

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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APRIL 24, 2025 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 APRIL 24, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of April 3, 2025, 2025, and rules of this board; Chair Dugan presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #2 Commissioner DeYoung.

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	CRAIG VAN BEEK
DIST #2	MARK DEYOUNG
DIST #3	BRAD LUBBERS
DIST #4	SCOTT BELTMAN
DIST #5	GALE DUGAN

APRIL 3, 2025 SESSION MINUTES - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

2/ Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to approve the minutes for the April 3, 2025 session as distributed except the Commissioner who seconded for the Emergency Management Plan on page 50 be changed to Beltman from DeYoung. Motion carried by roll call/voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

3/ Chair Dugan 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

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

INFORMATIONAL SESSION: DRAIN COMMISSIONER REPORT

5/ Chris Machiela, Drain Commissioner presented the annual report for the County Drain office.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

6/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included the monthly financial memorandum and that if there is interest from the cities or township in collaborating for police protection within their communities that the county has a contract system in place and is open to contracting with them if they choose to do so.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

7/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for 4/11/25, 4/18/25, and 4/25/25; 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 2025 Claims folder of the Commissioners' Record of Claims.

April 11, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	156,421.80	156,421.80	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	6,752.37	6,752.37	
Friend of the Court - Cooperative Reimb - 215	54.05	54.05	
Friend of the Court - Other - 216	688.00	688.00	
MCOLES CPE - 217	2,391.73	2,391.73	
Health Department Fund - 221	8,535.85	8,535.85	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	11,851.01	11,851.01	
Animal Shelter - 254	8,781.09	8,781.09	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	1,060.59	1,060.59	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	7,067.23	7,067.23	
Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund - 263	115.45	115.45	
Grants - 279	12,347.18	12,347.18	
Crime Victims Rights Grant - 280	67.79	67.79	
Sheriffs Contracts - 287	330.01	330.01	
Transportation Fund - 288	182,944.65	182,944.65	
Child Care Fund - 292	7,388.12	7,388.12	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	2,010.44	2,010.44	
Senior Services Fund - 298	29,191.20	29,191.20	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	348,449.98	348,449.98	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	7,421.04	7,421.04	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	36.01	36.01	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool - 661	52.78	52.78	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	106,805.78	106,805.78	
Drain Fund - 801	336,736.82	336,736.82	

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,237,500.97	\$1,237,500.97	
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April 18, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	124,229.75	124,229.75	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	1,145.03	1,145.03	
MCOLES CPE - 217	193.56	193.56	
Health Department Fund - 221	5,314.31	5,314.31	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	81,290.83	81,290.83	
Indigent Defense Fund - 260	264,751.51	264,751.51	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	25.20	25.20	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund - 264	1,271.91	1,271.91	
Justice Training Fund - 266	200.00	200.00	
Grants - 279	22.40	22.40	
Sheriffs Contracts - 287	5,657.62	5,657.62	
Transportation Fund - 288	2,128.09	2,128.09	
Child Care Fund - 292	12,850.68	12,850.68	
Veterans Relief Fund - 293	3,607.74	3,607.74	
Senior Services Fund - 298	90,958.15	90,958.15	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	12,284.20	12,284.20	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	19,553.53	19,553.53	
Central Dispatch CIP - 496	13,746.00	13,746.00	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	56,186.03	56,186.03	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	223.21	223.21	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$695,639.75	\$695,639.75	

April 25, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund - 101	134,662.96	134,662.96	
Parks/Recreation Fund - 208	4,865.01	4,865.01	
Friend of the Court - Cooperative Reimb. - 215	2,284.16	2,284.16	
Health Department Fund - 221	6,967.76	6,967.76	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	1,365.00	1,365.00	
Animal Shelter - 254	4,622.65	4,622.65	

Register of Deeds Automation Fund - 256	8,128.41	8,128.41	
Central Dispatch Fund - 261	180.98	180.98	
Justice Training Fund - 266	300.00	300.00	
Grants - 279	32,055.00	32,055.00	
Transportation Fund - 288	8,862.87	8,862.87	
Child Care Fund - 292	4,114.86	4,114.86	
Senior Services Fund - 298	74,555.65	74,555.65	
American Rescue Plan Act - ARPA - 299	95,701.70	95,701.70	
Capital Improvement Fund - 401	102,614.75	102,614.75	
CIP - Youth Home Building Fund - 492	1,857.60	1,857.60	
Property Tax Adjustments - 516	40,568.62	40,568.62	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund - 639	332.09	332.09	
Self-Insurance Fund - 677	55,286.50	55,286.50	
Drain Fund - 801	261,765.91	261,765.91	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$841,092.48	\$841,092.48	

CENTRAL DISPATCH - RENEW SURCHARGE AMOUNT

8/ **WHEREAS**, under MCL 484.1714 (1)(g) the State 9-1-1 Committee is required to provide notice to communication providers of the 9-1-1 surcharges in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, this includes the counties' 9-1-1 operational surcharge, the state 9-1-1 surcharge, and the monthly prepaid surcharge; and

