

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 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, November 16, 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 Hill
Mark Brant	David Swartout	Greg Moore, Jr.
Dawn Asper	Henry Lievens	
George Jondro		

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Richardville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer.

Chairman Brant asked for a moment of silence for former County Commissioner, Al Potratz, who passed away last week.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, seconded by Commissioner Jondro to approve the November 16, 2021 agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11/02/2021 Regular Meeting Minutes)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes of the November 2, 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. Presentation by Dr. Scott Behrens, Vice-President of Enrollment Management and Student Success, Monroe County Community College, on the Michigan Reconnect program, for students age 25 and over to attend MCCC tuition-free.

Students can apply at www.michigan.gov/reconnect

Additional information can be found at www.monroeccc.edu/reconnect

Basic criteria to qualify are:

- Apply for Admission to MCCC
- Be at least 25 years old when you apply for Michigan Reconnect
- Be a Michigan resident for at least 1 year (U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen)
- Be a resident of Monroe County
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent (e.g., a GED)
- Have not yet earned an associate or bachelor's degree

Dr. Kojo Quartey, President, Monroe County Community College answered questions and reiterated that the program is Free to those who qualify.

2. Presentation by Mr. Andrew Clark, Director, Monroe County Museum and Mr. Brian Egen, Chairman, Monroe County Museum System Board of Trustees regarding the 2021 Governor's Awards for Innovative Tourism Collaboration and the Award for Marketing received by the Monroe County Museum System and the Save Our Stories Committee's "This Is Where" campaign.

The Award was passed around to the Commissioners for them to see.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 11/17/2021 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$642,960.91.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. Update on the 2022-2023 budget. Summary of Recommended Budget by Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer updated the Commissioners on the 2022-2023 and gave an overview of the Recommended Budget.

No action required.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims

- a. Check Register dated 11/05/2021 in the amount of \$397,283.46
- b. Check Register dated 11/12/2021 in the amount of \$625,398.55

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Jondro to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated November 8, 2021 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Director, Community Planning & Engagement Department requesting approval to submit a grant application to the non-profit organization, America In Bloom (AIB) an AIB/CN Railway Grant up to \$25,000. The purpose of the grant is to enhance landscapes in communities neighboring CN rail lines. There is a 50% match required to cover the total cost of the project. Based on the grant award, matching funding will be provided from the 2021 Supplemental Funding appropriated by the Board in July 2021.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record and Mr. McBee answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to submit a grant application to the non-profit organization, America In Bloom (AIB) an AIB/CN Railway Grant for up to \$25,000 with a 50% match to be provided from the 2021 Supplemental Funding appropriated by the Board in July 2021.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE		NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Randy Richardville		Greg Moore, Jr.	

Mark Brant	David Swartout		Sharon Hill	
Dawn Asper	Henry Lievens			
George Jondro				

Motion carried.

- Letter dated November 10, 2021 from Mr. John Conlin, Director, Monroe County Emergency Management requesting approval to apply for the FY2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) between the Michigan State Police Emergency Management, Homeland Security Division and the Monroe County Emergency Management Division, which provides up to 50% of the salary and fringe benefits of the Monroe County Emergency Management director.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record. Ms. Sue Maier, Fiscal Services Director answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for the FY2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) between the Michigan State Police Emergency Management, Homeland Security Division and the Monroe County Emergency Management Division, for reimbursement of up to 50% of the salary and fringe benefits of the EMD director.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated November 12, 2021 from Hon. Jack Vitale, Chief Judge, 1st District Court requesting approval to submit grant application to the Michigan State Police for the 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$79,577.40 to pay for additional technology equipment and overtime costs in the District Court Clerk's Office, Probation Division and Judicial Offices to cover back logs due to absences related to COVID-19 with no matching funds.
Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for the Michigan State Police 2022 CESF grant in the amount of \$79,577.40 with no matching funds.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated November 10, 2021 from Ms. Melissa Strong, Director of Juvenile Services/Probate Court Administrator requesting approval to submit grant application to the Michigan State Police for the 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$34,679 to pay for additional technology equipment and a part-time position in the Probate Court to help with the back log of cases with no matching funds.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for the Michigan State Police 2022 CESF grant in the amount of \$34,679 with no matching funds.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated November 12, 2021 from Mr. Michael Roehrig, Prosecuting Attorney requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Michigan State Police for the 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$52,557.36 to continue the current grant that expires on December 31, 2021 and expand the grant to provide for a full time Assistant Prosecutor from the current part time status with no matching funds. Position funded only while the grant covers the cost of the position.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record. Mr. Roehrig and Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Human Resources Director answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve/not approve the request to apply for the Michigan State Police 2022 CESF grant in the amount of \$52,557.36 to provide for a full time Assistant Prosecutor from the current part time status with no matching funds.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried

- Letter dated November 9, 2021 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer requesting acceptance of the grant award/contract with the State of Michigan to fund the Monroe County Indigent Criminal Defense Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 in the total amount of \$1,180,257.77 with \$966,374.61 of State funding and \$213,883.16 of County funding.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record. Mr. Bosanac answered questions from Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to accept the grant award/contract for FY2022 Criminal Indigent Defense Plan for Monroe County with funding of \$966,374.61 from the State and \$213,883.16 of County funding to be included in the 2021-2022 budgets.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—

1. Report on tax litigation outcome on public utility nuclear power plant by Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer.

