

## ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## MORNING SESSION

**FEBRUARY 9, 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 February 9, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of January 26, 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 Dugan, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**2023/27 BOARD PLANNING UPDATE**

4/ Discussion continued on the commissioner input on the National Community Survey. Commissioner Storey noted that the National Community Survey is sanctioned by the City Managers Association and is a way to benchmark against like communities.

**BREAK - 10:25 A.M.**

5/ Upon reconvening at 10:36 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Storey, DeYoung, Kapenga, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

**2023/27 BOARD PLANNING UPDATE CONTINUED**

6/ Discussion continued on the commissioner input on the National Community Survey.

**RECESS - 11:42 A.M.**

7/ Upon reconvening at 12:32 P.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Storey, DeYoung, Kapenga, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

**2023/27 BOARD PLANNING UPDATE CONTINUED**

8/ Discussion continued on the commissioner input on the National Community Survey.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS**

9/ 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 FEBRUARY 23, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.**

10/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until February 23, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by roll call vote and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**AFTERNOON SESSION****FEBRUARY 9, 2023 SESSION - INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

11/ 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 February 9, 2023 at 1:02 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of January 26, 2023, and rules of this Board; Chairman 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

**JANUARY 26, 2023 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED**

12/ Moved by Commissioner Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the minutes for the January 26, 2023 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS**

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

1. Coco Soodek of the Lake Allegan Association addressed the board asking for support for a resolution that was prepared for Governor Whitmer on the Calkins Dam.

**AGENDA - ADDITIONS**

14/ Chairman Storey asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Beltman asked to add the resolution in support of Lake

Allegan Associations request to meet with Governor Whitmer and the Director of Energy as a consent item.

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

**AGENDA - ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

**16/** Administrator Sarro thanked Sergeant Scott Matice for his 27 years of service to Allegan County.

**MEMORIAM - GEORGE R CORSIGLIA**

**17/** Judge Baker addressed the board and recognized the impact that Judge George R. Corsiglia made upon Allegan County and also read a letter that Judge Kengis had written.

Judge Baillargeon addressed the board via Zoom with recognition on the impact that Judge George R. Corsiglia made upon Allegan County.

Commissioner Storey read the memorial resolution for Georege R. Corsiglia and commissioners did a standing vote to adopt the resolution of memoriam.

**ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
I N M E M O R I A M**

**George R. Corsiglia**  
September 9, 1935 - January 29, 2023

**TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,**  
Gentlemen:

**WHEREAS,** our Almighty God, in His providence, has removed from this life our friend and public servant, George Corsiglia; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of this Board recognize and are grateful for his passionate commitment to citizenship and public service in our Allegan County Community. In 1972, George was appointed District Judge to the 57th District Court in Allegan. From June 19, 1974, to December 31, 2010, George served as Honorable 48<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge of Allegan County, including serving as the Chief from January 1, 1991, to December 31, 1993, and from January 1, 2002, to December 31, 2010. George was also a United States Army Veteran; and

**WHEREAS,** George's joys were founded in family, reading, animals, and a lifelong love of the law.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners, mourning his loss, not only to his family but to his friends, to the public, and to ourselves, do hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his bereaved family; and in cherishing his memory in respect to his many virtues, we do hereby instruct the Clerk of this Board to inscribe a page of this Journal to his memory and to forward a copy of this resolution to his family.

Dated at Allegan, Michigan, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

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Jim Storey, Board Chairperson

The members of the Board of Commissioners rose for a moment of silence to honor the life and memory of George Corsiglia.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
ss  
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN)

I, Bob Genetski, Clerk of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Allegan do hereby Certify that the Above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on February 9<sup>th</sup> of the year 2023.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court in Allegan, Michigan, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

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Bob Genetski, Clerk-Register

**MEMORIAM - LOUIS "LOU" THIERWECHTER**

17/ Commissioner Storey read the memorial resolution for Louis "Lou" A. Thierwechter and commissioners did a standing vote to adopt the resolution of memoriam.

**ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
I N M E M O R I A M**

**Louis "Lou" A. Thierwechter**  
July 24, 1939 - January 27, 2023

**TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,**  
Gentlemen:

**WHEREAS,** our Almighty God, in His providence, has removed from this life our friend and public servant, Louis "Lou" Thierwechter; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of this Board recognize and are grateful for his passionate commitment to citizenship and public service in our Allegan County Community. From January 1, 1993, to December 31, 1996, Lou served as District #6 Commissioner of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners. From January 1, 2003, to December 31, 2006, Lou served as District #9 Commissioner, including serving as Vice Chairperson 2005/2006. While a County Commissioner, Lou also served on various Commissions, including the Economic Development Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee, and Human Resources Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** Lou's joys were founded in family, friends, music, and a lifelong love of water.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners, mourning his loss, not only to his family but to his friends, to the public, and to ourselves, do hereby extend our sincere sympathy to his bereaved family; and in cherishing his memory in respect to his many virtues, we do hereby instruct the Clerk of this Board to inscribe a page of this Journal to his memory and to forward a copy of this resolution to his family.

Dated at Allegan, Michigan, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

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Jim Storey, Board Chairperson

The members of the Board of Commissioners rose for a moment of silence to honor the life and memory of Lou Thierwechter.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
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COUNTY OF ALLEGAN)

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Bob Genetski, Clerk-Register

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

19/ Human Resources Manager Lyn Holloway addressed the board with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022 wellness report.

Project Manager Valdis Kalnins addressed the board with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2022 capital report and carryover projects.

Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included LifeLock extensions; remote/in person work schedules; and facility master planning.

**CONSENT ITEMS:****FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

20/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for February 3, 2023 and February 10, 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.

**February 3, 2023**

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	301,793.14	301,793.14	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	1,017.99	1,017.99	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	1,283.03	1,283.03	
Health Department Fund – 221	36,408.53	36,408.53	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	14,410.86	14,410.86	
Brownfield Redevelopment Auth. – 243	880.00	880.00	
Multi-Agency Collab. Committee – 245	523.83	523.83	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	5,167.47	5,167.47	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	4,578.56	4,578.56	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	1,349.77	1,349.77	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund – 264	2,450.00	2,450.00	
Justice Training Fund – 266	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Law Library Fund – 269	5,130.02	5,130.02	
Grants – 279	2,577.81	2,577.81	
Transportation Fund – 288	3,375.54	3,375.54	
Child Care Fund – 292	8,864.36	8,864.36	
Fitness Center Fund – 296	7,629.35	7,629.35	
Senior Services Fund – 298	3,881.36	3,881.36	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	56,255.00	56,255.00	
Tax Reversion 2018 – 629	273.00	273.00	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	254.06	254.06	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	31.98	31.98	

Self-Insurance Fund – 677	386,178.89	386,178.89	
Drain Fund - 801	11,293.82	11,293.82	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$858,108.37</b>	<b>\$858,108.37</b>	

**February 10, 2023**

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	270,312.89	270,312.89	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	2,131.64	2,131.64	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	9.93	9.93	
Health Department Fund – 221	21,439.62	21,439.62	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	1,766.29	1,766.29	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	118,890.86	118,890.86	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund – 264	-1,116.04	-1,116.04	
Grants – 279	4,348.14	4,348.14	
Sheriff Contracts – 287	133.94	133.94	
Transportation Fund – 288	116,706.05	116,706.05	
Child Care Fund – 292	29,888.42	29,888.42	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	4,032.43	4,032.43	
Fitness Center Fund – 296	112.43	112.43	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	2,150.00	2,150.00	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	1,289.82	1,289.82	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	370.50	370.50	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	18,428.13	18,428.13	
Drain Fund - 801	34,439.49	34,439.49	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS</b>	<b>\$625,334.54</b>	<b>\$625,334.54</b>	

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for February 3, 2023 and February 10, 2023.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to adopt the report of claims for February 3, 2023 and February 10, 2023. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT LAKE ALLEGAN ASSOCIATION’S REQUEST TO MEET WITH GOVERNOR WHITMER TO DISCUSS RIVER HYDROELECTRIC POWER**

**21/ 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, Consumers Energy held a public meeting 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 during the

meeting and have further expressed concerns in writing to the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners believes that Lake Allegan is an integral part of our region, and other dams and lakes are likely an integral part of their respective regions, the dams and lakes should be preserved; and

