

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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AFTERNOON SESSION**JULY 9, 2020 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met remotely online connecting through a Zoom webinar on July 9, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of June 25, 2020, and rules of this Board; Chairman Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #2 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	DEAN KAPENGA	DIST #5	TOM JESSUP - Absent
DIST #2	JIM STOREY	DIST #6	GALE DUGAN
DIST #3	MAX THIELE	DIST #7	RICK CAIN
DIST #4	MARK DeYOUNG		

COMMUNICATIONS

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

1. Menominee County resolution in support of the 2020 Upper Peninsula State Fair
2. Tuscola County & Arenac County - resolution in support of the Line 5 Tunnel
3. Eaton County resolution to declare racism as a public health crisis

JUNE 25, 2020 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Thiele to approve the minutes for the June 25, 2020 session as distributed. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

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

1. Matt Campbell of 2240 Abbey Drive in Allegan Township addressed the board regarding his support of the ATV/ORV ordinance

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

5/ Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION: COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

6/ Mental Health Director Mark Witte addressed the board with the annual update for Allegan County Community Mental Health.



Annual Update to the Allegan County Commission July 9, 2020

Our Mission

Strengthening our community by improving and advocating for the lives of individuals and families.

Our Vision

Building a community which provides integrated behavioral health care effectively, efficiently, and sustainably for all who require it.

Our Core Values

Integrity, Honor, Equality, Innovation, Teamwork, Cultural Competency.

Thank you, Commissioners and Administrator Sorro, for the opportunity to present this annual update from Allegan County Community Mental Health. Ordinarily I would have relished the opportunity to share a clever PowerPoint presentation with you, but the times call for a more standard written report that can be more easily delivered at a distance.

I'd like to share with you several updates and developments related to our work, and close by inviting you to find a way to celebrate with us in this very special – though unusual – year.

COVID-19

As we are all too painfully aware, the onset of the COVID-19 crisis has thrown a giant curve ball at every kind of business and enterprise in the county, and CMH is no exception. Ever since the initiation of Governor Whitmer's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order on 3/24/2020, we have been working to figure out a new way to continue our work with the people we serve.

- We went from being an office-based crew to a largely off-site crew.
- We secured additional technology (phones and computers) and adopted virtual meeting platforms for our meetings and secure versions for our client contacts.
- We supported our staff by offering "Administrative Leave" time for those unable to do their work and have seen that time diminish a lot over the six or seven payroll periods that have transpired since March.
- We provided each staff with a daily email update on agency activities to keep everyone in the loop. As of 6/30/2020, we're up to edition #68 – having throttled back to 2x/week now.
- We consult regularly and in an ongoing manner with many different partners:
 - Locally with the Allegan County Health Department
 - Regionally with the Lakeshore Regional Entity
 - Statewide with the MI Dept of Health and Human Services
- We participated faithfully in the coordinating activities of the Emergency Operations Center.
- We have enjoyed the continued support of our board – which, thanks to your recent actions – have filled all twelve seats with outstanding community representatives, including three of your Commissioners – Chairperson Jim Storey, Mark DeYoung, Gale Dugan – all of whom have been excellent in their service.

Based on a survey conducted in May, the experience of our clients to all the telehealth offerings has been mixed. Some find it convenient and a practical help to their transportation challenges. Some miss the in-person interaction, and/or have technology problems or limitations that makes it impractical. I suspect we will work to maintain it where it works and is preferred and revert to in-person services as soon as our plan permits for those who do not prefer that mode of delivery.

We cannot predict the path or timeline of the crisis but are doing our part to keep it as short as possible by keeping everyone as safe as possible.

NEW BUILDING

We are in the lengthy process of purchasing and eventually refurbishing the former Shopko store on Jenner Drive across from Ascension Allegan Hospital. We have already gone many rounds with our USDA mortgage application to conform it to their fluctuating documentation requirements. We think we are close to the end of their process and will be able to proceed to construction and build-out phases after that.

All architectural and financial feasibility work for the building is complete, as it had to be submitted with the USDA application. The building will house all our current operations and allow for near-term expansion to include integrated physical and behavioral healthcare as well as increased capacity for the treatment of substance use disorders. We have a dire need to offer an in-county option for people with opioid and methamphetamine dependence.

If all goes well, and we secure the USDA's commitment by September, we could be on track to move the entire CMH operation into the Shopko location sometime in late 2021. I'm grateful to Rob Sarro and his team for their support in planning. We anticipate continuing our partnership through the county for a number of services in the new location.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Mental health is such an important community concern, touching on every aspect of life for most of our community members. Mental Health America reports that nationally between 2012 and 2017,

- youth major depression increased from 8.66% to 13.01%
- only 28.2% of these youth received consistent care
- adult serious suicidal ideation increased from 3.77% to 4.19%
- more individuals have private health insurance but 8.1% did not have mental health coverage (up from 4.6% in 2012)

People are concerned for themselves and for their family members and neighbors. One way the community can help is by responding to a special one-time campaign for financial support. The proceeds of that campaign will give county residents and business leaders a tangible way to support the community by making it possible for Allegan County CMH to locate our services in a highly visible, strategic and accessible location for years to come.

