

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 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	
Mark Brant	David Swartout	Sharon Lemasters
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.	
George Jondro	Henry Lievens	

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Swartout led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Chairman Brant asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of former County Clerk, Geri Allen and community leader, Richard Sieb who both passed away recently.

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Richardville, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the September 21, 2021 agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (08/17/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Jondro to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting as presented and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT--None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Resolution Recognizing 100th Anniversary of Exchange Club of Monroe. Resolution offered by Chairman Brant and supported by Vice-Chairman Richardville.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 09/22/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$810,435.39.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Asper to accept the 09/22/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$810,435.39.

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 09/10/2021 in the amount of \$887,921.65
 - b. Check Register dated 09/17/2021 in the amount of \$308,620.33

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, seconded by Commissioner Swartout 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 September 16, 2021 from Ms. Melissa Strong, Director of Juvenile Services/Probate Court Administrator requesting approval to submit an application and accept an award from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

(MDHHS) for the Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant (CPLR) in the amount of \$119,882. This is a reimbursement grant subject to Maintenance of Effort by the County in the amount of \$300,000.

Ms. Strong explained the grant and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to submit an application and accept an award from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for the Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant (CPLR) in the amount of \$119,882 subject to Maintenance of Effort by the County in the amount of \$300,000.

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.

- Letter dated September 1, 2021 from Honorable Jack Vitale, Chief Judge, 1st District Court and Honorable Michael Weipert, Chief Judge, 38th Judicial Circuit Court, requesting approval for funding of \$37,000 in the 1st District Court and \$61,000 in the 38th Judicial Circuit Court, to cover a shortfall in the Courts' budget for use of Electronic Monitoring of Defendants.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record and Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer explained the request and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Lievens to approve the request for funding of \$37,000 into the District Court budget and \$61,000 into the 2021 Circuit Court budget for Electronic Monitoring of Defendants and transfer the funds out of the 2021 Contingency Fund.

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 September 21, 2021 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, recommending the approval of the 800MHz Pager Agreement with Monroe County Local Units of Government.

Mr. Bosanac explained the request.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the 800MHz Pager Agreement with Monroe County Local Units of Government.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of the County of Monroe's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for year ended December 31, 2020, by the County's Administrator/Chief Financial Officer and independent auditor from Rehmann Robson, Mr. Daniel Clark, Principal.

Click [here](#) for the CAFR.

Click [here](#) for the 2020 Single Audit Act Compliance Report

Discussion commenced after the presentation.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, seconded by Commissioner Richardville to accept the County of Monroe's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year-ended December 31, 2020 and retain official copy on file.

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.

5. Letter dated September 14, 2021 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer presenting management's response and transmittal of the independent auditor's communication with those charged with governance dated June 30, 2021 regarding the 2020 audit.

Mr. Bosanac explained the letter and answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication and place on file and authorize required action to be taken by management of the County to develop and implement any additional procedures to address the findings contained in the auditor's communication to the Board of Commissioners.

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—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Ms. Dori Hawkins-Freelain, Managing Director of the Monroe County Road Commission thanked the Board of Commissioners for help received regarding the abrupt closure of U.S. 23 recently. Discussion commenced regarding the situation.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Moore—Thank you to Mr. Bosanac and his team for the report tonight. We are doing more with less, but if we need to consider adding to a certain department I'm in favor of that so we can keep getting these great reports.

Commissioner Asper—Echo Commissioner Moore. I'm impressed with the audit report also. Would like to give a big shut out to Mr. Dennis Bruck and Ms. Darla Stepp Bruck for the amazing flag display at their home on Palmer. 800 flags and signs in remembrance of 9/11. Putting it up on her Facebook page if anyone wants to see it.

Commissioner Swartout—Echo the other comments. I was able to go to V.I.P.E.R. press conference that the Sheriff had and it was very impressive. At that time the task force had already had caught some human traffickers. It's mind boggling that so much of this is going on in this area.

Commissioner Lievens—Pass

Commissioner Hoffman—Echo everyone else. I worry about the residents in my district who are having to deal with the detours from U.S. 23 being closed. I appreciate everything Dori is doing at the Road Commission.

Commissioner Jondro—Echo everyone. Great job to Finance for the audit report.

Commissioner Richardville—I've known Geri Allen and Dick Sieb all of my life. They were the best example of public servants that I know and our community lost a lot in the last few weeks. My heart goes out to their families. In the State legislature, we did do an awful lot of work to get Plank Road paved.

Mr. Bosanac—On October 5th at 5:30 p.m., Sheriff's Office--Drone Division will be in the plaza doing a demo of the latest drone technology.

Chairman Brant—MDOT and Monroe County Road Commissioner were at a communication impasse since the Road Commission declined to continue the MDOT contract. Hopefully, we are passed that and they realize that they do need the Monroe County Road Commission on occasion and that it's okay to ask for each other's help when needed.

Commissioner Lemasters—Excused.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.