury Rate is the yield received for investing in a US government issued treasury security that has a maturity of 1 year. The 1 year treasury yield is included on the shorter end of the yield curve and is important when looking at the overall US economy. Historically, the 1 year treasury yield reached upwards of 17.31% in 1981 and nearly reached 0 in the 2010s after the Great Recession.



# Sally L. Brooks Allegan County Treasurer

December 2022



# Receipting Recording and County Revenue

	2020	2021	2022
Certified Mail Count	4,398	3,325	4,145
Forfeiture Mail Count	18,727	16,831	11,248
Property Forfeited	837	742	623
Property Foreclosed	25	17	16
Financial Hardship given	39	36	36
Dog License	\$34,558	\$36,796	\$37,142
Tax Certifications	\$22,830	\$86,170	\$22,047
Delinquent properties	5,869	5,898	5,327
March pay out	\$7,206,678	\$7,660,853	\$7,468,107
Interest & Fees	\$1,197,116	\$1,177,750	\$ 952,861

General checking cash flow for 2022 by month



Forfeiture vs Foreclosure



# Forfeiture/Foreclosure

- On March 1<sup>st</sup> each year we started the process of foreclosure on the delinquent taxes by recording 623 Certificates of Forfeitures for the tax yr. 2022. We had no right of first refusal sales. The auction is held on line in august /September with a combined counties of Allegan, Ionia, Kent and Ottawa.

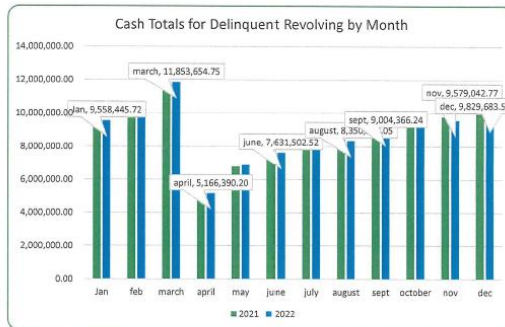
Proceeds for last 3 years:

- 2021 \$186,350
- 2020 \$173,550
- 2019 \$193,550



# Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund

Responsible in the management of collection of delinquent real property taxes and serves as agent of the delinquent revolving fund, which the County is able to forward to local units of government *MCL 211.87b(2) Local unit tax settlement*, each March balance delinquent taxes due and pay out to each of our unit's their portion of delinquent taxes:  
 March 2020 : \$7,206,678  
 March 2021 : \$7,660,853  
 March 2022 : \$7,468,107



**Allegran County Investment - July 31, 2023**

<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>			
	4/12/2024	4.170%	1,053,932.53
	3/26/2024	1.588%	1,000,000.00
	12/4/2023	1.150%	2,075,991.32
	11/11/2023	1.150%	2,096,820.57
	11/17/2023	0.450%	250,000.00
<b>Total Certificate of Deposit</b>			<u>6,486,744.22</u>
<b>Government Securities</b>			
	3/17/2025	0.700%	500,000.00
	9/9/2024	2.482%	500,000.00
	12/16/2024	3.040%	500,000.00
<b>Total Government Securities</b>			<u>1,500,000.00</u>
<b>Municipal Bonds</b>			
	4/1/2025	0.953%	250,000.00
	4/1/2026	1.173%	250,000.00
	5/1/2024	2.110%	680,000.00
	9/1/2026	1.396%	500,000.00
	7/1/2024	1.604%	359,384.70
	11/1/2025	2.610%	372,682.50
	10/15/2024	3.750%	226,616.64
	5/1/2025	2.000%	1,000,000.00
	11/1/2026	2.206%	655,000.00
	12/1/2026	2.420%	370,000.00
	5/1/2027	2.000%	400,000.00
	5/1/2027	1.355%	230,000.00
	10/1/2027	3.953%	500,000.00
	5/1/2029	3.300%	200,000.00
	5/1/2024	6.150%	560,000.00
	4/1/2026	4.000%	505,000.00
	5/1/2026	1.420%	150,000.00
	10/1/2025	3.429%	200,000.00
	5/1/2025	1.270%	540,000.00
	11/1/2025	1.180%	381,150.00
	11/1/2025	1.060%	175,000.00
<b>Total Municipal Bonds</b>			<u>8,434,833.84</u>
<b>Money Market</b>			
			1,468,380.29
			14,605.73
			230,165.70
			2,113,868.07
			90,750.00
			<u>37,065,863.81</u>
<b>Total Money Market</b>			<u>20,924,633.60</u>
<b>Total Allegran County - general</b>			<u>37,346,211.65</u>
<b>Road Commission</b>			
			1,023,950.68
			48,381.37
			10,098,735.94
			77,616.94
<b>Total Road Commission</b>			<u>11,248,684.93</u>
<b>Drain Commission</b>			
			48,249.12
			<u>1,918,750.80</u>
<b>Total Drain Commission</b>			<u>1,967,008.92</u>
<b>ARPA</b>			
			5,554,304.79
			2,637.10
			1,496,871.58
			10,225,472.34
			<u>206,636.81</u>
<b>Total ARPA</b>			<u>17,485,922.62</u>
<b>Grand Total Allegran County Investments</b>			<u>68,047,828.13</u>



**Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report of Real Property Foreclosure Sales**

Issued under authority of Public Act 226 of 1976, MCL 211.76n(9)(i)

The foreclosing governmental unit shall submit a written report to its board of commissioners and the state treasurer identifying any remaining balance and any contingent costs of the environmental remediation or other legal claims relating to foreclosed property as determined by the foreclosing governmental unit, not later than September 30 of the second calendar year after foreclosure.

FORECLOSURE YEAR																			
2018		I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	IX	X	XI	XII							
REPORT DUE SIXTY (60) DAYS TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURER 211.76n(9)(i)	tax year foreclosed	sale year	parcel #	# of Parcels Foreclosed and Not Cancelled and Not Foreclosed	Sum of Minimum Bids for All Foreclosures	Number of Properties Sold to Governmental Agencies via Right of Initial Foreclosure	Sum of Minimum Bids for Properties Sold to Governmental Agencies via Right of Initial Foreclosure	Sum of Sale Amounts for Properties Sold to Governmental Agencies via Right of Initial Foreclosure	Number of Properties Sold at Public Auction	Sum of Minimum Bids for Properties Sold at Public Auction	Total Amount Paid for Properties Sold at Public Land Auction	Sum of Taxes, Penalties and Costs for All Foreclosures	Total Amount Paid for All Properties Sold to Governmental Agencies and the Public	Total Amount of Proceeds Paid to Claimant (5% of Sale Amount Payable to 10U Already Deducted)	Remaining Net Amount After Subtracting the Claimant Proceeds Total from the Difference of Total Amount Paid for Sales (I) and the Taxes, Penalties, and Costs (IX)				
Allegan County				52	\$1,600	1	11,000	11,000	31	\$0,000	\$0,550	\$1,000	175,550	944	111,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>																			

I attest that I have compiled the above information and any attachment data and have determined that the information reported is correct for the designated foreclosure sale year.

County Treasurer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

County Treasurer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**2024/28 BUDGET**

6/ Administrator Sarro presented the FY2024-2028 proposed budget for commissioner consideration. Budget adoption is planned for the October 12, 2023 session.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS**

7/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.**

8/ Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until September 28, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 A.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**AFTERNOON SESSION****SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

9/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on September 14, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of August 24, 2023, and rules of this Board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #1 Commissioner Storey.

The Deputy County Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1	JIM STOREY
DIST #2	MARK DEYOUNG
DIST #3	DEAN KAPENGA
DIST #4	SCOTT BELTMAN
DIST #5	GALE DUGAN

**COMMUNICATIONS**

10/ Deputy Clerk Tien noted to the board that they received the following communication:

1. Resolution from Tuscola County opposing the changes to the State of Michigan Sanitary Code

**AUGUST 24, 2023 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED**

11/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the minutes for the August 24, 2023 session as distributed except to make a correction to Commissioner Kapengas district number during the afternoon session. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS**

12/ Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:

1. Pat Petersen of Monterey Township addressed the board that when 123 Net vacates the old mental health buildings she would like to see the building as a community center and not torn down
2. Mare Westin of 560 Lincoln Rd, Otsego addressed the board on mask and vaccine mandates. She also noted she will be running for Otsego Township Supervisor.

**AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED**

13/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

14/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included: future meeting dates; vital record scanning project; courthouse and county services building renovation; courthouse statue move; Allegan County Fair booth; Broadband workgroup update; and housing needs assessment.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

15/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for September 1, 2023, September 8, 2023 and September 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, said claims are listed in the 2023 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

**September 1, 2023**

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	63,388.14	63,388.14	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	967.93	967.93	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	941.00	941.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	11,710.68	11,710.68	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	11,181.69	11,181.69	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	10,498.00	10,498.00	
Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund – 263	121.15	121.15	
Law Library Fund – 269	640.30	640.30	
Grants – 279	14,560.00	14,560.00	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	31,928.22	31,928.22	
Transportation Fund – 288	164,591.85	164,591.85	
Child Care Fund – 292	3,373.34	3,373.34	
Senior Services Fund – 298	183,893.69	183,893.69	

American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	183,590.70	183,590.70	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	14,550.00	14,550.00	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	22,737.31	22,737.31	
Drain Fund – 801	32,137.27	32,137.27	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$750,811.27</b>	<b>\$750,811.27</b>	

## September 8, 2023

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	224,733.27	224,733.27	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	497.72	497.72	
Health Department Fund – 221	12,747.14	12,747.14	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	53,761.95	53,761.95	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	344.35	344.35	
Law Library Fund – 269	3,346.29	3,346.29	
Grants – 279	6,555.43	6,555.43	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	641.10	641.10	
Transportation Fund – 288	28,458.31	28,458.31	
Child Care Fund – 292	10,138.93	10,138.93	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	126.33	126.33	
Senior Services Fund – 298	9,380.50	9,380.50	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	11,249.60	11,249.60	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	23,250.47	23,250.47	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	695.45	695.45	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	398,385.12	398,385.12	
Drain Fund – 801	9,405.51	9,405.51	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$793,717.47</b>	<b>\$793,717.47</b>	

## September 15, 2023

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	126,912.33	126,912.33	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	7,614.84	7,614.84	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	3,478.55	3,478.55	
Friend of the Court – Other – 216	4,327.60	4,327.60	
Health Department Fund – 221	16,348.04	16,348.04	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	1,746.00	1,746.00	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	12,797.94	12,797.94	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	47,034.62	47,034.62	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	4,238.24	4,238.24	
Grants – 279	41,428.86	41,428.86	

Crime Victims Rights Grant – 280	235.48	235.48	
Transportation Fund – 288	121,318.88	121,318.88	
Child Care Fund – 292	3,951.91	3,951.91	
Senior Services Fund – 298	1,108.35	1,108.35	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	30,539.37	30,539.37	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	3,045.00	3,045.00	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	11,843.28	11,843.28	
Tax Reversion 2020 – 621	68.08	68.08	
Tax Reversion 2018 – 629	420.00	420.00	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	50.41	50.41	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	950.53	950.53	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	16,923.53	16,923.53	
Drain Fund – 801	27,751.37	27,751.37	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$484,133.21</b>	<b>\$484,133.21</b>	

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for September 1, 2023, September 8, 2023 and September 15, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to adopt the report of claims for September 1, 2023, September 8, 2023 and September 15, 2023. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE POLICY – ADOPT REVISED POLICY #507**

**16/ BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners (Board) does hereby adopt the revised Leaves of Absence Policy #507, as attached, effective October 1, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Administrator is authorized to release letters of agreement to all collective bargaining groups for ratification of such changes; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the County Administrator is further authorized to separate out the bereavement section into a separate policy if deemed necessary.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the resolution as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to add language in item #2 – “and upon consideration of any emergent service delivery needs,”. Motion amendment carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the amended resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**ALLEGAN COUNTY  
POLICY**



