

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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SEPTEMBER 28, 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 28, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of September 14, 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 - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

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

MICHIGAN LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH ACCREDITATION CYCLE 7 CERTIFICATE

4/ Director of Local Health Services at MDHHS Laura de La Rambelje presented the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Cycle 7 Certificate to the Allegan County Health Department. The Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program seeks to assure and enhance the quality of local public health in Michigan by identifying and promoting the implementation of public health standards for local public health departments and evaluating and accrediting local health departments on their ability to meet these standards.

2023/27 BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES: HOUSING

5/ Allegan County Community Foundation Executive Director Stephanie Calhoun addressed the board on the Allegan County housing assessment.

Jeff Schilling from Schilling Consulting Services addressed the board on housing highlights from the 2023 Community Needs Assessments that was conducted by Allegan County Community Action.

OnPoint Executive Director Mark Witte addressed the board on their work with homelessness.

Discussion followed after each presentation.

BREAK - 10:59 A.M.

6/ Upon reconvening at 11:10 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Storey, DeYoung, Kapenga, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

2023/27 BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES - DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL ENERGY PLAN

7/ Administrator Sarro noted the energy plan information was made available to commissioners. Further questions should be directed to Administration.

2024 BUDGET / BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS COMPENSATION

8/ Administrator Sarro noted the 2024 Budget is ready for approval. Next step is to schedule a public hearing on the budget which is scheduled for the afternoon session.

Commissioners discussed the milage reimbursement that was approved for Boards and Commissions at 60% of the Federal rate.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

9/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Sarro discussed the Calkins Dam meeting with MPSC; State Game area usage; and meeting with legislative leaders on October 20, 2023.

Highlights included: the new format of the report; children's health care services; transportation ridership; senior day at the fair; veteran stand down; courthouse/county services building renovation; and courthouse statute move.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

10/ 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 OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 3:00 P.M.

11/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until October 12, 2023 at 3:00 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 A.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

AFTERNOON SESSION**SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

12/ 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 28, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of September 14, 2023, and rules of this Board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #2 Commissioner DeYoung.

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

13/ Deputy Clerk Tien noted to the board that they received the following communications:

1. Sanilac, Ontonagon and St. Clair Counties resolution opposing legislation preempting local control for solar and wind developments

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED

14/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2023 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

It was noted by Administrator Sarro there was a correction to the Leave of Absence policy to include brothers and sisters. Minutes from September 14, 2023 reflect the correction.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

15/ 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 - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

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

INFORMATIONAL SESSION - PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

17/ Prosecuting Attorney Myrene Koch presented the 2022 Annual Report for the Prosecuting Attorney Office.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

18/ Administrator Sarro noted the meeting regarding the Calkins Dam with the MPSC has been confirmed for November 27, 2023.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

19/ WHEREAS, Administration has compiled the following claims for September 22, 2023 and September 29, 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 22, 2023

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	86,701.41	86,701.41	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	512.32	512.32	
Health Department Fund – 221	13,020.84	13,020.84	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	65,902.18	65,902.18	
Brownfield Redevelopment Auth. – 243	1,935.00	1,935.00	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	25.48	25.48	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	58,748.71	58,748.71	
Grants – 279	10,813.60	10,813.60	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	6,510.52	6,510.52	
Transportation Fund – 288	5,177.17	5,177.17	
Child Care Fund – 292	14,002.13	14,002.13	
Senior Services Fund – 298	160,512.24	160,512.24	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	138,182.05	138,182.05	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	20,928.56	20,928.56	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	11,522.75	11,522.75	
Drain Fund – 801	28,294.61	28,294.61	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$622,789.57	\$622,789.57	