MODERNIZING OUR IDENTITY

The past couple of years have been spent evaluating the strategic needs of the organization and our mission/vision/values have been revised (see page 1, left column). What started as an effort to bring citizens home from institutional care and integrate them into community life in the 1970's has shifted. We continue to work to help everyone who struggles with chronic mental illness or developmental/intellectual disabilities achieve a full and rich life in their community.

However, we do so much more to intervene in mental health crises as they happen, we serve in support of courts and the jail as they deal with individuals with mental illness, we facilitate access to addiction treatment and offer recovery supports, we address childhood trauma and behavioral difficulties that emerge in childhood and we support healthy living and positive development for youth. ACCMHS is the homelessness go-to agency for Allegan County.

In the next several months, we will consider options for rebranding/renaming the agency. "Community Mental Health" services are our roots, but this name can stand in the way of how the public understands our services. We look to increase accurate interaction with an agency with strong skills in behavioral health that is dynamically engaged with the larger health care system, and which offers many other resources to support success and well-being.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

On August 11, our board and key partners (architect, branding consultant, fund developer) will come together for a work session to consider how we can bring all of these elements together – building, branding, & bucks – amid the COVID-19 crisis. Our cause is noble, and our work is challenging, and what it means to this community is what drives our daily efforts.

FIFTY YEARS

I know, we don't look a day over 35. But CMH was born on July 1, 1970! I spent a lot of time all through 2019 digging through archives of board minutes and agency archives and old newspaper articles about everything that happened in those 50 years. There is so much to remember and appreciate. Unfortunately, COVID-19 sunk our plans for a collective event – but someday, when this is all done, we will do just that. We will remember our past together and with humility commit ourselves to a future of great service to the people of Allegan County.

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

Sincerely,

Mark A. Witte, MSW, LMSW
Executive Director
7/1/2020

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

7/ Administrator Rob Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included animal shelter kennel paint, COVID Response funding, CARES Act funding and Project Staircase.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

8/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for July 3, 2020 and July 10, 2020; 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 2020 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

July 3, 2020

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 1010	183,474.80	183,474.80	
Park/Recreation Fund - 2080	714.02	714.02	
Central Dispatch/E911 Fund - 2110	21,584.04	21,584.04	
Health Department Fund - 2210	2,772.71	2,772.71	
Transportation Grant – 2300	1,233.52	1,233.52	
Public Improvement Fund - 2450	29,629.00	29,629.00	
Animal Shelter - 2550	7,360.00	7,360.00	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 2560	134.54	134.54	
Palisades Emergency Planning Facility UP – 2630	123.25	123.25	
Grants – 2790	7,549.48	7,549.48	
Victim Rights Grant - 2791	98.02	98.02	
Child Care-Circuit/Family - 2921	2,194.06	2,194.06	
Senior Millage - 2950	800.01	800.01	
Fleet Management - 6612	24.79	24.79	
Self-Insurance Fund - 6770	25,223.74	25,223.74	
Drain Fund - 8010	42,096.68	42,096.68	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$325,012.66	\$325,012.66	

July 10, 2020

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 1010	105,001.97	105,001.97	

Park/Recreation Funs – 2080	1,370.93	1,370.93	
Central Dispatch/E911 Fund – 2110	5,817.29	5,817.29	
Friend of Court Office – 2151	114.00	114.00	
Health Department Fund – 2210	6,462.44	6,462.44	
Solid Waste – 2211	6,865.81	6,865.81	
Transportation Grant – 2300	6,266.32	6,266.32	
Capital Improvement Fund - 2450	4,290.00	4,290.00	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 2560	88.17	88.17	
Indigent Defense – 2600	237.35	237.35	
Child Care-Circuit/Family – 2921	5,574.91	5,574.91	
Senior Millage – 2950	1,070.10	1,070.10	
Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund -6160	3,125.02	3,125.02	
Tax Reversion – 6200	536.56	536.56	
Self-Insurance Fund - 6770	14,083.14	14,083.14	
Drain Fund - 8010	20,224.64	20,224.64	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$181,128.65	\$181,128.65	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for July 3, 2020 and July 10, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adopt the report of claims for July 3, 2020 and July 10, 2020. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: 2020 BOARD PLANNING