WHEREAS, surcharge guidelines set by the State of Michigan are:

- Counties may raise or lower their surcharge collection amount once annually.
- Modifications to the surcharge collection amounts go into effect on July 1st each year.
- Counties requesting to raise their current surcharge, not to exceed voter-approved cap, must do so by commissioner resolution.
- Resolutions must be submitted to the State by May 15th each year.
- 2 percent of the county's surcharge is retained by the telephone companies as a technical cost; and

WHEREAS, Allegan County's surcharge cap was set by vote approval in August of 2018 at \$3.00 through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, then again Allegan County's surcharge cap was set by voter approval in August of 2024 at \$3.00 through December 31, 2035.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby determines the Allegan County 911 Surcharge shall remain \$3.00 through the remainder of the voter-approved timeframe and through each subsequent renewal until such time as the Board of Commissioners directs a change; 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Consent Items; to include the report of claims for 4/11/25, 4/18/25, 4/25/25, and interfund transfers along with the Renewal of the Allegan County 911 Surcharge.

Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to approve the Consent Items as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

9/ BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS - OPPOSES THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES' (MDHHS) PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan currently operates a publicly managed and community-based system for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services through 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which are responsible for managing Medicaid mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services; and

WHEREAS, the current PIHP system has consistently demonstrated value, local accountability, and community engagement, while successfully managing costs and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently announced plans to initiate a competitive procurement process for the management of PIHP functions, which may open the door to private, non-profit health plans or managed care organizations (MCOs) assuming control over behavioral health services; and

WHEREAS, such privatization could disrupt longstanding relationships between local mental health authorities, providers, and the communities they serve, and jeopardize the person-centered, recovery-oriented approach that has been cultivated under the public system; and

WHEREAS, many stakeholders, including individuals receiving services, advocates, local officials, and providers have expressed significant concerns about the potential impact of a competitive procurement process on care quality, access, local control, and transparency; and

WHEREAS, counties across Michigan have historically played a vital role in the governance, funding, and oversight of the public behavioral health system, and any change to that structure without meaningful county input undermines the principle of local governance; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a publicly accountable and locally governed behavioral health system is essential to ensuring that individuals with mental health and substance use needs receive timely, appropriate, and high-quality care.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners formally opposes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), the Michigan Legislature to halt any plans for privatization and instead work

collaboratively with counties, PIHPs, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), service users, and other stakeholders to strengthen and improve the public behavioral health system, by only allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan’s public mental health system to be part of any bid process should one occur; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel, Michigan State Senators - 18th District, Thomas Albert; 20th District, Aric Nesbitt; 31st District, Roger Victory and Michigan House of Representatives - 38th District, Joey Andrews; 39th District, Pauline Wendzel; 42nd District, Matt Hall; 43rd District, Rachelle M. Smit, 79th District, Angela Rigas; and 86th District, Nancy DeBoer, and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), and the County’s Legislative Advocate Midwest Strategy Group.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to oppose the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services’ (MDHHS) Plan. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ACTION ITEMS:

10/ EQUALIZATION - APPROVAL OF 2025 EQUALIZATION REPORT

WHEREAS, the Allegan County Equalization Department has completed its review of the 2025 assessment rolls of the 24 townships and 9 cities of Allegan County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Equalization finds one property classification, commercial real, in one government unit, Dorr Township, needing adjustment and recommends the adoption of the county equalized values of real and personal property as follows:

Real Property:	Agricultural	\$	1,246,057,900
	Commercial	\$	876,315,005
	Industrial	\$	467,286,000
	Residential	\$	8,807,897,150
	Timber Cutover	\$	0
	Developmental	\$	3,987,100
	Total Real Property	\$	<u>11,401,543,155</u>
Personal Property:	Commercial Personal	\$	75,260,433
	Industrial Personal	\$	124,237,800
	Utility Personal	\$	297,683,300
	Total Personal Property:	\$	<u>497,181,533</u>
	Grand Total:	\$	<u>11,898,724,688</u>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) respectfully reports that the totals as shown by the attached schedule (L-4024) have been verified and totaled by classification within each assessing jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the in compliance with MCLA 211.34, as amended, the Board agrees to the equalized rolls according to the following L-4024 report for the year 2025; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Matthew Woolford, Equalization Director to represent Allegan County in matters of equalization before the State Tax Commission pursuant to MCL 209.7.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to approve the 2025 Equalization Report. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PLANNING ITEMS: POLCO CITIZEN SURVEY RESULTS

11/ Polco Citizen Survey Results, presented virtually by Brandon Barrett.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NO COMMENTS

12/ Chair Dugan opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MAY 8, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

13/ Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to adjourn until May 8, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49P.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.



Deputy Clerk

Board Chair

Minutes approved during the 05/08/2025 Session