

Allegan County Board of Commissioners



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*Jim Storey, Chair
Dean Kapenga, Vice Chair*

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING – AGENDA

Thursday, March 28, 2024 – 1 PM

County Services Building – Board Room

Virtual Connectivity Options Attached

DISTRICT 1

Jim Storey
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1 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Mark DeYoung

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

PUBLIC HEARING:

COMMUNICATIONS: Attached

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 18, 2024

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PRESENTATIONS:

Employee Recognition – Karen Larson, Corrections Officer

MEMORIAM: John G. Kleinheksel

PROCLAMATIONS:

INFORMATIONAL SESSION:

Mandy Cooper, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives—Lakeshore
Advantage

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (3/22/24 & 3/29/24)
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DISTRICT 5

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ACTION ITEMS:

1. None
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DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Resolution to Create the Calkins Dam/Lake Allegan Task Force
 2. Community Action of Allegan County Property Inquiry
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS:

Mission Statement

“The Allegan County Board of Commissioners shall plan, develop, and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper”

1. Road Commission Board (E):
 - a. One Member Representative—term expires 12/31/26
1. Community Mental Health (E):
 - a. Three Family Member Representatives—term expires 3/31/24 [Applications REC 3/12/24](#)
 - b. One General Public Representative—term expires 3/31/24 [Application REC 3/12/24](#)

ELECTIONS:

1. Economic Development Commission
 - a. Healthcare Representative—term expires 12/31/23

APPOINTMENTS:

1. 911 Policy & Procedure Board
 - a. East Side Fire Chief Representative—term expires 7/31/24 [Application REC 3/18/24](#)
2. Community Corrections Advisory Board
 - a. a representative from at least one, but not more than three of the following service areas: mental health, public health, substance abuse, employment, and training or community alternative program—term expires 12/31/23
 - b. Business Community Representative—term expires 12/31/23
3. Local Emergency Planning Committee
 - a. Media Representative—term expired 12/31/22
 - b. Facilities Representative—term expires 12/31/25
 - c. Firefighter Representative—term expires 12/31/25
4. Tourist Council
 - a. Two Representatives—term expires 12/31/23
5. Jury Board (Circuit Judge recommends/Board appoints)
 - a. One Representative—term expired 8/31/23
 - b. One Representative—term expires 3/31/25

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

1. OPENING PRAYER: Commissioner Jim Storey
2. CONSENT: Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (4/5/24 & 4/12/24)
3. INFORMATIONAL SESSION: 57th District Court—Jessica Winsemius, Administrator
4. DISCUSSION: Sheriff's Department—apply/accept FY2025 MDOC Comprehensive Community Corrections Grant

REQUEST FOR MILEAGE:

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REPORTS:

ROUND TABLE:

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: Next Meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2024, 1 PM @ **BOARD ROOM – COUNTY SERVICES BUILDING, COUNTY SERVICES COMPLEX.**

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Allegan County Board of Commissioners

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- Meeting Password: **Board**

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STEP 2: Enter registration information

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Registration details:

- Topic: BOC Meeting - 4/9/2020
- Time: Apr 9, 2020 01:00 PM in Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Registration form fields (marked as required with an asterisk):

- First Name *
- Last Name *
- Email Address *
- Confirm Email Address *

Below the form is a reCAPTCHA challenge:

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A blue button labeled "Join Webinar in Progress" is located below the reCAPTCHA.

Four blue arrows with white text provide instructions:

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STEP 4: Adjust audio settings (if needed)

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- General
- Video
- Audio**
- Share Screen
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- Statistics
- Feedback
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- Accessibility

Speaker

- Test Speaker
- Remote Audio

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Volume:

Microphone

- Test Mic
- _____

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Volume:

Automatically adjust volume

Use separate audio device to play ringtone simultaneously

Automatically join audio by computer when joining a meeting

Mute my microphone when joining a meeting

Press and hold SPACE key to temporarily unmute yourself

Sync buttons on headset

Advanced

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Select a Speaker

- Remote Audio
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- Test Speaker & Microphone...
- Leave Computer Audio
- Audio Settings...

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Economic Development — Greg King, Director
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

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CONSENT ITEMS:

1. Motion to approve of claims paid and to incorporate into proceedings of the Board (3/20/20 & 3/27/20)

Audio Settings ^

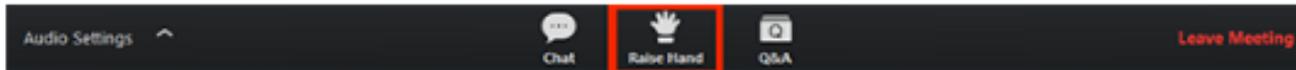
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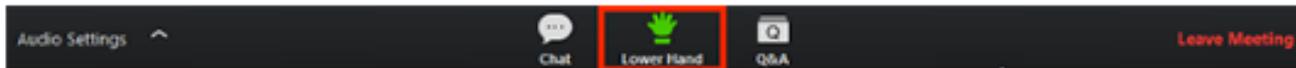
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2. The host will be notified that you've raised your hand.
3. Click **Lower Hand** to lower it if needed.



STEP 6: To leave the meeting

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Resolution 22-2024

Date: March 20, 2024

Resolution of Support for Adoption of SB662_2024

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on February 10, 1960, and resolved to establish a special assessment district for the purpose of constructing a dam on Duck Lake, located in Green Lake Township, to control the level of Duck Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 29, 1986, and resolved (#133-86) to establish a special assessment district to determine and maintain a high-water level for Silver Lake, located in Garfield and Blair Townships, and to promote drainage from the lake; and

WHEREAS, the 13th Circuit Court has issued orders for the maintenance of lake levels on Duck Lake and Silver Lake, and dams were constructed on both lakes for the control of drainage from the lakes in furtherance of maintaining the Court-ordered lake levels; and

WHEREAS, Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, is entitled "Inland Lake Levels," being Section 324.30701, et seq. of Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL). Part 307 regulates the maintenance of the "normal level" of lakes established by Court orders in accordance with Part 307; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners entered into an Administrative Consent Agreement (ACO-05362, dated: July 15, 2019) with the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to resolve the State's Failure of Notice claim attendant to the 13th Circuit Court's proceedings in 2017 to re-affirm the "normal level" of Duck Lake; and

