

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 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, October 5, 2021. Chairman Brant called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders, as follows:

PRESENT		ABSENT
David Hoffman	Randy Richardville	Henry Lievens
Mark Brant	Sharon Hill (formerly Lemasters)	
Dawn Asper	David Swartout	
George Jondro	Greg Moore, Jr.	

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 Asper, supported by Commissioner Moore to amend the agenda to add Resolution Against Vaccine Passports or Certificates within the Boundaries of Monroe County.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion failed.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Hill to approve the October 5, 2021 agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. 7 AYES; 1 NAY. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (09/21/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Anthony Panza-Monroe County-Spoke against a vaccine passport
2. Erika Brodie-Bluebush Road-Spoke about the vaccine and how she has an EMF machine that she takes around the County to measure readings of people who have been vaccinated as well as other measurements. Elaborated on a NASA study.
3. Amy—Bedford Township—Support the blocking of the passports. Principal of Bedford Schools is suggesting taking a picture of their vaccine record card
4. Debra Clough--Frenchtown Township-Need to research things. ICC Court about crimes against humanity and that no medical procedure should be forced. Need to protect our community.
5. Fawn-Raisinville Township--Is a nurse who said her job is being threatened if she doesn't receive the vaccine and she is fighting for her job.
6. Mary-Erie Township-She is a former pre-school teacher. Intervention for the parent who had the right not to vaccinate their child. Wants her rights to be protected. We are against these mandates and we are in favor of protecting our constitution.
7. Mandy-Monroe-is against vaccine passports
8. Danielle Cousino-Bedford Twp.-There is discrimination against school kids who are not vaccinated and exclusion against those same kids. Kids have to show proof of vaccine if needed.
9. Jeff Nidifer-Monroe-Need to research more and not listen to the news. Supports Commissioner Asper's Resolution.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Presentation from Amy O'Leary, Executive Director and Kevin Vettraino, Planning Director on SEMCOG's recent activities.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 10/06/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$460,133.77

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the 10/06/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$460,133.77.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 09/24/2021 in the amount of \$1,173,560.86
 - b. Check Register dated 10/01/2021 in the amount of \$389,757.47

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

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated September 29, 2021 from Mr. David Thompson, Monroe County Drain Commissioner, requesting approval of the 2021 Annual Report for Special Drainage Assessments in the amount of \$2,975,099.51 and placement on the Grand Levy for spreading of assessments.

Drain Commissioner Thompson explained the Report to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the 2021 Annual Report for Special Drainage Assessments by moving the model resolution be adopted.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to approve the apportionment of 50% of the County of Monroe's at large assessment for special drainage assessments of \$139,872.28 to the Monroe County Board of Road Commissioners by moving the model resolution be adopted.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion Carried.

2. Reappointments of Board/Commission members.

A. Monroe County Library System Board of Trustees

- i. Letter dated September 15, 2021 from Ms. Nancy Bellaire, Director, Monroe County Library System requesting the reappointment of Mr. Rob Peven to a five-year term on the Monroe County Library System Board of Trustees which will end on December 31, 2026.
- ii. Monroe County Library System Board of Trustees Roster

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the reappointment of Mr. Rob Peven to a five-year term on the Monroe County Library System Board of Trustees which will commence on January 1, 2022 and end on December 31, 2026.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

B. Monroe Community Mental Health Authority

- i. Letter dated September 23, 2021 from Ms. Susan Fortney, Vice-Chairperson, Monroe Community Mental Health Authority requesting the appointment of Mr. LaMar Frederick to fill an unexpired term which will end on March 31, 2024, the appointment of Ms. Chantele Steffens to fill an unexpired term which will end on March 31, 2024 and the appointment of Ms. Catherine

- Bernhold to fill an unexpired term which will end on March 31, 2022. Mr. Charles Londo, Ms. Kandie Collier and Mr. David Stephens have all resigned.
- ii. Monroe Community Mental Health Authority Roster

Motion by Commissioner Richardville, seconded by Commissioner Swartout to table this item until the October 19, 2021 regular Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Discussion commenced.

Voice vote taken. 6 AYES; 2 NAYS. Motion carried.

