

## ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MORNING SESSION

**JUNE 3, 2021 SESSION - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met at Dumont Lake Park on June 3, 2021 at 12:38 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 27, 2021, 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	DEAN KAPENGA	- PRESENT	DIST #5	TOM JESSUP	- PRESENT
DIST #2	JIM STOREY	- PRESENT	DIST #6	GALE DUGAN	- PRESENT
DIST #3	MAX THIELE	- PRESENT	DIST #7	RICK CAIN	- ABSENT
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG	- PRESENT			

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:****FACILITIES PLANNING**

2/ Chairperson Storey opened the meeting for round table to Elected Officials and Honorable Judges to receive feedback regarding building conditions and operations.

Honorable Chief Bakker & Judge Kengis (48<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court):

- Courts maintained operations throughout the pandemic.
- Friend of the Court remains at a distance with the need for social distancing with clientele.
- Working on social distancing for jury trials (118 Jury Trials on log)
- Entering Phase III
- Per Supreme Court ruling, courts will continue to wear face masks
- Concerned people may just "roll the dice" (thinking trial may not happen) on trial, when people see trials will actually happen they may change their position.
- Stacking cases pushes stacks of subpoenas to be served by Sheriff's Office. A lot of collaboration amongst the offices.

Honorable Judge Kengis (48<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court):

- Keep in mind the ability to work remote is a new piece to recruiting and keeping people.

Sheriff Frank Baker (Law Enforcement):

- Corrections follow Michigan Department of Corrections, no major issues or outbreaks.
- Operations were maintained throughout the pandemic
- Early in pandemic did stagger schedule for officers, otherwise pretty normal.
- Lobby has been limited and had to shut down tele-visits from the lobby (did remote tele-visits).
- Lobby is now open, still appointments for fingerprinting.

- Clerical did remote, likely will still continue (hybrid).
- Tele-visits still closed, looking for how to open backup.
- Stopped having volunteers in corrections during early pandemic, re-evaluating this as things open.
- Trying to incorporate more technology in GED program e.g. tablets, etc.

Prosecuting Attorney Myrene Koch:

- Early in pandemic did hybrid remote. Due to challenges with files, etc. switched to onsite since May 2020 with limitations on outside individuals entering office.
- Staff has been great.
- Joey is back in office which has been helpful for morale.
- Fully staffed, 1 more position coming for 2022 which will share office.
- Backlogged in cases.
- Challenges with storage space, still water issues from roof/ceiling.

Drain Commissioner Denise Medemar:

- Started hybrid in office early in pandemic; back in office since June 2020.
- Spacing works well, did Board of Review (Assessments) outside.

Treasurer Sally Brooks:

- Remote & hybrid, still doing hybrid which works well. Something to be said about flexibility of remote as long as service is available onsite.
- Busy workload.

County Clerk/Register of Deeds (ROD) Bob Genetski:

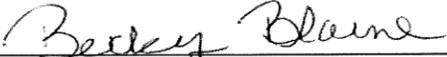
- Been operational since start of pandemic.
- Did some remote (maybe 3 weeks) but ultimately full onsite.
- Offering services outside to public when possible.
- Believes public has moved on from COVID.
- Staff was a little short for a while but they are just now starting to regulate with new staff.
- Busy traffic onsite especially for Concealed Pistol Licenses.

County Administrator Rob Sarro:

- Maintained operations throughout pandemic.
- Offices based on the discretion of service area leaders will continue to move forward with hybrid.
- Encouraged leaders if there are any identified issues/gaps in service to escalate those to a manager and if needed right up to the Executive Directors/County Administrator.

**ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 10, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.**

3/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adjourn until June 10, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 P.M. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1.

  
Deputy Clerk

  
Board Chairperson

Minutes approved during the 06/24/2021 Session

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