WHEREAS, ACO-05362 imposes normal level maintenance obligations upon Grand Traverse County to maintain monthly minimum flows out of Duck Lake in addition to maintaining the "normal level"; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 court case Citizens for Higgins Lake Legal Levels v. Roscommon County Board of Commissioners in Michigan's Court of Appeals held that a normal lake level must be strictly maintained with no variance allowed to the Court's-ordered level; and

WHEREAS, the Court of Appeals ruled that Roscommon County had a clear legal duty to maintain the normal lake level at the precise elevation set forth in the Circuit Court Order, such that even the slightest deviation constituted a breach of that ministerial duty; and

WHEREAS, the appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court of Michigan's Court of Appeals ruling in Citizens for Higgins Lake Legal Levels v. Roscommon County Board of Commissioners has not resulted in establishing any revision to the Court of Appeals' ruling in the matter of "normal level" maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 89-2021 to delegate limited authority to the Grand Traverse County Drain Commissioner to operate the lake level control structures (dams) that maintain the normal levels of Duck Lake and Silver Lake pursuant to Part 307 of the NREPA; and

WHEREAS, Duck Lake Dam is equipped with an automated lake level monitor that continuously measures, records and broadcasts the Duck Lake level to the Grand Traverse County website for the benefit of stakeholders, including the Drain Commissioner who utilizes monitoring with weather forecasting in an effort to maintain the "normal level" and the ACO-mandated minimum outflows; and

WHEREAS, Duck Lake has multiple streams that inlet to the lake and which, in addition to natural springs, provide water flow into Duck Lake affecting normal level; and

WHEREAS, Duck Lake has only one, solitary, outlet stream which is the headwater flow of the Betsie River, which flow is controlled by the Duck Lake Dam; and

WHEREAS, the normal level of Duck Lake can be influenced by factors downstream of the Duck Lake Dam, which is outside the control and limited authority of the Drain Commissioner and can include the natural actions of beaver and other wildlife, woodland deadfall obstructions, human activities that restrict or increase stream flow, and the unregulated flows of downstream tributaries to the Betsie River that occupy its stream channel capacity for flows; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner is a licensed Professional Engineer, examined by the State of Michigan and found competent to practice in the engineering areas of hydraulics, hydrology, open-channel flow and hydrogeology, and has reviewed 2½ years of Duck Lake Dam operational data along with the engineering studies previously commissioned by the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners in establishing and affirming the "normal level" for Duck Lake. The Drain Commissioner has also reviewed the "Betsie River Hydrologic and Hydraulic Study, May 2014," commissioned by the Water Resources Division of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy in conjunction with the Drain Commissioner's limited authority to the maintain normal level of Duck Lake; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has found it is technically impractical, perhaps impossible, to consistently maintain the normal level of Duck Lake utilizing the Duck Lake Dam for flow control, and that the additional obligations to maintain minimum flows imposed by ACO-05362 can counter efforts to maintain a normal level if minimum flows out of Duck Lake diminish lake levels at and below the normal level; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 662 of the 2024 legislative session proposes to amend Part 307 of the NREPA, including the definition of “normal level”. The proposed "normal level" would allow for temporary fluctuations in water level resulting from weather, natural events, or construction activities—offering greater flexibility to Grand Traverse County to comply with the current Circuit Court Order and with ACO-05362; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 662 was passed out of the Senate by a considerable majority and now resides in the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 662 has been reviewed by outside Civil Counsel to the County Board of Commissioners who identify benefit to the County if the bill is adopted into law as presently written.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT Grand Traverse County supports Senate Bill 662 of 2024 as currently written, and hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to amend the current definition of “normal level” under Part 307 of Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the definition included in Senate Bill 662 introduced to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand Traverse County Clerk is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Grand Traverse County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, and the other 82 counties of Michigan as commissioner correspondence.

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the County of Tuscola, State of Michigan, on the 14th day of March 2024, with the meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Commissioner Ben Lutz, Commissioner Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Sam Young, Commissioner Jan Gardner

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Koch,
seconded by Commissioner Lutz,

RESOLUTION 2024-03

A RESOLUTION FROM TUSCOLA COUNTY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY WASTE REDUCTION ACT TO REPEAL PART 8 AS ADDED BY PUBLIC ACT 233 OF 2023, IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL FOR WIND AND SOLAR OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities; what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions be forced onto Townships without their best interest at hand; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan has passed, and the Governor has signed House Bill 5120, now Public Act 233 of 2023, that strips away local community control on these issues and places the control within the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and

WHEREAS, Tuscola County will protect our communities land from the MPSC and special interests trying to strip away local control within legal limits; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of Tuscola County feel strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tuscola County Board of Commissioner vehemently opposed to the State of Michigan Legislature's passage of legislation that takes away local control and places it within the authority of the MPSC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that Tuscola County is opposed to corporation-prioritized action such as building utility-scale wind and solar projects in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that Tuscola County supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

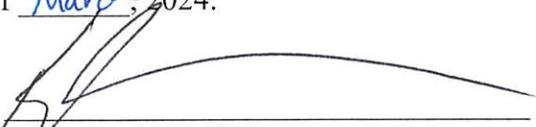
Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Vaughan, Juty, Koch

Nays: none

Resolution 2024-03 declared adopted this 14th day of March, 2024.

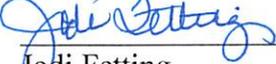
Date 3/14/2024



Kim Vaughan, Chairperson
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, CCO, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on March 14, 2024.

