

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting regular meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 by electronic video/teleconference via Zoom Meeting pursuant to the Michigan Public Health Department's orders. Chairman Brant called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders, as follows:

PRESENT		ABSENT
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters	
Mark Brant	David Swartout	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.	
George Jondro	Henry Lievens	
Randy Richardville		

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to conduct business.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Asper, supported by Commissioner Lievens to approve the February 2, 2021 agenda as presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters			
Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (01/19/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Lemasters, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented and waive the reading thereof.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters			
Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATIONS

1. Monroe County Sewage Disposal System Bond Authorizing Resolution, Monroe County Sewage Disposal System Bonds (Ida-Raisinville Sewage Disposal System), Series 2021 (Limited Tax General Obligation) in amount not to exceed \$850,000.
 - a. Letter dated January 25, 2021 from Mr. Patrick McGow, Bond Counsel, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.
 - b. Monroe County Sewage Disposal System (Ida-Raisinville Sewage Disposal System) Series 2021 Contract
 - c. Public Meeting Notice related to the Limited Tax General Obligation and credit pledge of the County related to the bonds.

Drain Commissioner David Thompson and Legal Counsel Pat McGow explained the purpose and benefits of the Monroe County Sewage Disposal System Bond Authorizing Resolution, Monroe County Sewage Disposal System Bonds (Ida-Raisinville Sewage Disposal System)

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to execute the contract for the Monroe County Sewage Disposal System, Ida-Raisinville Sewage Disposal System, Series 2021.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters			

Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

- Resolution to Approve Ballot Proposal, Monroe County Museum System Funding Renewal Proposal for May 4, 2021 County Election. For review is a Letter dated January 28, 2021 from Mr. Brian Egen, Chairman, Monroe County Museum System Board of Trustees and Mr. Andy Clark, Director and the Monroe County Museum System Strategic Plan dated January 2021.

Mr. Andy Clark and Mr. Brian Egen gave a PowerPoint presentation to show the strategic plan for the Museum should the millage pass at the May 4, 2021 election.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Asper to approve the resolution to place the Ballot Proposal on the May 4, 2021 and authorize the Monroe County Clerk to be notified by delivering the executed resolution to the office of the Clerk.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters			
Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

- Resolution recognizing the St. Mary Catholic Central girls volleyball State championship.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Lievens to adopt the Resolution recognizing the St. Mary Catholic Central girls volleyball State championship.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman			Sharon Lemasters- Excused due to technical difficulties	
Mark Brant	David Swartout			

Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 02/03/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$386,645.99

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the 02/03/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$386,645.99.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters			
Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

2. Letter dated January 28, 2021 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, Monroe County Treasurer transmitting the Cash and Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

Mr. Stanford explained the report.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Lemasters to accept and place on file the December 31, 2020 Cash and Investment Report from the Monroe County Treasurer.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters			
Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims

- a. Check Register dated 01/22/2021 in the amount of \$947,834.04
- b. Check Register dated 01/29/2021 in the amount of \$539,051.06

Motion by Commissioner Asper, seconded by Commissioner Lemasters to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters			
Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated January 27, 2021 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer submitting the audit engagement letter covering the audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020.

Mr. Bosanac explained the purpose and significance of the audit engagement letter.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication and place it on file.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Sharon Lemasters			
Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARING—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on County Response to COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency

Public Health

Ms. Kim Comerzan, Public Health Director gave an overview of the Health Department's role and response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency.

- Ms. Comerzan thanked the Board for their support during these difficult times.
- Total confirmed cases to date=8196
- Average is 26.4 cases per day as of January 28.
- Positivity rate is 7.9% which is still moving down
- Vaccine update: Clinics are being held at the Health Education Center. 8,507 doses have been distributed in Monroe County
- Discussion commenced about the variant strains of Covid19. Ms. Comerzan's understanding is that the transmission rate is higher with the variant strains.

Jail & Law Enforcement Operations

Ms. Julie Massengill, Jail Administrator, Monroe County Sheriff's Office discussed the Sheriff's Office's response to the Covid-19 Pandemic Emergency.

- Currently there are no inmates or employees with Covid
- Continuing to follow sanitation protocols
- Hats off to the employees for their efforts in following protocols

County Operations

Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer discussed County's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

- One employee tested positive late last week
- Moving security desk out of the vestibule due to the cold snap coming our way.
- Courthouse is open for appointments only
- Still have plenty of PPE
- Commissioner Asper asked how the courts are operating currently. Ms. Michelle Marcero, District Court Administrator, said that she reports to the judges after each Board of Commissioners meeting. The courts are currently in Phase I but would like to move to Phase II and stay there (and not have to go back to Phase I). All hearings are being held remotely.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

Mr. Richard Micka, 47 E. Elm St., Monroe thanked the Board of Commissioners for supporting the Museum Millage to be on the May 4, 2021 ballot. He thanked Commissioner

Richardville for appointing him to the Museum System Board of Trustees and thanked Ms. Kim Comerzan for the smooth process for his Covid19 immunization.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Commissioner Richardville announced that there will be an Operations Committee Meeting later this month. He and Commissioner Lemasters attended their first Retirement Board Meeting and the pension has excellent results. Community Mental Health Authority is doing an excellent job working on many difficult things. Congratulations to SMCC volleyball team.

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Moore—Congratulations to the student athletes at SMCC.

Commissioner Hoffman—I echo what Commissioner Moore said.

Commissioner Lievens—Congratulations to the SMCC volleyball team on its success.

Commissioner Swartout—Received a lot of positive comments about the snow removal by the Road Commission and MDOT. Thank you to Kim Comerzan and her staff.

Commissioner Asper—I'm going to echo everyone else tonight.

Commissioner Richardville—Pass

Commissioner Jondro—Congratulations to the SMCC group and also to the Health Department,

Commissioner Lemasters—Congratulations to the SMCC girls volleyball team. Kim, you are doing a great job.

Commissioner Brant—Thank you to all the presenters. With these Zoom meetings it's difficult but I'm glad we are still able to have presentations. Museum pulled off the presentation well.

Mr. Tom Graham, Legal Counsel said the Board of Commissioner By-law changes are being worked on and should be ready soon.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT—Motion by Commissioner Lemasters, seconded by Commissioner Moore, to adjourn. With no further business to conduct, Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m.