- C. Monroe County Economic Development Corporation
 - i. Letter dated September 29, 2021 from Mr. Tracy Oberleiter, Chairman, Monroe County Economic Development Corporation requesting the reappointment of Ms. Kim Comerzan and Ms. Stacey Goans, each for a six (6) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2027.
 - ii. Monroe County Economic Development Corporation Roster

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation to reappoint reappointment of Ms. Kim Comerzan and Ms. Stacey Goans, each for a six (6) year term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2027.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

- D. Monroe County Parks & Recreation Commission
 - i. Letter dated September 20, 2021 from Mr. Joshua Thomas, Operations Coordinator recommending the reappointment of Mr. Larry VanWasshenova and Ms. Connie Velliquette for terms commencing on January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024 to the Monroe County Parks & Recreation Commission.
 - ii. Monroe County Parks & Recreation Commission Roster

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation to reappoint Mr. Larry VanWasshenova and Ms. Connie Velliquette for terms commencing on January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024 to the Monroe County Parks & Recreation Commission.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

- E. Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority
 - i. Letter dated September 29, 2021 from Mr. David Brown, Chairman, Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority requesting the reappointment of Mr. Jim Neorr, Mr. Jim Bennett, Mr. Doug Steinman, Mr. R.J. Schall and Ms.

- Robin Miller for terms beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023 to the Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority.
- ii. Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority Roster

Motion by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation to reappoint reappointment of Mr. Jim Neorr, Mr. Jim Bennett, Mr. Doug Steinman, Mr. R.J. Schall and Ms. Robin Miller for terms beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023 to the Monroe County Emergency Medical Authority.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

- F. Monroe County Environmental Health Sanitary Code Board of Appeals
 - i. Letter dated September 29, 2021 from Mr. Chris Westover, Environmental Health Director, Monroe County Health Department requesting the reappointment of Mr. Mario DeFelice, Ms. Audra Hodge, Mr. Don Link, and Mr. Dan Wagner for terms commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.
 - ii. Monroe County Environmental Health Sanitary Code Board of Appeals Roster

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation to reappoint Mr. Mario DeFelice, Ms. Audra Hodge, Mr. Don Link, and Mr. Dan Wagner to the Monroe County Environmental Health Sanitary Code Board of Appeals for terms commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

- 1. Anthony Panza-Encourages people to look deeper into what is going on in the schools.
- 2. Erika Brodie—Wants to add 3 more items--Cashless society in the end of the Bible and trans-humans, 11-17 year olds can get vaccinated without a parent and Lupus treatment with hydroxychloroquine.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

- 1. Mr. Bosanac and Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Human Resources Director discussed new provider, Humana, for Retiree Health Care.

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Asper—Read her proposed Resolution Against Vaccine Passports or Certificates within the Boundaries of Monroe County.

Commissioner Swartout—Big challenge here is how employers deal with employees based on what OSHA is doing. That's completely out of our control. Out of 74 worker deaths, they are listing 39 as being Covid related. We've never had that with the flu, pneumonia or anything else. It's putting the employers in a very awkward place to try and protect their employees.

Commissioner Jondro—I believe in choice and that people have the right to choose whether or not to get vaccinated. However, we have no control what the schools (and employers) do and not do.

Commissioner Moore—Thank you to everyone who spoke at Public Comment. Apathy is one of the greatest ways that laws that we don't want get passed. I agree with much of what Commissioner Asper said and I am disappointed and frustrated that we couldn't even get it (Resolution) on the agenda to vote on it.

Commissioner Hoffman—I felt that I didn't understand the whole thing (Resolution) because she (Commissioner Asper) changed it several times and I may have missed this last version. I didn't get my shot and I did get Covid and it's mean and thank Heaven I had some oxygen because without that I wouldn't be here speaking to you. I don't think we as a Board are ready for this Resolution to say yay or nay. We have to live together. The virus is mean and you want to protect yourself.

Commissioner Hill—Pass.

Commissioner Richardville—Thanks to all of you for coming to share your thoughts. Some of you know that I've had a very similar thought process and belief system since before my children were born. I don't think many of us disagreed with much of this Resolution, but we did get it late this afternoon (around 3:00 p.m.) and I didn't get a chance to read it. We don't have any authority or accountability to do anything with this Resolution. If it were a Business Resolution addressing a specific piece of legislation I could be supportive. As for my motion regarding the Community Mental Health appointments, I want to explain that there have been a lot of issues at CMH in the last year. There are 3 board openings and all I want to do is have 2 weeks to do my due diligence regarding the board openings and candidates.

Commissioner Asper and Commissioner Moore commented on Commissioner Richardville's comments.

Commissioner Lievens—Excused

Chairman Brant—I am personally opposed to vaccine mandate and passport laws. I've had my vaccine, but I am opposed to spending Monroe County taxpayer dollars to promote a national political statement. If something at the local level were to transpire such as the

Monroe County Health Department promoting mandates or passports, I would put that on the agenda. It (Resolution) means nothing except glad handing to the people of Monroe County. It costs taxpayer dollars to do resolutions. There is no State or National call for vaccine passports. My opposition is to wasting tax payer dollars to prepare resolutions, have the attorney review the resolution, present the resolution, print it out and have the staff scurrying to make revisions. This all costs tax payer dollars. If it were happening in Monroe County, I would be more concerned about it then possibly direct some tax payer dollars in Monroe County to be used for it.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.