Date 3/14/2024



Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO

OGEMAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVE
TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL OF SITING DECISIONS FOR
RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY STORAGE PROJECTS**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-36
ADOPTED MARCH 14, 2024**

WHEREAS the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be allowed in their local communities was enshrined in the landmark *Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Company* U.S. Supreme Court decision in 1926 that established the principle and practice of land use zones; and

WHEREAS on September 28, 2023, the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 23-124 in opposition to state preemption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Legislature and Governor acted to usurp local control of land use decisions established in *Euclid* through enactment of Public Act 233 of 2023, which strips away local community control of the siting process for renewable energy and energy storage projects and instead assigns that function to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC); and

WHEREAS the Board feels strongly that local governments in Michigan are best suited to assess the land use needs of their respective communities as established nearly 100 years ago in the landmark *Euclid* decision.

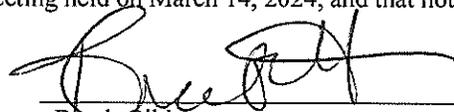
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners supports the statewide ballot initiative organized by Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan, to repeal Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use decisions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, the Michigan Association of Counties, state legislators who represent Ogemaw County, and other applicable state and local authorities.



Jenny David, Chairperson
Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners

I certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners, that such resolutions were duly adopted at a regular meeting held on March 14, 2024, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.



Breck Gildner
Ogemaw County Clerk

Introduced by the Human Services Committee of the:

INGHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATEWIDE WATER AFFORDABILITY LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION #24 – 117

WHEREAS, in October 2023, a package of “Water Affordability” bills was introduced in the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives which, if enacted, would establish a first in the nation statewide program to provide eligible low-income households with water bill payments considered affordable based on national standards, along with a sustainable funding source to support the program and protections from water service shut off; and

WHEREAS, SB 0549’23 and HB 5088’23 would create a low-income water residential affordability program under which qualifying individuals would not pay more than an average of 3% of their household income for water services and, if eligible, receive arrearage forgiveness for past due water debt and household plumbing repairs to prevent water loss; and

WHEREAS, SB 0550’23 and HB 5089’23 would create the low-income water affordability fund within the Michigan Department of Treasury using a \$2 per month, per retail water metered account funding factor which would be used as a dedicated funding source to support the low-income residential water affordability program and, among other things, ensure that water utility providers recover the full cost of services provided to eligible and enrolled customers; and

WHEREAS, SB 0551’23 and HB 5090’23 would create the “Water Shutoff Protection Act” which would require water utility providers give various forms of notice to residential customers prior to the disconnection of water service due to non-payment and to prevent water service disconnection for individuals meeting the requirements of a critical care customer whose life would be at imminent risk without household water services; and

WHEREAS, the average inflation-adjusted water costs have roughly doubled (increased by 188%) for the state as a whole since 1980 and the cost of water service, on average, has increased at a faster rate than all other essential goods and services, except health care; and

WHEREAS, customers who cannot afford water bill payments are at risk of water service shut off, property tax liens that can result in foreclosure, and other potentially devastating consequences including housing insecurity and harm to personal health, dignity, and family relationships; and

WHEREAS, the inability of customers to afford water services also impacts water utility providers through uncollected or delayed revenue, increased operational costs, and deferred infrastructure maintenance or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham County Board of Commissioners recognizes that access to affordable water services is a fundamental human right, essential for the fiscal stability of water utility providers, necessary to protect public health and safety, and critical to the resilience and prosperity of Ingham County and all Michigan residents.

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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MARCH 18, 2024 SESSION - INVOCATION, 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 March 18, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of February 22, 2024, and rules of this Board; Chair Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #5 Commissioner Dugan.

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

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

1. Washtenaw County resolution supporting SB228 to repeal the law preventing local ordinances to ban plastic bags
2. Washtenaw County resolution supporting statewide water affordability legislation
3. Washtenaw County resolution supporting the Protect My Kids Bill package in the Michigan Legislature

FEBRUARY 22, 2024 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the minutes for the February 22, 2024 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

4/ Chair Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:

1. Drain Commissioner Denise Medemar addressed the board and disagreed with county's decision on the Monsanto settlement by using those funds to pilot the household hazardous waste program
2. Al Radspieler of Hopkins addressed the board on the process of being put on the agenda
3. Curtis Clark of Allegan addressed the board regarding an outreach program he is with that has concerns on the rising cost of property taxes and the Allegan Dam
4. Tim Culver from State Rep. Matt Hall's office gave a legislative update to the board

AGENDA – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

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

INFORMATIONAL SESSION – COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

6/ County Clerk/Register of Deeds Bob Genetski presented his 2023 annual report to the board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

7/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included: Health Dept quarterly report; provider capacity assessment report; Resource Recovery Materials Management Plan; Plan of Organization; service level fees; PFAS updates; and Consumers Energy investment in Allegan County.

CONSENT ITEMS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE – CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

8/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for March 1, 2024; March 8, 2024 and March 15, 2024; 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 2024 Claims folder of the Commissioners’ Record of Claims.

March 1, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	293,226.30	293,226.30	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	58.48	58.48	
Health Department Fund – 221	3,045.34	3,045.34	
Solid Waste/Recycling Fund – 226	125.34	125.34	
Animal Shelter – 254	1,491.00	1,491.00	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	341.80	341.80	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	40,537.78	40,537.78	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	165.59	165.59	
Justice Training Fund – 266	150.00	150.00	
Grants – 279	2,712.50	2,712.50	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	43,512.00	43,512.00	
Transportation Fund – 288	4,143.36	4,143.36	
Child Care Fund – 292	5,381.78	5,381.78	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	3,680.04	3,680.04	
Senior Services Fund – 298	419.53	419.53	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	73,894.00	73,894.00	

Central Dispatch CIP – 496	8,061.51	8,061.51	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	3,341.81	3,341.81	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	437.85	437.85	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	748.32	748.32	
Self -Insurance Fund – 677	766.58	766.58	
Drain Fund – 801	5,325.00	5,325.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$491,565.91	\$491,565.91	