**TITLE: LEAVES OF ABSENCE  
POLICY NUMBER: 507**

**APPROVED BY: Board of Commissioners**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2023**

1. **GENERAL RULES:** Employees remain employed by the County while on an approved leave of absence of up to twelve (12) months or less, unless otherwise provided. Leave of absence is without pay unless otherwise specifically provided. Leave of absence is not to be used to obtain or perform other employment. An employee who performs other employment during a leave of absence will be considered a voluntary quit unless such employment is approved in advance by the department head.
2. **BEREAVEMENT LEAVE:** Upon written notification to the Employer and upon consideration of any emergent service delivery needs, an employee shall be granted paid leave for consecutive regularly scheduled work days within the first thirty (30) calendar days following the death of an employee's immediate or extended family member(s), subject to the provisions below, for the purpose of assisting in the funeral/memorial service arrangements, attending the funeral/memorial service, attending post funeral/memorial service function(s) or arrangement(s), and/or grieving.
  - 2.1. Up to five (5) days for immediate family, defined as the employee's current spouse or household partner, child, brother, sister, parent, grandparent or grandchild, including current "step", "foster" or "in-law" relations for the same relationships as applicable and household members that employee is legally or financially responsible for and was residing in the home at the time of death.
  - 2.2. Up to three (3) days for extended family, defined as the employee's current aunt, uncle, niece, nephew or great-grandparent, including current "step" or "in-law" relations for the same relationships as applicable.
  - 2.3. With the advance approval of the Employer, some or all of the five (5) or three (3) days may be used in an inconsecutive manner during or after the thirty (30) calendar days following death when unusual circumstances exist.
  - 2.4. Upon written notification to the Employer, an employee shall be permitted to extend their "immediate family" bereavement leave by up to five (5) more consecutive regularly scheduled work days, contiguous to the original leave. The bereavement leave extension shall be charged to the employee's PTO bank. If the employee does not have adequate time available in the PTO bank, the extension shall be considered unpaid leave.
  - 2.5. An employee excused from work under the first paragraph of this Section shall, after making notification to the employee's supervisor, receive the amount of straight-time wages (exclusive of shift or any other premiums) that such employee would have earned by working on such scheduled days of work for which such employee was excused.

3. **PERSONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** The County, in its sole discretion, may grant an unpaid personal leave of absence for a period typically not to exceed thirty (30) days. Requests for a personal leave of absence should be submitted in writing to the employee's immediate supervisor, stating the reason(s) for the request. An extension of up to an additional thirty (30) days may be requested prior to the end of any approved period. Any request for personal leave must be approved in writing by the department head.
4. **JURY DUTY LEAVE WITH PAY:** Eligible full-time, regular part-time and job-share employees who are assigned jury duty will be granted a paid leave of absence to serve as required up to a maximum of thirty (30) days in a calendar year. Employees shall be expected to be at work for all scheduled hours when not serving as a juror. The County requires the employee to furnish a written statement of their jury duty earnings from the proper court official. When serving on a jury in Allegan County, the employee will be paid their regular rate of pay and the employee must not accept any juror fees or mileage. When serving on a jury out of county, the employee will be paid their regular rate of pay providing any juror fees or mileage received is turned in to the Human Resources Department.
5. **MILITARY LEAVE:** An employee will be granted a military leave of absence for service as required under federal law, for time spent in full-time active or reserve service in the armed forces of the United States. The period of such leave will be determined in accordance with applicable federal laws in effect during the period of the leave. Employees will be entitled to reinstatement from such military leave in accordance with applicable federal laws. The County shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of medical/dental/vision insurance premiums for the employee and his/her dependents for a period of thirty (30) days following the date the employee is released from duty. No wages shall be paid.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:****2024 ROAD COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION**

**17/ BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners (Board) hereby approves the 2024 Road Commissioner Compensation package for Road Commissioners appointed before January 1, 2013, to be as follows:

- Commission Chairperson annual salary \$8,460.00,
- Member annual salary \$7,812.00,
- Per diem at \$50 half day/\$100 full day, and members shall also be eligible for mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate. The total meeting(s) time in one (1) day more than four (4) hours shall be considered one (1) full day. The total meeting(s) time in one (1) day of four (4) hours or less shall be considered one half (1/2) day. Travel time is included,
- Life Insurance offered at 100% premium cost,
- Health/dental/vision plans with equivalent premium contribution as offered to Road Commission Exempt and Salaried employees, and equivalent rebate (opt-out) should they elect not to participate in the health insurance offerings,
- Road Commission Defined Benefit (B-2) Retirement Plan, with a 4% Commissioner contribution,
- COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL, EQUIPMENT STIPEND PROGRAM: A stipend in the amount of \$50 per month shall be paid the first payroll of each month to each commissioner. The stipend is intended to reimburse each commissioner for partial use of a personal cell phone, an internet connection, and/or other equipment/services/supplies that may be used to conduct official County business. Any commissioner may opt-out of the program by submitting a written statement indicating such to the Finance Director prior to January 2 of each year for that year's program. Once a commissioner has opted-out of the program for a given year, the commissioner is no longer eligible to participate until the next year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, new Road Commissioners appointed after January 1, 2013, shall be as follows:

- Commission Chairperson annual salary \$9,060.00,
- Member annual salary \$8,364.00,
- Per diem at \$50 half day/\$100 full day, and members shall also be eligible for mileage reimbursement at the IRS rate. The total meeting(s) time in one (1) day more than four (4) hours shall be considered one (1) full day. The total meeting(s) time in one (1) day of four (4) hours or less shall be considered one half (1/2) day. Travel time is included,
- \$20,000 Life Insurance Policy,
- Annual health allowance of \$3,000, and shall be eligible to participate in Health insurance as offered to Road Commission Exempt and Salaried employees with Commissioner contribution 100% the illustrative rate and no rebate (opt-out) compensation,



- not eligible for participation in the Road Commission MERS Defined Benefit Plan, or other retirement options such as a MERS 457,
- COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL, EQUIPMENT STIPEND PROGRAM: A stipend in the amount of \$50 per month shall be paid the first payroll of each month to each commissioner. The stipend is intended to reimburse each commissioner for partial use of a personal cell phone, an internet connection, and/or other equipment/services/supplies that may be used to conduct official County business. Any commissioner may opt-out of the program by submitting a written statement indicating such to the Finance Director prior to January 2 of each year for that year's program. Once a commissioner has opted-out of the program for a given year, the commissioner is no longer eligible to participate until the next year; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Allegan County Road Commissioner compensation package be reviewed annually by the Board.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to take immediate action and approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**CHILD CARE FUND - APPROVE BUDGET PLAN FOR FY2024**

**18/ BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners (Board) hereby approves the County Child Care Budget in the amount of \$5,705,010 for the period October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments, and any necessary documents to complete this action are authorized to be signed.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to take immediate action and approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - OPPOSE ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS**

**19/ WHEREAS**, Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100 percent carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

**WHEREAS**, the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission this authority, local control will be preempted; and

**WHEREAS**, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level, or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

**WHEREAS**, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine requirements for construction, operation, use, or maintenance of a solar or wind facility; and

**WHEREAS**, if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule, or ordinance on record, it would be null and void; and

**WHEREAS**, all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this power.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Allegan County Board of Commissioners opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, copies of this resolution be sent to the supervisors of Allegan County townships, Mayors of Allegan County cities, the Presidents of the county's villages, the Governor of Michigan, all state representatives and senators who represent Allegan County, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Michigan Townships Association.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to take immediate action and approve the resolution as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to amend the resolution to add the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph to the resolution. Motion amendment carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Motion with amendment carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

#### **ANIMAL SHELTER - REPLACE WASHER/DRYER**

**20/ BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners (Board) hereby authorizes the County Administrator to take the necessary measures to replace the current washers and dryers with a solution that incorporates at least one set of industrial-grade equipment and to make the necessary changes to the building for a total budget not to exceed \$50,000; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments, and any necessary documents to complete this action are authorized to be signed.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to take immediate action and approve the resolution as presented with the cost not to exceed \$50,000. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: Storey, DeYoung, Kapenga and Dugan. Nays: Beltman.

**ELECTIONS - COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

**21/** Chairman Storey opened nominations to fill the remainder of a 3-year term on the Community Mental Health Board; term to expire 3/31/2026.

Commissioner Dugan nominated Jane Ferrel, 3246 Fairhaven Dr, Allegan

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jane Ferrel as nominated. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS****22/****LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Chairman Storey announced the appointment of the following individuals to the Local Emergency Planning Committee to fill the remainder of a 3-year term; term to expire 12/31/2025.

Justin Johnson, 2723 126<sup>th</sup> Ave, Allegan (LEPC Information Coordinator)  
Connor Kirkpatrick, 3371 116<sup>th</sup> Ave, Allegan (Education)

Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to approve the appointments as made. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**TOURIST COUNCIL**

Chairman Storey announced the appointment of the following individual to the Tourist Council to fill the remainder of a 3-year term; term to expire 12/31/2023.

Jenny Boerman, 204 Second Ave, Plainwell

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the appointment as made. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS**

**23/** Chairman Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individual offered comment:

1. Pat Petersen of Monterey Township questioned the use of ARPA funds for the water project.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.**

**24/** Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to adjourn until September 14, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:43 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

*Jennifer Sten*

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Deputy Clerk