

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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JUNE 6, 2024 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 June 6, 2024 at 9:02 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 9, 2024, and rules of this board; Chair 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/ Chair 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 Kapenga, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**PUBLIC HEALTH 2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

4/ Health Officer Jacqueline Billette presented the 2023 Annual Report for the Health Department.

2025-2029 BUDGET

5/ Administrator Sarro reviewed the Allegan County Health Departments Plan of Organization as it relates to the Health Department receiving state accreditation.

BREAK - 9:58 A.M.

6/ Upon reconvening at 10:08 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Storey, DeYoung, Kapenga, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

2025-2029 BUDGET CONTINUED

7/ Administrator Sarro continued discussion on the multi-year planning process of the budget. Discussions involved the county wage scale.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

8/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Commissioners discussed having a new cornerstone marker or time capsule at the Courthouse due to the addition construction and that on Saturday June 8th the time capsule will be opened at noon during Bridgefest. Sarro also noted broadband provider 123Net Communications will have a notice included to those areas that the service will be available in upcoming tax bills.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

9/ Chair 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 JUNE 27, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.

10/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to adjourn until June 27, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 A.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

AFTERNOON SESSION**JUNE 6, 2024 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 June 6, 2024 at 1:02 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 9, 2024, and rules of this Board; Chair Storey presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #1 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	JIM STOREY
DIST #2	MARK DEYOUNG
DIST #3	DEAN KAPENGA
DIST #4	SCOTT BELTMAN
DIST #5	GALE DUGAN

MAY 9, 2024 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED

12/ Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the minutes for the May 9, 2024 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

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

1. Orlando Estrada from the City of Holland and running as County Commissioner in Ottawa County addressed the board regarding awareness for future prevention and accountability from law enforcement.
2. Jared Polonowski from Otsego Township addressed the board regarding issues with the Road Commission posting wrong meeting dates and the location of the meeting notices; recommended that the Road Commission have a 5 member board.
3. Jose Rizo from Valley Township addressed the board regarding the May 9, 2024 session authorizing legal research into election issues and is requesting the board to rescind the resolution. Also requested that the board look at having evening meetings so citizens can attend the meetings.
4. Dean Brandt from Heath Township announced that he is running for Sheriff and stated it is time for accountability; running as a constitutional sheriff and will enact a countywide grand jury.

AGENDA - ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

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

INFORMATIONAL SESSION - 48th CIRCUIT COURT

15/ Judge Baker and Circuit Court Administrator Jen Brink addressed the board with the 2024 Annual Report for the 48th Circuit Court.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

16/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Sarro reiterated that on June 8th the time capsule will be opened at noon during Bridgefest. He also noted the law enforcement cameras can be turned on/off based on policy and is not based on funding.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

17/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for May 17,2024, May 24,2024, May 31,2024 and June 7, 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.

May 17, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	221,673.19	221,673.19	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	541.05	541.05	

Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb – 215	1,684.39	1,684.39	
Health Department Fund – 221	2,927.31	2,927.31	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	77,054.09	77,054.09	
Animal Shelter – 254	1,061.19	1,061.19	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	57,634.66	57,634.66	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	63,368.15	63,368.15	
Justice Training Fund – 266	1,188.20	1,188.20	
Grants – 279	1,862.50	1,862.50	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	8,205.16	8,205.16	
Transportation Fund – 288	113,930.31	113,930.31	
Child Care Fund – 292	7,396.58	7,396.58	
Senior Services Fund – 298	74,834.99	74,834.99	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	47,465.39	47,465.39	
Tax Reversion 2020 – 621	175.00	175.00	
Tax Reversion 2018 – 629	545.50	545.50	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	15.87	15.87	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	1,437.66	1,437.66	
Drain Fund – 801	24,671.20	24,671.20	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$707,672.39	\$707,672.39	

May 24, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	94,572.41	94,572.41	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	3,174.31	3,174.31	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb – 215	82.49	82.49	
Friend of the Court – Other – 216	340.00	340.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	1,357.39	1,357.39	
Animal Shelter – 254	723.10	723.10	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	17,919.30	17,919.30	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	1,054.04	1,054.04	
Grants – 279	2,120.90	2,120.90	
Crime Victims Rights Grant – 280	66.75	66.75	
Transportation Fund – 288	4,076.52	4,076.52	
Child Care Fund – 292	26,852.21	26,852.21	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	1,590.51	1,590.51	
Senior Services Fund – 298	118,639.74	118,639.74	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	27,503.60	27,503.60	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	14,329.38	14,329.38	
Tax Reversion 2021 – 622	350.00	350.00	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	46.82	46.82	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	27,876.98	27,876.98	

Drain Fund – 801	16,627.77	16,627.77	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$359,304.22	\$359,304.22	