March 8, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	214,023.39	214,023.39	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	1,627.56	1,627.56	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	1,314.11	1,314.11	
Health Department Fund – 221	21,158.80	21,158.80	
Solid Waste/Recycling Fund – 226	8,484.83	8,484.83	
Animal Shelter – 254	12,096.64	12,096.64	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	787.38	787.38	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund – 264	772.00	772.00	
Law Library Fund – 269	2,152.50	2,152.50	
CDBG Program Income Fund – 277	727.80	727.80	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	670.58	670.58	
Transportation Fund – 288	121,577.29	121,577.29	
Child Care Fund – 292	10,217.42	10,217.42	
Senior Services Fund – 298	16,023.84	16,023.84	
America Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	21,068.04	21,068.04	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	34,498.39	34,498.39	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	17,800.74	17,800.74	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	225.77	225.77	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	1,164.61	1,164.61	
Self -Insurance Fund – 677	442,087.01	442,087.01	
Drain Fund – 801	7,119.72	7,119.72	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$935,598.42	\$935,598.42	

March 15, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	128,522.47	128,522.47	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	1,406.29	1,406.29	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	996.22	996.22	
Health Department Fund – 221	4,745.14	4,745.14	
Solid Waste/Recycling Fund – 226	10,198.93	10,198.93	

Animal Shelter – 254	730.95	730.95	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	79,628.27	79,628.27	
Central Dispatch Fund – 292	4,863.64	4,863.64	
Grants – 279	2,741.12	2,741.12	
Crime Victims Rights Grant – 280	579.12	579.12	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	536.39	536.39	
Child Care Fund – 292	37,329.21	37,329.21	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	2,145.84	2,145.84	
Senior Services Fund – 298	1,270.39	1,270.39	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	245,879.58	245,879.58	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	5,710.06	5,710.06	
Tax Reversion 2018 – 629	63.00	63.00	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	43.21	43.21	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	2,063.28	2,063.28	
Drain Fund – 801	15,921.76	15,921.76	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$545,374.87	\$545,374.87	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for March 1, 2024; March 8, 2024 and March 15, 2024.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the report of claims for March 1, 2024; March 8, 2024 and March 15, 2024. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ACTION ITEMS:

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

9/ **WHEREAS**, Allegan County maintains a Resource Recovery Program for recycling; and

WHEREAS, household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronic device drop-off events and scheduled drop-offs have been held for Participating Governmental Units (PGU); and

WHEREAS, the cost of these events is charged back to PGU accounts, and citizens residing in non-PGU are not eligible to participate; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to encourage the safe and responsible disposal of HHW and electronic devices while minimizing program overhead.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes a pilot project for 2024 scheduled events and drop-off services to the Health Department as a county-wide eligible event; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments (including the allocation from the PCB Water Pollution Class Action Settlement Pay Out and apply/accept grant funding), and any necessary documents to complete this action are authorized to be signed.

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

Moved by Commissioner Storey, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to amend the motion to have the amount appropriated not to exceed \$50,000 for the pilot project. Motion amendment carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH—MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN**

10/ **WHEREAS**, under Part 115 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended, each county shall have a Materials Management Plan (MMP), and each governing body shall determine whether the development and management of the MMP shall be through a single county or multi-county approach; and

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) has considered its options based on the research and analysis of the Solid Waste Planning Committee and the County Recycling Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to maintain local control over services provided to citizens of Allegan County by becoming the County Approval Agency(CAA); and

WHEREAS, the Board will appoint the members of the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) and the Recycling Coordinator will currently act as the Designated Planning Agency and provide oversight of the MMPC and the Work Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board appoints itself as the County Approval Agency (CAA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board adopts the recommendation to develop a single county MMP, through the assistance of a qualified consultant or contracted employee to the extent funding is received for this purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED said plan shall include, to the extent practicable, the ability for Allegan County to enter into interlocal agreements for collaboration with other counties and entities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Administrator is authorized to accept funds for the development of an MMP; 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 DeYoung to take immediate action and approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION—ADOPT AMENDED BY-LAWS

11/ **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the amended by-laws of the Allegan County Economic Development Commission effective immediately, as attached; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these attached by-laws supersede any previously established by-laws; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the one Commissioner representative currently serving existing term shall be Commissioner Jim Storey.

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

Allegan County Economic Development Commission Bylaws

The Allegan County Economic Development Commission, hereinafter referred to as “Commission”, is an agency of the County established pursuant to Act 46, Public Acts of Michigan 1966, as amended, and subject to the general control of the County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as “Board”. The Board may make such rules and regulations in respect to the Commission as it deems necessary.

ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

Section 1. The Commission shall be a voluntary organization created by Allegan County to foster cooperative efforts that will enhance economic development opportunities in the region. The Commission shall assist in providing guidance regarding the Economic Development initiatives for County Economic Development and shall assist in the achievement of economic development goals for Allegan County. In addition, the purpose of the Commission is to:

- A. Investigate and study the conditions affecting the economy of the area, technical studies and statistical research and surveys necessary or useful for the expansion of the economy, and the collection and dissemination of such information.
- B. Recommend to the Board for the study and elimination of restrictions, barriers and burdens imposed by law or otherwise, which may adversely affect or retard the development and expansion of area industry, commerce or agriculture.
- C. Study and advise the Board, industry and interested organizations and associations as to means and methods of providing financing for economic expansion in the county or region.
- D. Promote and encourage the expansion and development of markets for products of the County.
- E. Publicize the material, economic and cultural advantages of the County.
- F. Conduct research and make recommendations to the Board for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated and efficient development of the County in accordance with present and future needs and to best utilize County resources.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Commission shall consist of fourteen members who shall be elected by the County Board of Commissioners. The fourteen memberships will be filled on a priority basis as follows:

Priority 1: Economic Development Focus Area

There should be one representative for each of the following thirteen focus areas:

- Agriculture
- Arts and Culture

- Downtowns
- Education – K-12 and post-secondary
- Manufacturing/Industry
- Real Estate/Development
- Recreation and Tourism
- Healthcare
- Workforce Development
- Utilities
- Non-Profit
- Private Sector
- Public At-Large

In addition to these thirteen focus areas, there shall be one County Commissioner.

Priority 2: Geography

Recognizing that Allegan County is large and geographically diverse, membership on the Commission shall be filled with representatives from all regions of the County to the extent possible.

