

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 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	Henry Lievens	
Randy Richardville		

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Asper 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 Lemasters to approve the May 4, 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 (04/20/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Jondro to approve the minutes of the April 20, 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—

1. Mr. Bob Nichols, 22 W. 3rd Street, Monroe, Michigan thanked the Commissioners for supporting the Technology Millage.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Resolution to Declare May 9-15, 2021 as Police Week in Monroe County, Michigan

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to approve the Resolution to Declare May 9-15, 2021 as Police Week in Monroe County, Michigan.

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.

Clerk will provide a copy to all Police Chiefs in the County.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 05/05/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$656,368.30.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to accept the 05/05/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$656,368.30.

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 April 29, 2021 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, County Treasurer enclosing the Thirty-Ninth Annual Report of moneys on deposit in the Monroe County Probate Court Escheat Account.

Mr. Stanford commented on the report.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to accept the Treasurer's 39th Annual Report of moneys on deposit in the Monroe County Probate Court Escheat Account and place on file as a permanent record.

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.

3. Letter dated April 29, 2021 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, Monroe County Treasurer transmitting the Cash and Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2021.

Mr. Stanford explained the report and commented that interest rates are very low.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept and place on file the March 31, 2021 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 04/23/2021 in the amount of \$456,439.77
- b. Check Register dated 04/30/2021 in the amount of \$883,012.18

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Asper 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 20, 2021 from Ms. Holly Flint, Community Corrections Coordinator requesting approval to submit application for the 2022 Community Corrections Grant in the amount of \$304,265 with a County match of approximately \$116,271 subject to final grant.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication, place it on file and approve submitting the application for the fiscal year 2022 Community Corrections grant in the amount of \$304,265 with County matching funds of \$116,271 subject to final grant award.

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 27, 2021 from Chief Deputy David Buchko, Monroe County Sheriff's Office requesting approval to accept the FY2021 Marine Safety grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$20,500 with a local match of \$9,239 which is in the Sheriff's Office 2021 budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lemasters, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the acceptance of the FY2021 Marine Safety grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$20,500 with a local match of \$9,239 which is in the Sheriff's Office 2021 budget.

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 29, 2021 from Mr. Brett Raymo, Director Animal Control Division, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, requesting approval to apply for the 2021 Two Seven Oh! Spay and Neuter Grant in the amount of \$5,000. This grant would provide spaying and neutering of stray dogs and cats that are housed at Monroe County Animal Control, thereby, encouraging adoptions. There is no matching fund requirement for this grant.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Lievens to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for the 2021 Two Seven Oh! Spay and Neuter Grant in the amount of \$5,000. This grant would provide spaying and neutering of stray dogs and cats that are housed at Monroe County Animal Control, thereby, encouraging adoptions. There is no matching fund requirement for this grant.

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 29, 2021 from Mr. Brett Raymo, Director Animal Control Division, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, requesting approval to apply for a 2021 Two Seven Oh! Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used towards a project which would allow Monroe County Animal Control to purchase supplies and equipment that would benefit the animals, staff and public. There is no matching fund requirement for this grant.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Lemasters to accept the communication, place it on file and approve/not approve the request to apply for a 2021 Two Seven Oh! Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used towards a project which would allow Monroe County Animal Control to purchase supplies and equipment that would benefit the animals, staff and public. There is no matching fund requirement for this grant.

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 27, 2021 Mr. Jeff McBee, Director, Monroe County Community Planning & Engagement Department, providing the Commission on Aging's recommendation on millage rates for the Senior Millage.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record and Mr. McBee explained the Senior Millage rates.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication and place on file and approve the recommendation on millage rates for the Senior Millage.

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 22, 2021 from Mr. Michael Woolford, Equalization Director regarding 2021 County Millage Rates and recommending the Board's approval for these rates.

Mr. Woolford explained the request and the 2021 County Millage Rates.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place on file and approve/not approve the 2021 County Millage Rates as follows:

County General	4.7952
Senior Citizen	.4650
Fairview	.1250
Museum	.1000
Veterans	.0020

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 21, 2021 from Hon. Michael Weipert, Hon. Daniel White and Hon. Mark Braunlich recommending Mr. Rob Kull and Ms. Mary Kay Thayer for

appointments to the Monroe County Jury Board to replace Ms. Aleta Jackson and Ms. Geri Allen.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommended appointments of Mr. Rob Kull and Ms. Mary Kay Thayer to the Monroe County Jury Board to replace Ms. Aleta Jackson and Ms. Geri Allen.

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.

8. Letter dated April 26, 2021 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer submitting the Fiscal Year 2022 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission compliance plan and grant application in the total amount of \$1,180,257 with the County's local share cost in the amount of \$213,883.

Mr. Bosanac explained the request.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Lemasters to accept the communication and confirm the grant application submission and subject to full funding of the grant amount of \$1,180,257 and the County's local share cost of \$213,883 for fiscal year 2022.

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.

9. Letter dated April 20, 2021 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer recommending Ms. Dori Hawkins-Freelain, Managing Director, Road Commission be appointed to the Monroe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Panel to fill an unexpired term ending August 31, 2021.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation to appoint Ms. Dori Hawkins-Freelain, Managing Director, Road Commission be appointed to the Monroe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Panel to fill an unexpired term ending August 31, 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.

10. Letter dated April 28, 2021 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer submitting the recommendation of Mr. David Rever's reappointment to the Monroe County Retiree Health Care Trust Board for a three (3) year term of office commencing August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2024.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation to re-appoint Mr. David Rever to the Monroe County Retiree Health Care Trust Board for a three (3) year term commencing 8/1/2021 and ending July 31, 2024.

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.

- Numbers of positive cases are looking better
- 11.4% positivity rate
- Looking for other alternative locations to hold the vaccination clinics
- In Monroe County 38% have had the 1st shot & 28% have had the 2nd shot
- In Michigan 50.4% have had the 1st shot & 38.9 have had the 2nd shot.
- In the age group 16-19, 19.8% have had the 1st shot and 6.4% have had the 2nd shot.

Discussion commenced regarding Monroe County residents who have received the vaccine in Ohio (or any other state besides Michigan).

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
- Supplies are adequate
- Staff is healthy

County Operations

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

- Ditto what Julie said

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME—

Commissioner Jondro—Commented on various activities and accolades of the Sheriff. Sheriff's. As a long-time member of the pension board he announced that as of March, the fund total is at the highest it's ever been.

Commissioner Asper—Retiree Health Care recently passed a big milestone as well. She is glad that David Rever was reappointed to the RHC Board. She is very concerned about businesses,

children, mental health and the handling of Covid by our governor. We need to protect the civil liberties of the residents of our county.

Commissioner Hoffman—Pass

Commissioner Lievens—Pass

Commissioner Swartout—Tag off what Commissioner Asper said about businesses. OSHA extended their orders. What will businesses have to deal with when things get “back to normal” from Covid. Got my 2nd shot on Monday and everything was well organized and I was in and out quickly.

Commissioner Moore—Pass

Commissioner Richardville—Got my second shot on Monday as well. Look forward to sitting in my Commissioner seat when we can meet again in person.

Chairman Brant announced that he will be giving Mr. Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, time to make a comment during this time of the meeting. Mr. Bosanac, commented on the tour of the InSite facility in Frenchtown Township. Dan, from InSite said that Monroe is a location with an awful lot of interest from developers and that we just need to be patient. Commissioner Asper commented on the immenseness of the facility.

Commissioner Lemasters—Pass

Commissioner Brant—Pass

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.