

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held an Organizational Meeting electronically via Zoom Meeting on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Monroe County Clerk, Annamarie Osment, 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

County Clerk, Annamarie Osment led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

A. Election of Chairperson:

Clerk Annamarie Osment opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Commissioner Moore nominated Commissioner Brant as Chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hoffman nominated Commissioner Richardville as Chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

No other nominations were offered.

Clerk Annamarie Osment closed the nominations for Chairman.

Roll call vote by Deputy Clerk as follows:

Commissioner Hoffman voted for Commissioner Richardville
Commissioner Brant voted for Commissioner Brant
Commissioner Asper voted for Commissioner Brant
Commissioner Jondro voted for Commissioner Richardville
Commissioner Richardville voted for Commissioner Brant
Commissioner Lemasters voted for Commissioner Brant
Commissioner Swartout voted for Commissioner Brant
Commissioner Moore voted for Commissioner Brant
Commissioner Lievens voted for Commissioner Brant

In a 7-2 vote, Commissioner Brant was elected Chairman.

B. Election of Vice-Chairperson:

Chairman Brant presided over the meeting at this point.

Commissioner Swartout nominated Commissioner Richardville for Vice-Chairman.

Commissioner Moore nominated Commissioner Asper for Vice-Chairman.

No further nominations were offered. Chairman Brant closed the nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

Commissioner Hoffman voted for Commissioner Richardville.
Commissioner Brant voted for Commissioner Richardville.
Commissioner Asper voted for Commissioner Asper.
Commissioner Jondro voted for Commissioner Richardville
Commissioner Richardville voted for Commissioner Richardville.
Commissioner Lemasters voted for Commissioner Richardville.
Commissioner Swartout voted for Commissioner Richardville.
Commissioner Moore voted for Commissioner Asper.
Commissioner Lievens voted for Commissioner Richardville.

In a 7-2 vote, Commissioner Richardville was elected Vice-Chairman.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to approve the January 5, 2021 agenda as presented.

Roll call by Deputy 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (12/15/20 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, seconded by Commissioner Asper to approve the minutes as presented for the Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Roll call by Deputy 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.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Payment of Accounts Payable Current Claim Report

1. Payment of the 01/06/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claim Report in the amount of \$535,059.42

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Moore to approve the Accounts Payable Current Claims payment report as presented on the agenda for the date and amount listed.

Roll Call by Deputy 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. Payment of Non-Claims

- a. Check Register dated 12/18/2020 in the amount of \$649,526.89
- b. Check Register dated 12/23/2020 in the amount of \$681,300.55
- c. Check Register dated 12/30/2020 in the amount of \$71,041.99

Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Asper to approve the non-claims payments as presented on the agenda for the dates and amounts listed.

Roll call by Deputy 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.

B. Establish Date to Submit Proposed Changes to the By-laws

Legal Advisor, Tom Graham explained this process.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, seconded by Commissioner Moore to establish the second meeting in February (02/16/2021) as the deadline to provide any suggested amendments to the Board's Bylaws to Legal Counsel.

Motion by Deputy 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.

C. Board Action:

1. Letter dated December 16, 2020 from Sgt. David Buchko, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, recommending acceptance of the award from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) through the FY2021 Justice Training Competitive Grant Program. The MCOLES grant requires a 25% match. The total cost for this training project is \$35,104. The grant portion is \$26,328. The County match portion is \$8,776 and will be funded from within the approved 2021 Sheriff's Office budget.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the acceptance of the MCOLES Justice Training

grant funds for the Sheriff's Office 2021 annual training plan in the amount of \$26,328 with a County match of \$8,776.

Roll call by Deputy 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.

- Letter dated December 28, 2020 from Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Human Resources Director recommending approval of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County 9-1-1 District Board and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM)-Central Dispatch Communication Specialists. The new collective bargaining Agreement replaces the Agreement set to expire December 31, 2020 and the new Agreement is for a period of four (4) years through December 31, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement County of Monroe, the Monroe County 9-1-1 District Board and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM)-Central Dispatch Communication Specialists for a four (4) year agreement through December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll call by Deputy 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.

- Letter dated December 28, 2020 from Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Human Resources Director recommending approval of the tentative collective bargaining agreements between the County of Monroe, the Technical, Professional and Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) and respective courts for the TPOAM General, 1st District Court Probation and Youth Center Therapist. The new collective bargaining agreements replace the agreements set

to expire December 31, 2022 and the new Agreements are for a period of four (4) years expiring December 31, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the tentative collective bargaining agreements between the County of Monroe, the Technical, Professional and Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM) and respective courts for four (4) year agreements through December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreements on behalf of the County.

Roll call by Deputy 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.

4. Letter dated December 28, 2020 from Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Human Resources Director recommending approval of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the 38th Judicial Circuit Court and the Technical, Professional and Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM)-Youth Center Supervisors. The new collective bargaining agreement replaces the agreement set to expire December 31, 2023 and the new Agreement is for a period of four (4) years expiring December 31, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Lemasters to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the 38th Judicial Circuit Court and the Technical, Professional and Office Workers Association of Michigan (TPOAM)-Youth Center Supervisor for a four (4) year agreement through December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll call by Deputy 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.

5. Letter dated December 28, 2020 from Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Human Resources Director recommending approval of the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM)-Corrections Officers. The new collective bargaining agreement replaces the agreement set to expire December 31, 2020 and the new agreement is for a period of four (4) years expiring December 31, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Lemasters, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the tentative collective bargaining agreement between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff and the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM)-Corrections Officers for a four (4) year agreement through December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll call by Deputy 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.

6. Update on Fire Dispatching
Ms. Donna Kuti, Central Dispatch Director update the Board of Commissioners as follows:
- Fire paging project is moving along nicely
 - Yesterday Ms. Kuti, Ms. Clanton (Assistant Central Dispatch Director) and Mr. Bosanac met virtually with the consultant for the purpose of information gathering
 - Consultant has met with all Fire Department representatives except 2 to gather more information
 - Next week consultant will come to Monroe County for site visits for approximately 3 days
7. Update on County Response to COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency
- a. Public Health-Health Officer Kim Comerzan
- 7172 total cases; 3824 female, 3348 male
 - 146 deaths; 69 male, 77 female
 - Average age of deceased 81.2; median age is 83. Ages range from 20-99
 - January 1 positivity rate =10.9% which is down from the last report of 13%
 - Average # of new cases as of January 1 is 44.5, which is down from the last report of 63.
 - Possible vaccine supply issues right now

- Discussion commenced
- b. Jail & Law Enforcement Operations-Sheriff Troy Goodnough
 - 5 Corrections Officers are positive for Covid 19
 - 1 Corrections Officer is quarantined due to exposure
 - 1 Road Patrol Sergeant is quarantined due to exposure
 - No inmates are positive for Covid 19
 - Ample PPE and equipment
 - Jail Administrator Julie Massengill or Undersheriff Jeff Pauli will be presenting the update going forward
- c. County Operations-Administrator/CFO Michael Bosanac
 - Exposures of staff members are all from external sources and not from fellow employees
 - No numbers yet for CARES reimbursement for Public Safety and Public Health

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Katybeth Davis, LaPlaisance Road—I emailed most of you a link to a petition to have the statue of James Monroe removed or relocated to another location that would not be so prominent in front of a building for justice. I was wondering if any of the private donors asked anyone else what they thought of having the statue erected in its current location.
2. Dani Hoover, Milan—I agree with Katybeth's comments. Would like to see the James Monroe statue removed from in front of the courthouse. There should not be a statue of a slave owner in front of a building for justice.
3. Cole Beehn, City of Monroe—In favor of removing James Monroe statue from in front of courthouse and city center.
4. Richard Micka, City of Monroe—There are a number of people of this county that support these statues and think they should stay exactly where they are.
5. Cody Crutchfield, South Macomb Street, in Monroe—Commented on statues in general and does not think statues such as the James Monroe statue should be erected.
6. Dr. Graham Denton, City of Monroe—I'm in support of Katybeth's petition to remove the James Monroe statue. I wish the Board of Commissioners would take this seriously.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS—Commissioner Richardville thanked Commissioner Lievens for his leadership.

XI. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Lemasters—I would like to congratulate everybody and I look forward to working with you in the next two years.

Commissioner Jondro—Congratulations to the Chair and Vice-Chair. I look forward to working with you and all the elected officials. Thank you Henry for your great leadership these past years.

Commissioner Richardville—Thank you to those who spoke at Public Comment. They all presented in an agreeable manner. That is the way this Board will and should work. We may not always agree but we should have respect for one another. I am humbled to be part of this group because I think it's a fine example of Monroe County.

Commissioner Asper—I am looking forward to this year. I'm really appreciative of Henry's leadership this past year. I know both Mark and Randy will do a great job. I really appreciate all the Department Heads in the County who really make life a lot easier for us because they bring us so much good information to work with.

Commissioner Swartout—I'd like to congratulate new Commissioners Randy and Sharon. I look forward to working with you. We have a great team. Thank you to Henry for his leadership in the past few years.

Commissioner Lievens—Thank you for all the nice comments. Congratulations to the new leadership. I will acknowledge it's bittersweet handing over the reins. We have an amazing Board and staff that makes our county so spectacular. I'm looking forward to the challenges of 2021 and working together. Congratulations to Sharon, Randy, and all the new elected officials.

Commissioner Hoffman—Congratulations to Mark and Randy. I look forward to the year coming up. Happy New Year!

Commissioner Moore—Thank you to Henry for his leadership. Congratulations to Mark and Randy. I think both of you will do a great job. I'm excited to work with the two new members, Randy and Sharon. Your institutional knowledge is just unbelievable. I think it's going to be a good year and I look forward to working with all of you.

Commissioner Brant—I appreciate everyone's support. I appreciate Henry's leadership. I look forward to the working with you all this year. I believe our job is made easier by the second floor staff, led by Mike (Bosanac), and it is a big reason for our success. I will have the committee appointments for the next meeting. If you have a committee you would like to serve on, please let me know.

XII. ADJOURNMENT—Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Lemasters to adjourn. Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m. with no further business.