- Section 2. **Terms, Replacement and Vacancies.** Of the initial members elected, an equal number, or as near as practicable, shall be elected for one year, two years and three years. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a term of three years. Subsequent Commissioners shall be elected in the same manner as original members at the expiration of each Commissioner’s term of office. A Commissioner whose term of office has expired shall continue to hold office until the Board has elected his/her successor. The Board may reelect a Commissioner to serve additional terms. If a vacancy is created, the Board shall elect a successor within sixty (60) days to hold office for the remainder of the term of office so vacated.
- Section 3. **Removal.** By a majority vote, the Commission may recommend to the Board that a Commissioner be removed from office for one or more of the following reasons: inefficiency, neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance or missing 50% or more of regularly scheduled Commission meetings in a given calendar year.
- Section 4. **Conflict of Interest.** A Commissioner who has a direct interest in any matter before the Commission shall disclose his/her interest prior to any discussion of the matter by the Commission, which disclosure shall become a part of the record of the Commission’s official proceedings. The interested Commissioner shall further refrain from participation in the Commission’s action relating to the matter. Each Commissioner, upon taking office and annually thereafter, shall acknowledge in writing that they have read and agree to abide by this section.

Section 5. **Compensation.** Members of the Commission may receive compensation and mileage, as set by the Board. The members of the Commission shall not be full-time officers. All members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

- Section 1. **Officers.** The officers of the Commission shall be elected by the Commission and shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary. The Commission may also appoint a Recording Secretary who need not be a member of the Commission. An officer shall not execute, acknowledge, or verify an instrument in more than one capacity if the instrument is required by law or the Bylaws to be executed, acknowledged or verified by two or more officers.
- Section 2. **Nomination, Election and Term of Office.** The officers of the Commission shall be elected by the Commission at an annual meeting held during the first calendar quarter of each year. The term of each office shall be for one (1) year. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor is elected. No person shall hold the same office for more than three successive terms.
- Section 3. **Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, may be filled at any meeting of the Commission for the unexpired portion of the term of such office.
- Section 4. **Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.** The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission, and may from time-to-time delegate all or any part of his/her duties to the Vice Chairperson. In his/her absence, the Vice Chairperson, shall preside at all meetings of the Commission. He or she shall have general and active management of the business of the Commission and shall perform all the duties of the office as provided by the law or these Bylaws.
- Section 5. **Secretary and Recording Secretary.** The Secretary or Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Commission and record all votes and minutes of all proceedings and shall perform like duties for the standing committees when required. They shall further perform all duties of the office of Secretary or Recording Secretary as provided by law or these Bylaws. They shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of these duties.
- Section 6. **Delegation of Duties of Offices.** In the absence of any officer of the Commission, or for any other reason that the Commissioners may deem sufficient, the Commission may delegate, from time-to-time and for such time as it may deem appropriate, the powers or duties of such officer to any other officer, or to any Commissioner, provided a majority of the Commission then in office concurs therein.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

- Section 1. **Regular Meetings.** The Commission shall hold, at a minimum, four regular meetings per year. Date, time and location for these meetings shall be determined by the Commission.
- Section 2. **Annual Meeting.** The Annual Meeting, which shall be for the purpose of the election of officers, shall be held at the time of the first regular meeting of each year.
- Section 3. **Special Meetings.** The Chairperson or any group of three Commissioners may call a special meeting of the entire Commission, provided each Commissioner is given at least 48 hours advance notice of the meeting and the purpose of the meeting.
- Section 4. **Notice.** Notice of any meetings shall be given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976 as amended).
- Section 5. **Quorum.** A majority of the members of the Commission elected constitutes a quorum for the transaction of the business at any meeting of the Commission, provided that a majority of the Commission present may adjourn the meeting from time-to-time without further notice. The vote of the majority of the Commissioners present at a meeting at which a quorum is present constitutes the action of the Commission, unless the vote of a larger number is required by statute or by these Bylaws.
- Section 6. **Participation by Communication Equipment.** A member of the Commission or of a committee designated by the Commission may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation in a meeting pursuant to this provision constitutes presence at the meeting.
- Section 7. **Proceedings.** Proceedings of all meetings of the full Commission shall be governed by the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order and minutes shall be kept and distributed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976 as amended).
- Section 8. **Committees.** Groups or individuals that represent stakeholder interests can be incorporated into economic development activities as members of short-term, project-specific committees. These committees shall be formed on an ad-hoc basis to complete specific tasks or projects and shall be elected by the Commission as needed.

ARTICLE V – FISCAL YEAR

- Section 1. The fiscal year of the Commission shall correspond at all times to the fiscal year of the County of Allegan.

ARTICLE VI – STAFFING

Section 1. **Appointment of Employees.** For the purpose of P.A. 46 of 1966, Section 125.1233, the Director of County Development shall be considered the only appointee of this Commission. Said appointee shall be an employee of Allegan County, reporting directly to the County Administrator, and shall be subject to all County policy as established by the Board of Commissioners. Additional resources may be provided through the Department of County Development consistent with the department’s annual budget as approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VII – MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. **Waiver of Notice.** When the Commission or any committee thereof may take action after notice to any person or after lapse of a prescribed period of time, the action may be taken without notice and without lapse of the period of time, if at any time before or after the action is completed the person entitled to notice or to participation in the action to be taken submits a signed waiver of such requirements.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Any amendments to these bylaws are subject to final Board approval.

Section 2. **Date of Approval.** These bylaws were approved **on March 18, 2024**, and shall become effective on that date.

Signed By:

Board Chair Date

County Clerk Date

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—APPROVE DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

12/ **WHEREAS**, in accordance with the County's Medical Examiner Services Contract, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) must approve Deputy Medical Examiners designated by the Contractor.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the Chief Medical Examiner's designation of Christine James, DO, effective 4/1/2024, as Deputy Allegan County Medical Examiner

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

BREAK - 2:09 P.M.