- On October 13, 2021 MTI entered order consolidating 2018-2021 tax years into a single appeal
- Also, and importantly entered a Consent Judgment setting the values for 2018-2021 & ending the litigation
- The utility, Frenchtown and County agreed to a plan gradually reducing the values over a period time ending in 2028 as provided in the Consent Judgment. Outcome allows for clear budget planning and maintains vital public services in our communities

- Financial Impact:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Fermi II Taxable Value</u>	<u>Annual % Change</u>
Base	\$404,000,000	--
2019	\$409,500,000	1.36%
2020	\$410,500,000	0.24%
2021	\$410,500,000	0.00%
2022	\$375,000,000	-8.65%
2023	\$375,000,000	0.00%
2024	\$367,500,000	-2.00%
2025	\$337,500,000	-8.16%
2026	\$325,000,000	-3.70%
2027	\$312,500,000	-3.85%
2028	\$300,000,000	<u>-4.00%</u>
Total		-28.76%

Property Tax Revenues Changes:

2019 \$1,968,430
2028 \$1,438,560
\$529,870 Annual Loss of Revenue by 2028
2018-2028 cumulative loss is \$1,812,586
Calculates to average loss of \$181,258/year

- Next Steps:

Refund the local unit tax payment (payment to utility) based on the corrected taxable values determined by Frenchtown Assessor

Mr. Bosanac answered questions from Commissioners.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Erika Brodie, Frenchtown Township—She said she continues to update the Board on EMF & RF and feels it's negligent to not acknowledge and investigate it yourselves. She read the definition of SAR which she says is Specific Absorption Rate. She says she continues to ask them to seek answers. She continues to take EMF readings and people who are vaccinated are giving off frequencies as high as a microwave. She commented that once 5G towers are here who is going down, the vaccinated or the unvaccinated? She asked how many 5G towers are coming and do they know what the repercussions are. She will continue to speak for her children and she looked all of the Commissioners up on Facebook and noted they all have wonderful families. She wants them to listen to her heart when she is speaking and she doesn't want to drop it (the subject). If we get all these 5G towers in here it's not going to take much to drop half of our county or more.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Swartout—Great presentations tonight from the college and the museum. Congratulations to the museum on the award.

Commissioner Asper—Always amazed at the presentations that are made here. Really thrilled about what's going on at the community college. Thank you to Mr. Bosanac because he sets a wonderful tone on every single thing he gets involved with.

Commissioner Lievens—Echo my colleagues and kudos to County Museum for the award and to our Community College. Thank you to the Health Department for sending Nurse Huss to the Bedford Business Association to speak to us about Covid. Thank you to the 2nd floor for making us look good.

Commissioner Hoffman—Hats off to the museum because we are so rich here in our history and I'm glad we have you taking care of that. Thank you to the Road Commission for being here tonight.

Commissioner Jondro—Echo fellow Commissioners. All the presentations were great.

Commissioner Richardville—This is the best government I've ever worked with and I'm humbled and thankful to be a part of this group.

Mr. Bosanac—Attorney General for State of Michigan has signed off on the Interstate Agreement on Opioid Litigation. Shortly we will schedule someone from Miller Law Firm to come here and give a presentation. With regard to American Rescue Plan Act "ARPA", the window to applications closed yesterday at close of business. 91 requests totaling \$68.4 million and the County received \$29.2 million. We have broken down the requests into categories of Public Health, Negative Economic Impact, Disproportionately Impacted Communities, Premium Pay-Essential Workers, Infrastructure, Public Sector-Revenue Reimbursement

(County only), Administrative Expenses (County only). Team of about 30 team leaders who will be reviewing the applications. Board will receive a recommendation at the end of 2nd quarter 2022. We will give all the applicants a high level summary of the status.

Commissioner Moore—Excused

Commissioner Hill—Excused

Commissioner Richardville added that he has accepted the position of Executive Director for Oaks Village. Should be no conflict of interest. If there is any conflict, he'll excuse himself from the vote.

Chairman Brant—Pass

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.