FINANCE – APPLY/ACCEPT FY2020-2021 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENT FUNDING (CEFS) GRANT

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

Moved by Commissioner Thiele, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to amend the 2nd paragraph to read: "**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** In keeping with the Byrne JAG focus on public safety, for expenses incurred or to be incurred, the County may receive maximum reimbursement/funding under the following three areas which is currently...". Motion amendment carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator to apply for, and accept when awarded, the CESF grant through Michigan State Police, Grants and Community Services Division, Byrne JAG Unit FY2020-21 (March 2020 through September 2021), to reimburse the County for costs that are "directly related to the prevention of, preparation for, or response to coronavirus"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED In keeping with the Byrne JAG focus on public safety, for expenses incurred or to be incurred, the County may receive maximum reimbursement/funding under the following three areas which is currently: Sheriff/Corrections (\$150,784); Courts (\$183,302.23); and Prosecuting Attorney (\$58,500) which may include and is not limited to costs of overtime, contracted services, technology, personal protection equipment, physical barriers (including the courthouse renovation

modifications if eligible) and other eligible expenses that have been, and will be, incurred in carrying out the County's COVID-19 Preparedness, Response and Safe Workplace Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board Chairman and/or the County Administrator are authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the County and that the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the amended resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

2021 BUDGET

10/ Administrator Sarro noted the budget development continues to be on track in accordance with the Board's Budget Policy. Administration is meeting with each office to review and gain further understanding of budget submissions so that a recommended balanced budget can be presented.

NORTH STREET - EXTEND CURRENT LISTING PRICE

11/ Administrator Sarro noted that on February 27, 2020 the Board passed a resolution to reduce the sale price of the North Street property from \$479,000 to \$325,000 for a period of 90 days. With a majority of the 90 window being consumed by the COVID crisis. Administration will continue to list the property at the \$325,000 price point for the remainder of the year subject to the Board's approval.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Cain to take action during the July 23, 2020 session for the listing price of the North Street property. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

2020 BOARD PLANNING - ROCK TENN

12/ Administrator Sarro noted the purchase agreement for the Rock Tenn property expired on April 9, 2020. The developer advised there is still a desire to develop the property; however, demolition combined with infrastructure costs are prohibitive without grants for sewer, water and roads. Both the County and the developer continue to seek additional grants and investment options to make the project viable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Administrator to prepare a Request for Proposal package for options of demolition of the remaining buildings inclusive of a bid alternative to add the removal of the foundations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Administrator is authorized to identify and pursue funding sources that may be available.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Dugan and Cain. Nays: Kapenga. Absent: Jessup.

TAX LIMITATION - NEXT STEPS

13/ Administrator Sarro noted the Board approved ballot language that will ask voters during the November 3, 2020 General Election on the tax limitation. Sarro has arranged for a brief presentation and

question/answer session utilizing the Zoom virtual meeting tool for local units and the public. Sarro will present and facilitate discussion along with several other team leaders.

LIVE STREAMING POLICY

14/ Administrator Sarro updated the Board that equipment has begun to arrive. Information Services is anticipating configuration and installation to be completed by the end of August. Administration and Legal is reviewing the Live Stream Policy and will be brought back before the Board for final approval.

QUARTERLY ADMINISTRATOR STRATEGIC TOUCHPOINT

15/ Chairman Storey noted he distributed a communication to Commissioners on the Administrator's quarterly review.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

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

FINANCE - APPLY/ACCEPT FY2020 PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH PAYROLL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

17/ Executive Director of Finance Lorna Nenciarini updated the board on the Michigan Department of Treasury's webinar that was held on July 9, 2020 to assist local unites in understanding the funding opportunities available to assist in COVID responses.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the County Administrator to apply for, and accept when awarded, the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program (April 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020), to reimburse the County for Public Safety and/or Public Health payroll costs that may be eligible under the program; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board Chairman and/or the County Administrator are authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the County and that the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: Kapenga, Storey, DeYoung, Dugan and Cain. Nays: Thiele. Absent: Jessup.

BREAK - 4:04 P.M.

18/ Upon reconvening at 4:15 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Kapenga, Storey, Thiele, DeYoung, Dugan and Cain. Absent: Jessup.

APPOINTMENTS: 911 POLICY & PROCEDURE BOARD

19/ Chairman Storey announced the appointment of the following individual to the 911 Policy & Procedure Board to fill a 2-year term; term to expire 7/31/2022.

Markie McGowan, 2966 56th St, Fennville

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the appointment as made. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 6 votes. Nays: 0 votes. Absent: 1 vote.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JULY 23, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.

20/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until July 23, 2020 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 P.M.

Jennifer Dien

Deputy Clerk

James M. Storey

Board Chairperson

Minutes approved during the 07/23/2020 Session