13/ Upon reconvening at 2:19 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Storey, DeYoung, Kapenga, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

VACANCY ON ROAD COMMISSION

14/ Commissioners discussed the vacancy in the Road Commission due to the death of John Kleinheksel. Commissioners agreed to have all applications received by April 18, 2024; interviews on April 25, 2024 (evening session); and the final vote on May 9, 2024. Notice to be placed in the Allegan County News.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

15/ Chair Storey opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:

1. Curtis Clark of Allegan addressed the board regarding the framework of township and counties

ROUNDTABLE

16/ Commissioner Beltman read a letter from Trowbridge Township thanking the Allegan County Clerk's Office for all their assistance due to the election changes that took effect with the February 27, 2024 election due to Proposal 2 of 2022.

REQUEST FOR MILEAGE

17/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve mileage reimbursement for commissioners to attend the regional SMART meeting in Kent County on March 27, 2024. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MARCH 28, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M.

18/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until March 28, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Jennifer Duen

Deputy Clerk



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Introduction

- Non-profit established in **2003**
- Led by **19-member** board of directors
- Growing **15-member** team
- Focused solely on current and future primary employers in **Allegan & Ottawa counties**

LAKESHORE ADVANTAGE CORE FOCUS



Grow



Plan



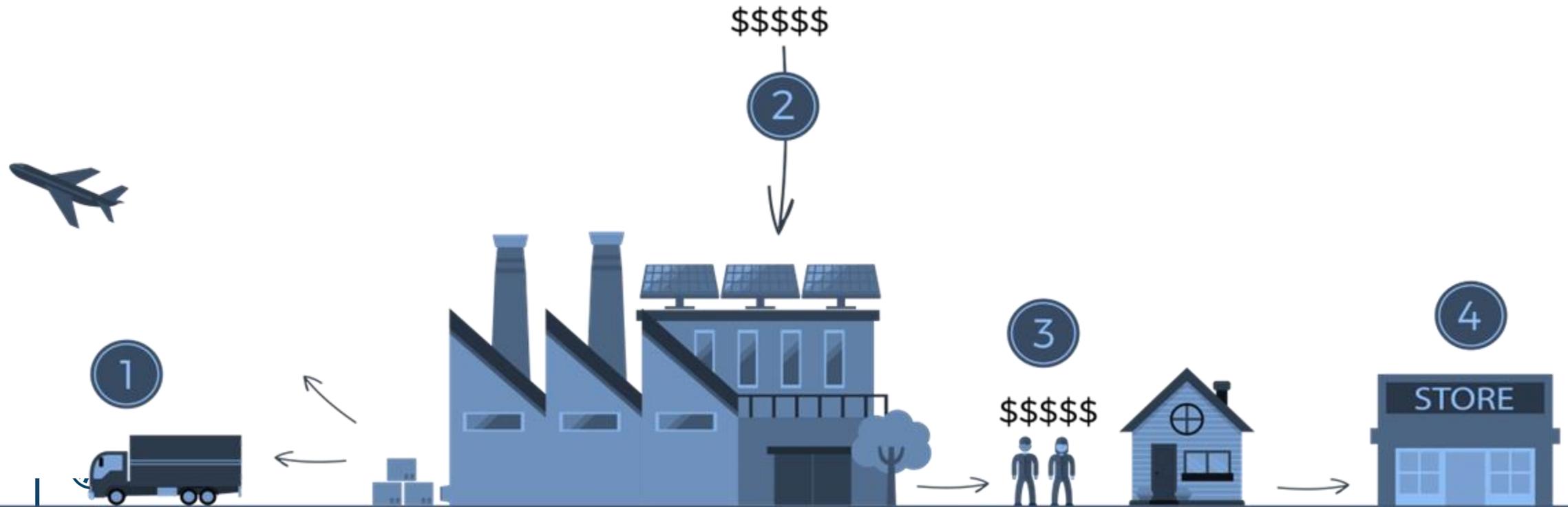
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The Lakeshore Region's GPS—We grow, plan, and solve for a bright economic future.

Maintain A Robust Primary Business Base

Primary employers generate
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for our region.

These employers form the very core of the region's economic vitality.



ACTIVITY UPDATE

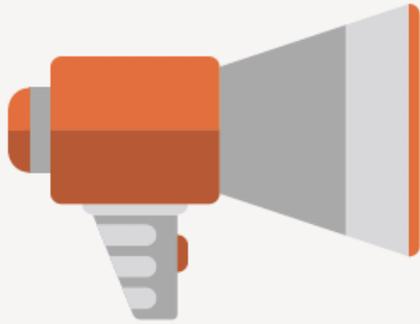
2023 Successful Projects & Achievements

Lakeshore Advantage recently released their annual success and achievements report which celebrates substantial business expansion, job creation, and investment in West Michigan's Lakeshore Region.

Full report available at www.lakeshoreadvantage.com

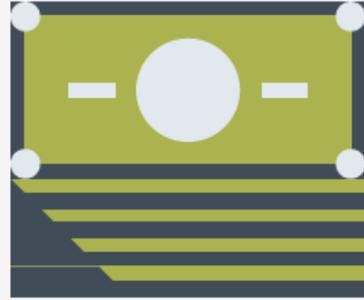


2023 SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS



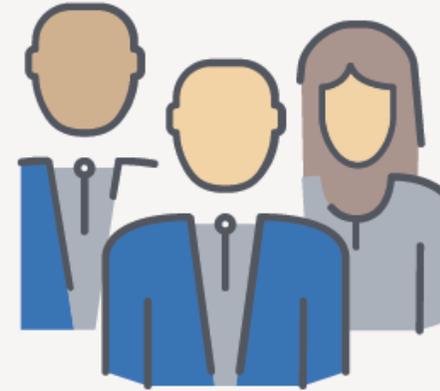
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Successful projects
(5 in Allegan Co.)



\$3.2 Billion

in private investment
(\$3.1 Billion in Allegan Co.)



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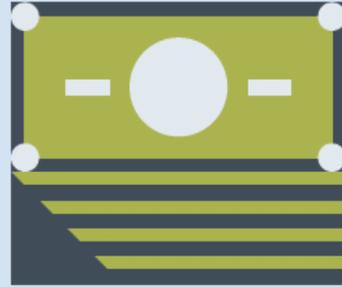
New or Retained jobs
(399 in Allegan Co.)

