



**Genesee County**  
**Board of County Commissioners**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Wednesday, May 8, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

**Harris Auditorium, 1101 Beach St.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

James Avery, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioner Charles Winfrey  
Vice Chair Ellen Ellenburg  
Commissioner Beverly Brown  
Chairperson James Avery  
Commissioner Shaun Shumaker  
Commissioner Martin Cousineau  
Commissioner Dale Weighill  
Commissioner Michelle Davis

**Absent:** Commissioner Delrico Loyd

**III. INVOCATION**

Invocation was led by Commissioner Shumaker.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**[RES-2024-509](#)** Approval of Meeting Minutes - April 24, 2024

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Dale K. Weighill  
**SECONDER:** Ellen Ellenburg

**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg,  
Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery,  
Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau,  
Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis

**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd

Corporation Counsel, Brian MacMillan, noted the need to enter into Closed Session to discuss trial or strategy:

[RES-2024-516](#) Motion to enter into Closed Session.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Charles Winfrey

**SECONDER:** Shaun Shumaker

**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg,  
Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery,  
Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau,  
Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis

**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd

The Regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting recessed at 5:37 PM.

The Regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting reconvened at 5:54 PM.

1. [RES-2024-517](#) Closed Session: In the matter of S.L., et al, v Sheriff Christopher Swanson, et al, Genesee County Circuit Court case no. 24-120601-CZ

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau

**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown

**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg,  
Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery,  
Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau,  
Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis

**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd

## VI. PUBLIC ADDRESS

Fred Thorsby, 8291 Apple Blossom Ln. Flushing, MI, addressed the Board in support of the \$3.00 surcharge for Genesee County 911.

Karyn Miller, Flint Township Supervisor, 4178 Calkins, Flint, MI, addressed the Board in support of the \$3.00 surcharge for Genesee County 911.

Robert Cairnduff, 11479 Orchardview Dr., Tyrone Township, MI, addressed the Board in support of the \$3.00 surcharge for Genesee County 911.

## VII. COMMUNICATIONS

## VIII. APPOINTMENTS

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1. [RES-2024-505](#) Approval of two (2) appointments to the Genesee Health System-Family Member seats for a 3-year term expiring 3/31/27:
1. Gary Jones
  2. William Winiarski
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Charles Winfrey  
**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd
2. [RES-2024-506](#) Approval of one (1) appointment to the Genesee Health System-General Public seat for a 3-year term expiring 3/31/27:
1. Jameca Patrick-Singleton
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Charles Winfrey  
**SECONDER:** Shaun Shumaker
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd
3. [RES-2024-507](#) Approval of one (1) appointment to the Valley Area Agency on Aging for a 2-year term expiring 12/31/25:
1. Richard Wagonlander
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Dale K. Weighill  
**SECONDER:** Martin L. Cousineau
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd

## IX. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

### A. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James Avery, Chairperson; Ellen Ellenburg, Vice-Chairperson

**B. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Beverly Brown, Chairperson; Dale K. Weighill, Vice-Chairperson

**C. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Martin L. Cousineau, Chairperson; Dr. Beverly Brown, Vice-Chairperson

[RES-2024-531](#) Motion to amend RES-2024-054 to a \$3.00 surcharge.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau

**SECONDER:** Dale K. Weighill

**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis

**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd

1. [RES-2024-054](#) Approval of a request by Genesee County 9-1-1 to place on the August 2024 ballot an extension and increase of the 9-1-1 Surcharge

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED

**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau

**SECONDER:** Dale K. Weighill

**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis

**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd

2. [RES-2024-403](#) Approval of a request by Genesee County's Information Technology to travel to the National Association of Counties Annual Conference in Tampa, FL; the dates of travel are July 12-15, 2024; total cost of travel for two (2) staff not to exceed \$4,840.00; this is a budgeted expense

