

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. 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	Randy Richardville	David Swartout	Jay Heinzerling
Mark Brant	David Vensel	Greg Moore, Jr.	J. Henry Lievens
Dawn Asper			

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Asper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (03/19/2024 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Asper to approve the minutes as presented for the March 19, 2024 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Presentation on 2024 Farm Bureau Policy & Updates by Mr. Doug Darling, Monroe County Farm Bureau. Mr. Darling passed out 2024 Farm Bureau Policy Books and discussed the farming industry in Monroe County.

2. Presentation on Updates to the Michigan Materials Management Plan by Mr. Chris Westover, Environmental Health Director and Mr. Dan Rock, Recycling and Green Community Program Coordinator, Monroe County Health Department. Mr. Rock discussed Michigan's new Materials Management Laws that are a significant change in how we approach waste, with both opportunities and challenges ahead.
 - During the last few hours of lame duck in Dec. 2022, a significant package of legislation which included 8 bills passed through the legislature and would be the largest rewrite of our solid waste laws in two decades.
<https://www.mlive.com/public-interest/2022/12/michigan-recycling-overhaul-passes-in-final-hours-of-lame-duck.html>
 - The legislation would modernize waste management in Michigan and increase recycling and composting by overhauling regulations in the solid waste law, known as Part 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act.
 - The changes aim to divert more recyclable material from landfills and develop inroads to the growing circular economy for recyclables and compostable organics.
 - BOC initiates action by submitting NOI and becoming the CAA – County Approval Agency
 - Counties have 180-days to file a Notice of Intent (NOI), which is required to be submitted by July 6, 2024. Within the NOI, each County must either accept or decline responsibilities as the County Approval Agency (CAA).
 - Once NOI is filed, another clock begins to appoint the DPA, MMPC, Draft a work program, have the MMPC and then EGLE approve the work plan, and then we're allowed to apply for the \$60K and begin drafting the MMP.
 - Before filing NOI in July and declaring the BOC to be the CAA, we need to send similar correspondence with the other adjacent counties acknowledging that we are each doing a single county plan.

Mr. Westover and Mr. Rock answered questions.

Mr. Westover updated the Board on the diesel leak in Whiteford Township.

3. Resolution to Establish Monthly Surcharge Rate for Central Dispatch 9-1-1 System Funding:
 - a. Letter dated March 22, 2024 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, recommending approval of the Resolution to establish the surcharge at \$2.00 per line, per month.
 - b. Letter dated March 21, 2024 from Ms. Donna Kutu, Director, Central Dispatch providing recommendation from 9-1-1 District Authority Board for the 2024-2025 9-1-1 Surcharge.
 - c. Resolution to Establish Monthly Surcharge Rate for Central Dispatch 9-1-1 System Funding Effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the Resolution to establish the Surcharge Rate for Central Dispatch 9-1-1 at \$2.00 per line, per month, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Payment of the 04/03/2024 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$392,655.55.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper, to accept the 04/03/2024 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$392,655.55 and approve the Claims for the date and amount presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 03/22/2024 in the amount of \$181,077.17
 - b. Check Register dated 03/29/2024 in the amount of \$315,599.19

Motion by Commissioner Asper, supported by Commissioner Moore to confirm the non-claims payments as presented on the agenda for the dates and amounts listed.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated March 27, 2024 from Mr. Michael Woolford, Equalization Director submitting the 2024 Monroe County Equalization Report with an equalized value of \$9,823,891,990.

Click [here](#) to view the 2024 Equalization Report.

Mr. Woolford explained the report and answered questions.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication and approve the 2024 Monroe County Equalization Report as submitted and authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign Form L-4037 and Form L-4024 and transmit the same to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
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Mark Brant	David Vensel	Greg Moore, Jr.		J. Henry Lievens	
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Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

1. Copies of any Tributes or Certificates issued since the March 5, 2024 meeting:
 - a. CAN Council Child Abuse Awareness

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Moore—Thank you to Chris (Westover), Mike (Bosanac) and Chairman Brant for taking the appropriate steps regarding the diesel spillage. 5 years ago when we voted on the 9-1-1 Surcharge, I did vote yes. Next year if we are doing another \$2.00 per line, per month, I'd like to see a detailed plan of why that would be needed because my vote (5 years ago) was for the 1 initial deal for the radios and the price that we got at that time. I saw 2 things in the Administrator's Report that I'd like to mention. Our Sheriff and Mr. Bosanac were showing off our drone at the SEMCOG General Assembly and I think that's great. I'm excited to see the Loop Trail project is in the final stages and almost ready to be bid.

Commissioner Asper—Thank you for the presentation about the recyclables and such and it's very clear from the questions that I asked that you understand exactly what we are thinking and I appreciate that.

Commissioner Hoffman—Thank you to the 2 departments that presented tonight. Thank you to all the Directors and Department Heads for attending tonight.

Commissioner Lievens and Commissioner Heinzerling—Excused

Michael Bosanac, Administrator/CFO—Passed

Commissioner Swartout, Commissioner Vensel, Commissioner Richardville and Commissioner Brant all passed.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with no further business to conduct.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa E. Sanders

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Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

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