PROJECT PIPELINE



23

projects in
the pipeline
(10 in Allegan Co.)



\$1.2B

in new
potential
investment
(\$1.1B in Allegan Co.)



765

potential new
or retained jobs
(511 in Allegan Co.)

2023 MILESTONES & METRICS

Item	Achieved?	Notes
Seat on Lakeshore Advantage Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rob Sarro
Allegan EDC Board Administration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 meetings annually
Primary employer annual outreach plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	320 significant interactions with 78 Allegan County employers
Annual Business Intelligence Report	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	51 Business Intelligence Interviews conducted with Allegan County employers
Attraction on lead submissions, research requests, and site tours	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing - 15 responses to requests in 2023
Commercial real estate agent outreach and education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing (Ex: 2023 Developer Day)
Vacant site and building tours as needed for expanding employers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing

Item	Achieved?	Notes
Primary entrepreneur education for high tech/high growth primary employers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	70 startups navigated, \$16M leveraged
Lakeshore Advantage website includes primary employer resources and tools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New site launched! www.lakeshoreadvantage.com
Digital communications and social media platforms promote Allegan County employer news	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing
Investor engagement event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Economic Development 101 , Perrigo Developer Day & VIP Happy Hour , Gun Lake Casino

Our NEXT 3 Years



An ignited startup ecosystem



Industrial sites and buildings available for business expansion



Ample support for growing primary businesses



Know the needs of those who fill in-demand positions



Private and public investment in long-term economic health of the region





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An Ignited Startup Ecosystem



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70

STARTUPS

\$16M

CAPITAL

SURGE

POWERED BY LAKESHORE ADVANTAGE



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Accelerate
Growing Industry
Clusters



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Food Processing &
Agribusiness

Smart
Manufacturing

Advanced Energy
Storage



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West Michigan poised for growth in advanced energy storage sector

New report details West Michigan's role and opportunities in energy storage technology development and production...

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LT Precision establishes North American headquarters in Allegan County

- Supplier of battery cooling plates for electric vehicle manufacturers
- 70 new jobs
- \$43.2 million Investment



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Increase Major
Industrial Sites and
Buildings

Industrial Site Readiness Efforts

- Top barrier to growth for existing employers
- Focused on addressing future needs of existing employers
- Regional collaborative effort with potential support from MEDC grants
- Potential developments in Dorr and Plainwell under consideration for grant funding.



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Attracting and Retaining Emerging Workers

Talent Initiatives

- HR Advisory Council
- Allegan County Workgroups: Broadband, Housing Stock, Regional Childcare
- Elevate training resources
- Support vibrant downtowns - Revitalization & Placemaking Grants
 - City of Fennville - \$112,500
 - City of Allegan - \$160,000





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An Invested
Business
Community

Continue to Maintain Our Foundation



60%

Private Sector



40%

Public Sector +
Contracts & Grants

Every **\$1** invested in Lakeshore Advantage in 2023 returned
\$1,800 dollars in private investment.

THANK YOU

Questions?

S T A T E O F M I C H I G A N

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

FINANCE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Administration has compiled the following claims for 3/22/24, 3/29/24; 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 2024 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

March 22, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
GENERAL FUND - 101	66,144.19	66,144.19	
PARKS/RECREATION FUND - 208	2,162.26	2,162.26	
FRIEND OF THE COURT -Cooperative Reimb - 215	3,251.00	3,251.00	
HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND - 221	3,684.75	3,684.75	
SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING - 226	62,145.48	62,145.48	
ANIMAL SHELTER - 254	1,285.32	1,285.32	
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND - 260	6,755.58	6,755.58	
SHERIFFS CONTRACTS - 287	6,549.33	6,549.33	
TRANSPORTATION FUND - 288	111,927.81	111,927.81	
CHILD CARE FUND - 292	5,102.93	5,102.93	
SENIOR SERVICES FUND - 298	109,971.39	109,971.39	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND - 401	25,823.00	25,823.00	
PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENTS - 516	31.30	31.30	
FLEET MANAGEMENT / MOTOR POOL - 661	583.44	583.44	
SELF-INSURANCE FUND - 677	2,500.00	2,500.00	
DRAIN FUND - 801	74,666.47	74,666.47	
GENERAL FUND - 101	66,144.19	66,144.19	
PARKS/RECREATION FUND - 208	2,162.26	2,162.26	
FRIEND OF THE COURT -Cooperative Reimb - 215	3,251.00	3,251.00	
HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND - 221	3,684.75	3,684.75	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$482,584.25	\$482,584.25	

March 29, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	169,953.15	169,953.15	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	5,847.28	5,847.28	
Friend of the Court Fund - Cooperative Reimb - 215	280.94	280.94	
Health Department Fund - 221	2,350.33	2,350.33	
Solid Waste/ Recycling -226	10,955.20	10,955.20	
Animal Shelter - 254	628.53	628.53	
Indigent Defense Fund- 260	61,837.26	61,837.26	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	62,226.61	62,226.61	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund - 264	4,800.00	4,800.00	
Grants - 279	5,173.90	5,173.90	
Sheriffs Contract - All Other - 287	972.64	972.64	
Transportation Fund - 288	4,387.78	4,387.78	
Child Care Fund - 292	4,199.44	4,199.44	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	4,122.30	4,122.30	
Senior Services Fund - 298	78,828.86	78,828.86	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	10,881.59	10,881.59	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	24,295.67	24,295.67	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund - 516	5,203.49	5,203.49	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund 2023 Taxes - 523	2,900,195.22	2,900,195.22	
Fleet Management / Motor Pool- 661	169.53	169.53	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	2,010.04	2,010.04	
Drain Fund - 801	49,996.40	49,996.40	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$3,409,316.16	\$3,409,316.16	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 3/22/24, 3/29/24, and interfund transfers.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT CREATION OF COMMUNITY PROSPERITY GROUP RE: CALKINS DAM