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau

**SECONDER:** Shaun Shumaker

**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis

- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd
3. [RES-2024-404](#) Approval of a request to create, post & fill one (1) System Engineer position at Genesee County's Information Technology Department
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau  
**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd
4. [RES-2024-423](#) Approval of a request to create, post & fill one (1) Advocate Trainee position at Genesee County's Office of the Prosecutor; this position is grant funded
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau  
**SECONDER:** Ellen Ellenburg
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd
5. [RES-2024-434](#) Approval of a request by Genesee County's IT Department to travel to the Gartner Security & Risk Management Summit in National Harbor, Maryland; dates of travel are June 3 - 5, 2024; total cost for travel for one (1) staff member not to exceed \$6,350.00; cost of travel to be paid from account 1010-228.01-910.005
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau  
**SECONDER:** Dale K. Weighill
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd

6. [RES-2024-443](#) Forwarding to receive and file a copy of the paid county bills for the weeks ending 3.24.24, 3.31.24, 4.7.24, and 4.14.24 in the total amount of \$20,373,615.94
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau  
**SECONDER:** Ellen Ellenburg
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd
7. [RES-2024-446](#) Approval of a grant award from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, in the amount of \$82,362.00, to provide for loaned staff at the Flint River Watershed Coalition; the budget for this grant is attached
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau  
**SECONDER:** Charles Winfrey
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd
8. [RES-2024-449](#) Approval of a proposed budget amendment to 2023-2024 Appropriations Resolution for various line items as described in the attached budget adjustment request
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Martin L. Cousineau  
**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Shumaker, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd

**D. GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Dale K. Weighill, Chairperson; Delrico J. Loyd, Vice-Chairperson**

Commissioner Shumaker left the meeting at 6:13 PM.

1. [RES-2024-171](#) Approval of a grant award from the State of Michigan to provide for the 2024 Remonumentation efforts by Genesee County's Surveyor; the budget for this grant is attached  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Dale K. Weighill  
**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown  
**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis  
**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd, and Commissioner Shumaker
2. [RES-2024-380](#) Approval of a grant award from Petco Love, in the amount of \$15,000.00, to provide for the purchase of catio equipment and fencing for new dog runs  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Dale K. Weighill  
**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown  
**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis  
**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd, and Commissioner Shumaker

#### E. HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

**Charles Winfrey, Chairperson; Shaun Shumaker, Vice-Chairperson**

1. [RES-2024-402](#) Approval of a grant award from the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services in the amount of \$750,000.00, to provide for water payment assistance to eligible Genesee County residents; there is no match required for this grant; the budget for this grant is attached  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Charles Winfrey  
**SECONDER:** Ellen Ellenburg  
**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis  
**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd, and Commissioner Shumaker

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2. [RES-2024-406](#) Approval of a request to submit the 2024-2025 Early Head Start Expansion application to the Department of Health and Human Services/The Administration for Children and Families in the amount of \$2,564,048.00
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Charles Winfrey  
**SECONDER:** Dale K. Weighill
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd, and Commissioner Shumaker
3. [RES-2024-437](#) Approval of a request by Genesee County's Community Action Resource Department to submit a Non-Federal Share Waiver request to the Head Start Regional Office for 2023-2024
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Charles Winfrey  
**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd, and Commissioner Shumaker
4. [RES-2024-452](#) Approval of a request by Genesee County's Health Department to travel to the 2024 Annual Council of State, Territorial Epidemiologists Conference in Pittsburgh, PA; the dates of travel are June 8-12, 2024; total cost of travel for two (2) employees not to exceed \$5,647.00; this is a budgeted expense
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Charles Winfrey  
**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown
- Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis
- Absent:** Commissioner Loyd, and Commissioner Shumaker

- 5. [RES-2024-454](#) Approval of a modification of an MOU between Genesee County and MSU to allow for additional activities under the MSU-Extension Millage

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Charles Winfrey

**SECONDER:** Beverly Brown

**Aye:** Commissioner Winfrey, Vice Chair Ellenburg, Commissioner Brown, Chairperson Avery, Commissioner Cousineau, Commissioner Weighill, and Commissioner Davis

**Absent:** Commissioner Loyd, and Commissioner Shumaker

**F. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**Ellen Ellenburg, Chairperson; Michelle Davis, Vice-Chairperson**

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XI. NEW AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**James Avery,  
Chairperson, Board of Commissioners**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.