**WHEREAS**, to support Lake Allegan and to learn the economic impact of the decommissioning of the 13 potentially-affected dams across our great State of Michigan, it was deemed imperative that we obtain reliable and objective data relative to the operating costs and full economic impact of each dam to the respective community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners requested via resolution on October 13, 2022, that the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission take the necessary and immediate measures to secure funding and assistance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to conduct a full economic impact study of each dam (eight of which exist within the West Michigan region) and progress has been made among the parties towards commissioning a study; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Lake Allegan Association, and other interested Michiganders, are circulating a letter to request that Governor Whitmer support river hydroelectric power as a critical source of Michigan's electricity and meet to discuss the same.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Commissioners agrees that river hydroelectric power is an essential component in ensuring that the state of Michigan has stable and reliable sources of electricity and supports the Association's request to meet with Governor Whitmer and respectfully urges the Governor to accept the invitation and recommends the Energy Great Lakes and Environment (EGLE) Director be included in said meeting and made available as a contact to the Association regarding this matter.

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Clerk is hereby instructed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Whitmer, Lt. Governor Gilcrest, Senators: Thomas Albert, Aric Nesbitt, Roger Victory; Representatives: Joey Andrews, Nancy DeBoer, Matt Hall, Angela Rigas, Pauline Wendzel and Rachelle Smit.

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

#### **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - HONORING MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES**

**22/ WHEREAS**, Michigan's 83 county governments play a central role in the proper delivery of, and oversight for, critical public services for the state's approximately 10 million residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan county governments are led by Boards of Commissioners, who are elected from their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan was formed by representatives of 16 counties on Feb. 1, 1898, in the Senate chamber of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing; and

**WHEREAS**, the association's name was changed to the Michigan Association of Counties on July 17, 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties is the oldest association representing local governments in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, 48 of Michigan's 83 counties have had at least one of their commissioners (or supervisors prior to 1968) serve as president of the association's Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the association created the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund in 1979 to help county members provide workplace safety and injury insurance services to its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the association created the Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation in 1986 to partner with service providers to help counties save money on everything from health insurance to telecommunications services; and

**WHEREAS**, the association hosts two major conferences every year to bring together county leaders for briefings on trending public policy issues and to hear from state newsmakers and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the association's advocacy work in Lansing and beyond has advanced the interests of county governments and the residents they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, no fewer than five association presidents have served or are serving in the Michigan Legislature in the 21st century, a testament to the culture of public service inculcated by the association.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners wishes to commend and honor the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary year.

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.

#### **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – APPROVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT POSITION CHANGES**

**23/ WHEREAS**, a request was received for an additional position within the Emergency Management Division during the 2023 budget but was not able to be fulfilled for the fiscal year 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, since that time, the Emergency Management Director Position has become vacant, and the part-time Local Emergency Planning Coordinator will soon become vacant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with Administrative Departments, has reviewed the staffing structure for the Emergency Management Division.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Emergency Management Director Position is hereby retitled to Emergency Management Coordinator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Local Emergency Planning Coordinator Position is hereby retitled to Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator and reclassified to full-time status at a B24; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to make any necessary budget adjustments to complete this action.

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

**ADMINISTRATION—AUTHORIZE MEDIA SERVICES**

**24/ WHEREAS**, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) seeks to engage and inform the citizens of Allegan County on newsworthy events throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Issue Media Group (IMG) publishes weekly digital magazines leveraging the power of solutions-based and narrative journalism with an aim to connect readers to their community's most visionary and active people, businesses, and organizations - increasing the openness, aesthetics, and social offerings of communities.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board authorizes the County Administrator to negotiate and sign contract documents purchasing the services from the Issue Media Group, LLC. 5090 State Street Suite D-104, Saginaw, MI 48603; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Executive Director of Finance is authorized to make necessary budget adjustments within the existing operational budgeted funds to complete this project.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to approve the resolution as presented with expenditures not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

**APPOINTMENTS: SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**25/** 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 DeFranco, 6122 Old Allegan Rd, Saugatuck  
(Environmental Interest Group Representative)

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS**

**26/** 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 FEBRUARY 23, 2023 AT 1:00 P.M.**

**27/** Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Kapenga to adjourn until February 23, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

*Jennifer Sten*

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Deputy Clerk

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