May 31, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	96,120.42	96,120.42	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb – 215	97.05	97.05	
Health Department Fund – 221	2,509.18	2,509.18	
Solid Waste/Recycling Fund – 226	7,084.76	7,084.76	
Animal Shelter – 254	677.81	677.81	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	105.07	105.07	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	134.00	134.00	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	4,872.55	4,872.55	
CDBG Program Income Fund – 277	30.00	30.00	
Grants – 279	11,162.31	11,162.31	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	47,519.86	47,519.86	
Transportation Fund – 288	4,846.64	4,846.64	
Child Care Fund – 292	5,630.51	5,630.51	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	3.89	3.89	
Senior Services Fund – 298	3,457.94	3,457.94	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	79,171.00	79,171.00	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	16,494.84	16,494.84	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	36.01	36.01	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	4,665.00	4,665.00	
Drain Fund – 801	3,880.00	3,880.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$288,498.84	\$288,498.84	

June 7, 2024

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	137,933.30	137,933.30	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb – 215	335.96	335.96	
Health Department Fund – 221	7,126.52	7,126.52	
Solid Waste/Recycling Fund – 226	20,298.99	20,298.99	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	649.93	649.93	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	3,839.41	3,839.41	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	3,330.50	3,330.50	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund – 264	531.30	531.30	
Justice Training Fund – 266	1,990.00	1,990.00	
Law Library Fund – 269	2,152.50	2,152.50	

Transportation Fund – 288	3,491.75	3,491.75	
Child Care Fund – 292	20,190.72	20,190.72	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	5.23	5.23	
Senior Services Fund – 298	1,233.68	1,233.68	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	415.92	415.92	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	13,950.00	13,950.00	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	4,747.31	4,747.31	
Tax Reversion – 620	280.00	280.00	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	20.00	20.00	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	511,873.07	511,873.07	
Drain Fund – 801	1,090,607.23	1,090,607.23	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,825,003.32	\$1,825,003.32	

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for May 17, 2024, May 24, 2024, May 31, 2024 and June 7, 2024, and interfund transfers

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to adopt the report of claims for May 17, 2024, May 24, 2024, May 31, 2024 and June 7, 2024. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ACTION ITEMS:

2024 MILLAGE LEVY - SET COUNTY MILLAGE RATES

18/ WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law (MCL 141.412 and 141.413), a notice of a public hearing concerning the 2024 County Budget was published in the Allegan County News, a newspaper of general circulation, on October 5, 2023, and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on October 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) adopted a Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation on October 12, 2023; and

WHEREAS, having held said hearing, the Board has determined the levy of said proposed millage to be in the best interests of the County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the following millages to be levied throughout the County of Allegan in the year of 2024:

County Operating Tax	5.1419
Allocated – Veterans Relief Fund	<u>0.0200</u>
TOTAL COUNTY OPERATING	5.1619
SENIOR SERVICES	0.4887
MEDICAL CARE FACILITY	0.2426
ALLEGAN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	<u>0.0970</u>
TOTAL COUNTY MILLAGE	6.9472

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that the Board Chairperson and County Clerk are authorized to sign the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

SHORELINE EROSION AND FLOODING

19/ WHEREAS, Allegan County and neighboring Lake Michigan shoreline counties have suffered substantial damage to both public and private structures because of record-breaking high-water levels driven by a series of high-velocity windstorms; and

WHEREAS, said damage has been reported to state and federal officials repeatedly since November 2019 and throughout the present year of 2024, causing state legislators to request an emergency declaration from the Governor of this state many months distant; and

WHEREAS, public safety officials have monitored closely the washout of Lakeshore Drive, Saugatuck Township, Allegan County since November 2019, when the erosion action of Lake Michigan's current condition caused the first weakening of said road; and

WHEREAS, citizens often look to local governments, including counties and townships, state and federal agencies to preserve and protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, Allegan County local governments have expended considerable resources to address the road washout; and

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Road Commission and Saugatuck Township are expending funds to plan a road relocation to remedy this matter and will be requesting state and federal infrastructure funds to relocate the road.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) supports the requests from the Allegan County Road Commission to receive immediate financial aid from the State of Michigan and Federal Governments' infrastructure funds needed to remedy this threat to public safety, which exceeds the ability of local governments to address alone and which has been identified for several decades; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests Senators Stabenow and Peters, Congressman Huizenga, and all Allegan County representatives in the legislature to support the Allegan County Road Commission and Saugatuck Township's request for infrastructure funds.

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



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - COMMENTS

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

1. Jared Polonowski of Otsego Township addressed the board regarding making an amendment to the May 9, 2024 resolution on legal counsel for candidates - noted the resolution should state who is eligible to receive counsel as there are many levels of candidates either local/state/federal all being on ballots
2. Tim Culver from Matt Hall's office addressed the board with updates regarding the State legislature

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 27, 2024 AT 1:00 P.M.

21/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to adjourn until June 27, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Jennifer Sten

Deputy Clerk

Board Chair

Minutes approved during the 00/00/2024 Session