MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a regular meeting in the Board Chambers in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Chairman Brant called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

Chairman Brant led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

In lieu of the Opening Prayer, Chairman Brant asked for a Moment of Silence to remember and honor all who have served in the Armed Forces and who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation.

V. APPROVAL OF *AMENDED* AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Lievens to approve the June 1, 2021 agenda as amended.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (05/18/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Jondro to approve the minutes of the May 18, 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. PUBLIC HEARING—Public Hearing was held for purposes of meeting the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code, regarding the possible issuance by The Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona (the "Authority") of one or more series of its Charter School Lease Revenue Bonds (Campus Partners 1 Project) Series 2021 pursuant to a plan of finance in order to finance costs for a Project within Monroe County, Michigan in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $14,000,000.

Chairman Brant explained the purpose of the Public Hearing and opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. Email comments that were sent to the Deputy Clerk were read into the record by Chairman Brant as follows:

Good morning Ms. Sanders,

I would like to submit the following public comment for the hearing this evening regarding the proposed issuance by The Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona.

Written/Email Public comment:

My name is Andrew Pride. I am the Vice President of the Triumph Academy Board of Directors. I ask that the record reflect that neither NHA nor Campus Partners 1 has informed the Triumph Academy Board of this transaction nor asked us to consider a lease proposal upon which the transaction depends. We want the record to be clear that Triumph Academy is not the entity asking for approval of this bond financing. We take our role as public officials seriously and will not make a decision until we receive all financial and contractual documentation that permits us to make a decision as to what is in the best interests of the Academy and the community we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Pride, Vice President
Triumph Academy Board of Directors
3000 Vivian Road
Monroe, MI 48162

Good morning, Lisa,

I would like to submit the following public comment for the public hearing this evening regarding the proposed issuance by The Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona.

Public Comment
My name is Candace Sorensen. I work for CS3 Law PLLC, legal counsel for Triumph Academy. We would like to clarify that Triumph Academy is not involved in this transaction or a party to the bond financing. The facility is owned by a third party, Charter Development Company, from whom National Heritage Academies leases the building; NHA subleases it to the Academy.

The Borrower hopes to finance the bonds from Academy rents over the next 30 years. NHA has not yet presented this proposal to the Academy Board of Directors. Therefore, the Academy has not considered the proposed lease to determine if it is in the best interest of the Academy.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Sorensen
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No other comments were made by the Public or Commissioners as part of the public hearing.

Chairman Brant closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

IX. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of Michigan's Cornerstone Community Event Calendar by Mr. Tim Lake, Mr. Doug Chaffin, Mr. Michael Bosanac and Mr. Jeff Boudrie.
   Monroe County's Community Brand—https://michcornerstone.com
   - Attract visitors, Attract new residents, Attract businesses, Raises awareness of each community, Helps existing businesses recruit, and **Puts Us On The Map.**

   Community Events Calendar
   - Links up with our new Community Brand
   - Tool has been built by Mr. Boudrie and Mr. McBee of the Community Planning & Engagement Department

- https://monroe-county-event-calendar-monroemi.hub.arcgis.com/
- As we move through our communities presenting the MICornerstone Community Event Calendar, we will be adding more community events and refining it further
- New Combined Committee will provide leadership and vision to the county-wide Brand Campaign and the Events Calendar operations.
- Structure includes representative stakeholders with expertise from our community to sustain and build up what has been created.
- Recommended by the strategic plan of the Tourism Bureau
- Connects Cities, Villages & Townships to the Tourism Bureau
- Provides additional support to the Tourism Bureau and its member hotels

Discussion and Q/A commenced.

Motion by Commissioner Richardville, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the Resolution of Support for the Monroe County MICornerstone Community Events Calendar.

Roll call vote 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.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 06/02/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of $887,009.72.

   Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to accept the 06/02/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for $887,009.72.

   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 05/21/2021 in the amount of $437,116.99
    b. Check Register dated 05/28/2021 in the amount of $1,775,066.11

Motion by Commissioner Moore, 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	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 May 21, 2021 from Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Human Resources Director recommending approval of the tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff and the Command Officers Association of Michigan (Correctional Supervisors). The new CBA replaces the agreement set to expire December 31, 2021 with the new Agreement effective June 1, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

    Ms. Armstrong explained the main points included in the collective bargaining agreement.

    Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the tentative CBA between the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Sheriff and the Command Officers Association of Michigan (Correctional Supervisors), which replaces the agreement set to expire December 31, 2021 with the new CBA effective June 1, 2021 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	Randy Richardville		Sharon Lemasters	
Mark Brant	David Swartout			
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.			
George Jondro	Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

2. Letter dated May 27, 2021 from Ms. Kim Comerzan, Health Officer, Monroe County Health Department, requesting approval to accept the Medical Marihuana and Oversight Grant of $52,929 from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). There is no matching grant amount for the program.

   Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

   Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to accept the Medical Marihuana and Oversight Grant of $52,929 from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) with no county match.

   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.

3. Letter dated June 1, 2021 from Mr. Michael Roehrig, Prosecuting Attorney requesting approval to accept a Michigan Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program grant from the Michigan State Police, in the amount of $29,958.46 with a county match of $2,479. The match amount will be funded from the Prosecuting Attorney's 2021 budget.

   Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

   Motion by Commissioner Lievens, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the acceptance of a Michigan Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program grant from the Michigan State Police, in the amount of $29,958.46 with a county match of $2,479. The match amount will be funded from the Prosecuting Attorney's 2021 budget.

   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.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—

Public Hearing was held earlier in the meeting (see page 2) for Campus Partners 1- Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz, Arizona (the "Authority").

Motion by Commissioner Asper, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to adopt the model Resolution for issuance of bonds to finance a project for Campus Partners 1.

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.

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.

- Number of positive cases are still trending down
- Vaccinations are continuing and they are trying to move the clinics out of Monroe County Community College
- Vaccination clinics to move into Health Department soon

Discussion commenced regarding Tick management in the County.

Jail & Law Enforcement Operations

Sheriff Troy Goodnough discussed the Sheriffs Office's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic Emergency.

- Nothing new to report

County Operations

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

- Nothing new to report

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner would like to do a Resolution regarding Monroe County as a place to "Staycation". Chairman Brant said he would take it under consideration.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Swartout—Commend Drain Commissioner Thompson and crew for taking care of the flooding over the weekend.

Commissioner Lievens—Glad we were able to meet in person. Thank you everyone for the Presentation.

Commissioner Asper—Enjoyed the Presentation tonight. I think this is the best use of government.

Commissioner Hoffman—Thanks for the great Presentation.

Commissioner Moore—Nice to see everyone in person. Event calendar is awesome. To have it all in one place is great.

Commissioner Jondro—-Link program and Event calendar is phenomenal.

Commissioner Richardville—Pass

Mr. Bosanac—We were excited to be able to present to you tonight and show you the Event calendar. Big props to Jeff McBee and Jeff Boudrie who have been working on this about 8-10 months. We are making a lot of progress and we will probably ask for more resources eventually.

Commissioner Lemasters—Excused

Chairman Brant—Link plan's groups activities are encouraging development in the County. It's a tremendous investment in our community (i.e. InSite development in Frenchtown). I was for the Link plan from the very beginning. When this group comes to us again for financial assistance I will be encouraging the board to approve it.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.