WHEREAS, in a news release dated August 9, 2022, Consumers Energy announced it will “gather opinions from the public about the 13 dams they own and operate on five Michigan rivers to help guide their decisions about the future of those electric generating facilities”; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2022, and June 27, 2023, Consumers Energy held public meetings in Allegan County regarding Calkins Bridge Dam; and

WHEREAS, public members and local leaders expressed great concern regarding the potential removal of the hydro facilities/dams and resulting loss of Lake Allegan to the local economy during the meeting and have further expressed concerns in writing to the Board of Commissioners (Board); and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that Lake Allegan is an integral part of our region and a key factor in the viability of local water availability (as a water source impacting a primary aquifer), and other dams and lakes are likely an integral part of their respective regions, the dams and lakes should be preserved; and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified river hydroelectric power as a reliable, stable source of power for both Allegan County and the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Board hosted a meeting with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) locally in Allegan County to consider local input, educate stakeholders on the role of the MPSC and impact that may have on the future of the Calkins Dam, and to discuss the unique value proposition the Calkins Dam offers; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy is convening a Community Prosperity Group (Group) in consultation with the Lake Allegan Association, and led by the ODC Network; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy and the Lake Allegan Association are requesting the participation from the Board and Administration as members of the Group.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners supports the development of an independent Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board hereby appoints Commissioner Beltman to the Group and the County Administrator (or designee) to the Group; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the County Administrator has designated Executive Director of Services Dan Wedge to participate in the Group (and the County Administrator may continue to attend as a resource or in coverage of Mr. Wedge should he be unavailable) and is authorized to assist with meeting space for the Group if necessary; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, Midwest Strategies Group is requested to notify the MPSC and all members of the legislature representing Allegan County, of the creation of the Group.



MEMO

To:	Dan Wedge	
cc:	Chairman James Storey	
From:	Coco Soodek Lake Allegan Association, Inc.	Derek Nofz Consumers Energy
Date:	March 26, 2024	
Re:	Lake Allegan WorkGroup	

We write to jointly report on our discussions about forming a workgroup to explore the future of Lake Allegan.

As you know, Consumers Energy has publicly announced its intention to establish a community led advisory group charged with envisioning a future for Lake Allegan. Similarly, Commissioner Gale Dugan drafted a resolution – as early as 2022 – to form a county-wide task force that would discuss ways to preserve Lake Allegan. And, most recently, the Lake Allegan Association proposed that the County establish a working group to explore the future of Lake Allegan.

After reflection and several discussions with Dan Wedge, we – the Lake Allegan Association and Consumers Energy - believe a single workgroup organized to explore the future of Lake Allegan is currently the most effective and efficient course. Although we may seek to create a separate workgroup under the auspices of Allegan County in the future, we believe that for now we are all ably served by a workgroup led by ODC Network as described below.

Our plan for the workgroup is as follows:

- MISSION.** The goal of this workgroup is to explore options to preserve the lake, ensure the future of the surrounding community, protect county assets, and serve as prudent stewards of the environment and ecology of Lake Allegan as well as the surrounding region.
- CONVENOR.** Consumers Energy has engaged the ODC Network to act as convenor and organizer of the activities of the workgroup. Consumers Energy has committed to fully fund and support the workgroup’s activities. Consumers Energy intends to keep Public Sector Consultants (PSC), its outside public affairs firm, engaged as advisor to the ODC Network. PSC will assist ODC Network in its custodianship of the workgroup.
- INITIAL MEETING.** ODC Network will convene an initial meeting on April 25, 2024 to lay the foundation for structure, membership, meeting schedules, agendas and reporting protocols. We expect the group to meet quarterly at least throughout 2024 and 2025.
- STAKEHOLDERS.** With Dan Wedge, we jointly compiled a list of constituencies and stakeholders who will be invited to participate in the workgroup. We believe these stakeholders will provide the proceedings with broad and diverse perspectives and expertise on Lake Allegan; environmental concerns related to Lake Allegan; opportunities for Lake Allegan; and avenues to preserve the lake as a jewel of Southwest Michigan. That list is attached.
- REPORTING TO COUNTY.** The workgroup will commit to providing the Allegan County Board of Commissioners with periodic activity reports: Written reports will be submitted quarterly, plus an annual live presentation.
- COUNTY LIAISON.** Because we believe the involvement of the Allegan County Commission is essential to the future of Lake Allegan, we request that the Commission designate one commissioner and one administrator to liaison with the workgroup on a regular basis.

- 7. PUBLIC REPORTS.** The workgroup will also commit to making regular reports of its major activities available to the public through Consumers Energy's 'Future of Hydro' microsite or another appropriate webpage.

Planning the future of Lake Allegan involves grappling with numerous complex environmental, economic, regulatory and political issues; it also presents enormous opportunities to build on a valuable, beautiful 100-year old asset. We look forward to continuing our work together to create and implement a shared vision for the future of Lake Allegan that protects and benefits Allegan County.



LAKE ALLEGAN AND THE CALKINS DAM STAKEHOLDERS

PARTNERS SEEKING WORKGROUP

Consumers Energy
Outdoor Discovery Center- Convenor
Public Sector *Consultants* (PSC)
Lake Allegan Association

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Allegan County (Board and/or Staff Representative)
Allegan Township
Valley Township
City of Allegan
Drain Commissioner
Gun Lake Tribe
Public Schools

STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

State of Michigan – Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Matt Diana
State of Michigan – Environment, Great Lake and Energy (EGLE)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
United States Army Corp of Engineers

LEGISLATORS

Rep Rachelle Smit or a member of her staff
Representatives from the staffs of Michigan’s US Senators
United States Army Corp of Engineers
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

AGENCIES

Allegan Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development organizations
US Fish and Wildlife
Kalamazoo River Watershed Council
Kalamazoo River Citizens Advisory Group

ADDITIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

Recreation: Angling, Paddling, Camping, Trails
Georgia Pacific (the Responsible Party of the Superfund Site)
A representative from Lakeshore Advantage
Myrene Koch, the Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney