

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 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	Randy Richardville	Sharon Lemasters (Excused)
Mark Brant	David Swartout	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.	
George Jondro	Henry Lievens	

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

In lieu of the Opening Prayer, Chairman Brant asked for a moment of silence for Judge Weipert's wife, Joyce, who passed away on Sunday.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the March 16, 2021 agenda as presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (03/02/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Jondro to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented and waive the reading thereof.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Presentation by Dr. Donald Spencer, Chairman, Citizens for Educational Technology regarding the Monroe County Regional Enhancement Millage.

Since 1997, the Monroe County Technology Enhancement Millage has afforded the school districts in Monroe County the ability to provide students with the most up-to-date educational technology. Tech + Equity = Prepared Students.

Benefits of the Monroe County Regional Enhancement Millage:

- Equity
- High Speed Internet Connectivity
- Prepared workforce
- Response to pandemic
- Includes the following:
 - Airport Community Schools, Bedford Public Schools, Dundee Community Schools, Ida Public Schools, Jefferson Schools, Mason Consolidated Schools, Monroe County ISD, Monroe Public Schools, New Bedford Academy, Summerfield Schools, Triumph Academy and Whiteford Agricultural Schools
- Options for Students:
 - AP courses
 - College courses
 - Interactive live courses
 - Robotics teams
 - Alternative Education
 - CTE Courses, software and hardware

Superintendents Carl Shultz (Bedford Public Schools), Kelli Tuller (Mason Consolidated Schools) and Julie Everly (Monroe Public Schools) also commented on the benefits of the

Monroe County Regional Enhancement Millage. Discussion commenced and questions were asked and answered.

- Letter dated March 9, 2021 from Mr. Greg Stewart, Chairman, Monroe County Road Commission approval for a Resolution of Consent to the Appointment of Secretary/Clerk and Assistant Secretary/Deputy Clerk for the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Monroe, Michigan.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the Resolution of Consent to the Appointment of Secretary/Clerk and Assistant Secretary/Deputy Clerk for the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Monroe, Michigan.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Resolution Proclaiming April 28, 2021 as Workers Memorial Day in Monroe County

Resolution was offered by Commissioner Lievens and supported by Commissioner Lemasters.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Resolution Proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Resolution offered by Commissioner Brant and supported by Commissioner Richardville.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Mike Smith of the United Way Monroe/Lenawee Counties thanked the Board for the Resolutions.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 03/17/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$625,540.91

Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the 03/17/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$625,540.91

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 03/01/2021 in the amount of \$906.85
 - b. Check Register dated 03/05/2021 in the amount of \$518,088.03
 - c. Check Register dated 03/12/2021 in the amount of \$654,827.15

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

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated March 5, 2021 from Chief Deputy David Buchko, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Marine Slow No Wake Enforcement program offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$13,303. This will provide funding for marine wages and fuel for approximately 260 hours of patrol in slow no wake zones. No matching funds are required for this grant.

Chief Deputy Buchko explained the grant request.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve/not approve the Monroe County Sheriff's Office to submit a grant application to the Marine Slow No Wake Enforcement program offered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$13,303.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. Letter dated March 10, 2021 proposed to submit to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget concerning changes to the 2010 Standards for Delineating Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

Chairman Brant explained the purpose of the letter.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve/not approve the letter be sent on behalf of Monroe County and signed by the Chairman.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

George Jondro	Henry Lievens			
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Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Revisions and updates to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners By-Laws and Rules of Procedure.

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Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Asper to approve the Monroe County Board of Commissioners By-Laws and Rules of Procedure as presented and adopt the accompanying Resolution.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. 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.

- Total cases: 9,008
- Average new cases= 34.5 cases per day
- Positivity rate is 6.2%.
- Vaccination efforts continue.

Jail & Law Enforcement Operations

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

- Zero cases of Covid in the jail and zero officers with Covid
- Everything is going well

County Operations

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

- Things are going well with no problems to report with respect to the pandemic and its effect on Operations

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME—

Commissioner Jondro—Pass

Commissioner Hoffman—Thanks to Dr. Spencer and his group on their presentation. I have heard that people without health issues are getting ahead of seniors with health issues for the vaccine and perhaps Kim could look into that.

Commissioner Lievens—Pass

Commissioner Moore—Pass

Commissioner Asper—Kudos to Julie. I'm happy to see there is a property protection alert from the County Clerk which alerts for potential fraud on our property. Perhaps we could let our constituents know.

Commissioner Swartout—Thank you to Kim. I'd like to congratulate Julie. You are doing a great job and are a great leader. Thank you to Dr. Spencer and his group. Thankfully, none of our students lost the last year of school like other school districts did.

Commissioner Richardville—Congratulations to Julie. That's a fantastic honor. I appreciated Dr. Spencer's presentation. I remember Monroe County being the first one in the state to have that technology millage.

Commissioner Brant—Pass.

Commissioner Lemasters—Excused

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.