September 29, 2023

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	201,425.52	201,425.52	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	426.88	426.88	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	27.23	27.23	
Health Department Fund – 221	7,176.92	7,176.92	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	7,791.08	7,791.08	
Animal Shelter – 254	6,830.00	6,830.00	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	59,277.80	59,277.80	
Justice Training Fund – 266	500.00	500.00	
Grants – 279	2,515.77	2,515.77	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	133.53	133.53	
Transportation Fund – 288	2,198.17	2,198.17	
Child Care Fund – 292	14,252.08	14,252.08	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	54.85	54.85	
Senior Services Fund – 298	32,470.40	32,470.40	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	2,762.30	2,762.30	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	8,019.29	8,019.29	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	617.00	617.00	

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Self-Insurance Fund – 677	145.57	145.57	
Drain Fund – 801	23,986.45	23,986.45	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$373,110.84	\$373,110.84	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for September 22, 2023 and September 29, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the report of claims for September 22, 2023 and September 29, 2023. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ACTION ITEMS:

2024 FINAL BUDGET – SET PUBLIC HEARING

20/ WHEREAS, consistent with the Uniform Budgeting Act, the County Administrator has submitted a recommended balanced budget to the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has accepted the recommended budget for final consideration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that along with consideration of the final proposed budget, the Board of Commissioners has set a public hearing at 7:00 P.M. at the Annual Board Meeting on October 12, 2023, for review of the 2024 budget.

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

ELECTIONS – BOARD OF CANVASSERS

21/ Chairman Storey opened nominations to fill the 4-year term on the Board of Canvassers for the Democratic and Republican position; terms to expire 10/31/2027.

Democratic Party

Commissioner Dugan nominated Laurence Blose, 668 Mason St, Saugatuck
Commissioner Storey nominated Glenna DeJong, 708 Mason St, Saugatuck

Nominations were closed and ballots were distributed to all Commissioners. Results were tallied with Glenna DeJong receiving 4 votes (Storey, DeYoung, Kapenga and Beltman) and Laurence Blose receiving 1 vote (Dugan.)

Glenna DeJong was elected to the Allegan County Board of Canvassers for the Democratic Party.

Republican Party

Commissioner Kapenga nominated Steve McNeal, 5786 143rd Ave, Holland
Commissioner Dugan nominated Patricia Petersen, 3057 125th Ave, Allegan

Nominations were closed and ballots were distributed to all Commissioners. Results were tallied with Steve McNeal receiving 4 votes (Storey, DeYoung, Kapenga and Beltman) and Patricia Petersen receiving 1 vote (Dugan)

Steve McNeal was elected to the Allegan County Board of Canvassers for the Republican Party.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—APPOINT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF APPEALS

22/ WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, a resident appealed a decision by Environmental Health to deny a site in Casco Township an on-site sewage disposal system based on the interpretation of the Allegan County Water and Sewage Regulations; and

WHEREAS, per the Allegan County Water and Sewage Regulations Section 701.00, a Board of Appeals shall be created, consisting of three members appointed by the Board of Commissioners (Board) to furnish the appellant with a written report of its findings and decision.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board appoints the following individuals to the Environmental Health Board of Appeals

- Larry Stephens
- Ron Lindsay
- Eric Davis
- Rick Klingenberg (Alternate); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said members shall receive per diem at \$50 per meeting and be eligible to receive mileage reimbursement at 60% of the current IRS rate; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED compensation applies to members not already receiving compensation as part of their regular work duties or paid for by another source when attending meetings; and

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.

ELECTIONS - BROWNFIELD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

23/ Chairman Storey opened nominations to fill the remainder of a 3-year term on the Brownfield Development Authority; term to expire 12/31/2024.

Commissioner Storey nominated Jaclyn Hulst, 4659 36th St, Zeeland

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Storey to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jaclyn Hulst as nominated. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS - SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE

24/ Chairman Storey announced the appointment of the following individual to the Solid Waste Planning Committee to fill the remainder of a 2-year term; term to expire 12/31/2024.

Daniel Fritsch, 10450 Pease Ave SE, Byron Center
(Solid Waste Industry Representative)

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 - NO COMMENTS

25/ 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 OCTOBER 12, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

26/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adjourn until October 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.



Deputy Clerk



Board Chairperson

Minutes approved during the 10/12/2023 Session