

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Chairman Mark 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	George Jondro	David Swartout	Greg Moore, Jr.
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens	
Dawn Asper	David Vensel		

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Swartout 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 Swartout to approve the November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (11/01/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Asper to approve the minutes as presented for the November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION—None

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 11/16/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$462,116.96

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the 11/16/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$462,116.96.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims

- a. Check Register dated 11/04/2022 in the amount of \$354,409.64.
- b. Check Register dated 11/10/2022 in the amount of \$1,262,332.20.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Swartout, to approve the Non-Claims for the dates and amounts presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated November 1, 2022 from John Conlin, Director, Emergency Management Division, requesting approval to accept a federal grant award in the amount of \$244,425 through the Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) for FY 2021 and to authorize staff to execute the UASI 2021 Inter-Local agreement between Monroe County and Macomb County. There are no County matching funds required from the grant award.

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 acceptance of a federal grant award of \$244,425 through the Department of Homeland Security's Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) for FY 2021 with no County matching funds and authorize staff to execute the UASI 2021 Inter-Local agreement between Monroe and Macomb Counties.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated November 2, 2022 from Judge Cheryl Lohmeyer, Chief Probate Judge, requesting approval to accept \$19,000 of additional grant funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) grant for FY2023.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve acceptance of \$19,000 of additional grant funds from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) grant for FY2023.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated November 10, 2022, Michael Roehrig, Prosecuting Attorney, requesting approval to accept an extension of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) program period from December 31, 2022 to September 30, 2023 and an appropriation of \$2,608 to cover the County contribution during 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication, place it on file and approve to accept the extension of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) program period from December 31, 2022 to September 30, 2023. Further, authorize the County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to provide an additional appropriation of funds of \$2,608 to the Prosecuting Attorney's 2023 budget.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	David Swartout		Greg Moore, Jr.	

Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	David Vensel				

Motion carried

- Letter dated November 10, 2022 from Sheriff Troy Goodnough requesting approval to accept a financial contribution from the Community Foundation of Monroe in the amount of \$4,114.17 which will be used to provide additional equipment for the V.I.P.E.R. Task Force.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to accept a financial contribution from the Community Foundation of Monroe in the amount of \$4,114.17 to be used to provide additional equipment for the V.I.P.E.R. Task Force.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated November 9, 2022 from Philip D. Goldsmith, Legal Advisor, and accompanying Land Transfer agreement to accept 1.163 acres of donated land adjacent to the Raisinville Road bridge along the Raisin River in Raisinville Township for purposes of developing the land for a loop trailhead end, for river access and public recreation purposes.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record. Discussion commenced.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve acceptance of 1.163 acres of land donated by Mark Brant adjacent to the Raisinville Road bridge along the Raisin River and authorize the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to execute the legal documents transferring the land.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

6. Letter dated November 8, 2022 from Kim Comerzan, Director, Public Health Department requesting approval to end the agreement with Southeastern Michigan Health Association (SEMHA) for public health staff employees effective December 31, 2022 and approve the transition of the employees currently covered under the agreement to County of Monroe employment effective January 1, 2023 at an annual cost savings of \$22,394 in 2023.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to end the agreement with SEMHA effective December 31, 2022 for public health staff employees and approve the transition of those employees to County of Monroe employment effective January 1, 2023 at an annual cost savings of \$22,394 in 2023.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

7. Letter dated November 8, 2022 from Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer submitting a letter and accompanying amended resolution to establish compensation in 2023-2024 for elected non-judicial County officials related to the Drain Commissioner/County Agent and requesting authorization to enter into an inter-governmental agreement with the South County Water System to pay the compensation adjustment related to the County Agent duties.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record. Mr. Bosanac further explained the request.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Lievens to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the amended resolution to establish compensation in 2023-2024 for elected non-judicial County officials.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Copies of any Tributes or Certificates issued since November 1, 2022 meeting: None

XVIII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Jondro—Acknowledged that he had not been re-elected. It's been a pleasure serving on this Board and serving the community, the people in the county and working with my fellow commissioners.

Commissioner Lievens—Pass.

Commissioner Asper—Commented that the three Proposals on the ballot did not go the way she wanted. Would like to encourage people to remember the hearts of people and encourage them to make abortion unthinkable.

Commissioner Vensel—I'd like to say it's been a pleasure for me to sit next to Mr. Jondro these last few months. He's been extremely kind and encouraging. I very much appreciate that. I have gratitude for the voters who put me in office. I will tell you that the next day Jerry Oley called me and we had a wonderful conversation; he was gracious and very congratulatory toward me and wished me the best of luck. I hope it continues to be this way in politics and that we work for the cause of the people that we serve.

Commissioner Hoffman—George (Jondro) we're going to miss you but you are welcome back any time. We've had some good discussion and good work with him and we're going to be all ours now. We're probably all going to be a terror for the County now and it will be hard to handle us. I'm glad everybody came out tonight. Be careful on your way home tonight.

Commissioner Swartout—I echo the comments of my fellow commissioners. I wish George the best of luck in the future.

Commissioner Moore—Excused.

Commissioner Richardville—Dave welcome to the Board now that you've been officially elected. I'm glad to be your friend. George I can't say enough and how you handled yourself with class and dignity. If you ever need anything, please let us know.

Mr. Bosanac—Pass

Commissioner Brant—George, it's been a pleasure having you on the Board. You've been an excellent commissioner and I appreciate the good working relationship that we all had while you were on here. I'm sad to see you go but, it's politics. Jay (the new commissioner for District 4) is in the audience if any of the Board members have not met him, I'd encourage you to introduce yourself.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m. with no further business to conduct.

Respectfully submitted by:



Lisa E. Sanders

Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Monroe County Board of Commissioners