

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 by electronic video/teleconference via Zoom Meeting pursuant to the County of Monroe's State of Emergency Declaration. 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 (arrived at 5:04)	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 Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the April 20, 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 (arrived at 5:04)	
Randy Richardville	Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (04/06/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Asper to approve the minutes of the April 06, 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 (arrived 5:04)	Henry Lievens			
Randy Richardville				

Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Presentation by Mr. Matt Costello of the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice on Certification of in-jail medication assisted treatment (MAT) program—Opioid Treatment Ecosystem.
 - Initiative Goals
 - Implement standard screening for 100% of people booked into the jail to identify opioid use risk
 - Increase access to medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) and concurrent counseling
 - Improve continuity of care post-release to prevent overdose
 - Pre-Implementation
 - RODS administered inconsistently to screen for opioid use risk
 - Methadone only available to pregnant women to protect from dangerous withdrawal
 - Naltrexone (Vivitrol) only available on limited basis
 - Buprenorphine (Suboxone, Subutex, Sublocade) not available
 - Initial plan
 - Continue treatment only for those with active prescription in the community
 - Post-Implementation
 - 100% of individuals booked into the jail receive RODS screening
 - All three forms of MOUD available for new inductions & continuations—Methadone, Buprenorphine (Suboxone, Subutex, Sublocade), Naltrexone (Vivitrol)
 - OUD-specific counseling available for MOUD patients
 - Patients referred for follow-up care at Passion of Minds or other MOUD provider to ensure continuity of care

- Facilitators of Successful Implementation
 - Intensive cross-systems collaboration
 - Monroe County Sheriff's Office
 - Passion of Minds Healing Center
 - Monroe Community Mental Health Authority
 - Advanced Correctional Healthcare
 - Dedication to solving challenges and changing processes
 - Commitment to sustainability
 - State Opioid Response funds secured by MCMHA to support Clinician position
 - May request budget allocation from Monroe County

Discussion commenced and Mr. Costello answered questions from Commissioners.

2. Special Tribute: Recognizing the 2021 Dundee High School Boys Wrestling Champions.

Chairman Brant explained that the Special Tribute was offered by Commissioner Hoffman and supported by Commissioner Jondro. Commissioner Hoffman advised that the plaque was presented to the team and coaches at the Dundee School Board Meeting on April 19, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to present a Special Tribute Recognizing the 2021 Dundee High School Boys Wrestling Champions.

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.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 04/21/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$577,121.65.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the 04/21/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$577,121.65.

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 04/09/2021 in the amount of \$1,320,639.90
- b. Check Register dated 04/16/2021 in the amount of \$695,765.82

Motion by Commissioner Lemasters, seconded by Commissioner Moore to approve the Non-Claim payments as presented for the dates and amounts listed.

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 April 15, 2021 from Ms. Crystal Comer, Accountant, Monroe County Finance Department requesting approval to apply for the 2021 Operation Stonegarden grant in the amount of \$143,587 with no local match. This grant is a continuation of funding from Homeland Security to benefit local agencies with border patrol.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Lievens to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for the 2021 Operation Stonegarden grant in the amount of \$143,587 with no local match.

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.

- Letter dated April 12, 2021 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Community Planning & Engagement Director submitting a Summary of one (1) 2021 Farmland/Open Space review/recommendation for application to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation program (part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act) in Raisinville Township.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication along with the Summary of Farmland review/recommendation for applications to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation program for Raisinville Township and place on it 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.

- Letter dated April 14, 2021 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) (Deputy Sheriffs) The new collective bargaining agreement replaces the former agreement that was set to expire on June 30, 2023 with the new Agreement now expiring on December 31, 2024.

Chairman Brant read the recommendation into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman 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) (Deputy Sheriffs) for a four-year agreement through

December 31, 2024 and authorize the Chairman to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

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.

- Letter dated April 9, 2021 from Mr. Michael Woolford, Equalization Director submitting the 2021 Monroe County Equalization Report with an equalized value of \$8,024,865,860.

Click [here](#) for 2021 Equalization Report.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Lemasters to accept the communication and approve the 2021 Monroe County Equalization Report as submitted and authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign Form L-4037 and Form L-4024 and transmit the same to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

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.

- Letter dated April 14, 2021 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer providing an analysis and concluding recommendation on changing the financial reporting of the County to no longer include Monroe County Community Mental Health Authority as a component unit of the primary government.

Mr. Bosanac explained the recommendation and answered questions.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Richardville to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation and authorize the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to proceed to take the necessary steps to provide for the County's financial reporting to no longer include Monroe CMH as a component unit on the primary governments' financial statements.

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 HEARINGS—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.

- Cases are rising across the State of Michigan and Monroe County
- Vaccination clinics are continuing.
- Hospital cases = 33
- Variant cases appear to be a milder strain.
- 22.3% of the county residents have been fully vaccinated and 33% have received their first dose.

Jail & Law Enforcement Operations

Captain Julie Massengill discussed the Sheriff's Office's response to the Covid-19 Pandemic Emergency.

- Things are still going well
- Zero cases of Covid
- Vaccination clinic (Johnson & Johnson) on April 8

County Operations

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

- Things are going well
- Courts are operating by appointment only
- Employees can work in the office and don't have to work remotely.

Discussion commenced about Court system, trials, and due process.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

Chairman Brant reminded the Commissioners about the tour of the new Ford facility on Friday, April 30.

XVII. MEMBERS TIME—

Commissioner Jondro—Pass

Commissioner Lemasters—Pass

Commissioner Lievens—Pass

Commissioner Swartout—Thank you to Kim and her team.

Commissioner Hoffman—Thank you to Mr. Costello and for everything he is doing. The Community Corrections staff is very impressive and I think they will be coming to us with a grant next time.

Commissioner Moore—Kudos to the 2nd floor negotiating team. Would like to see the Courts do everything they can to make sure the inmates' constitutional rights are protected. Had 3 calls this week regarding what a great job Sheriff Goodnough is doing and complimenting his openness and responsiveness. Congratulations to the Dundee Boys Wrestling team.

Commissioner Richardville—Pass

Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer—The Collective Bargaining team and Deputy Sheriffs did a great job and thank you to the Board of Commissioners for supporting that process. Congratulations to the Jail Staff on their partnership with Community Mental Health.

Commissioner Asper—Ditto what Commissioner Moore said.

Commissioner Brant—Pass

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.