

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe, on Tuesday, June 4, 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	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.	
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens (left at 6:56 p.m.)	

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lievens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the June 4, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (05/21/2024 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to approve the minutes as presented for the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of Monroe Link Plan 2.0 Prepare for Investment Infrastructure Improvements and County Directed Projects to be funded with American Rescue Plan Act funding. Presentation by Mr. Tim Lake, Monroe County Business Alliance and Mr. Michael Bosanac, County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer.

- a. [Link](#) to PPT Presentation Slide Link 2.0 Prepare for Investment Infrastructure Improvements
- b. [Link](#) to Monroe Link Plan 2.0 Prepare for Investment Pillar Priority Actions
- c. [Link](#) to Supporting Information and Documents-County Directed American Rescue Plan Act Projects

Mr. Lake and Mr. Bosanac presented and answered questions. Sheriff Goodnough, Fire Chief Stevens, Fire Chief Cherney and Emergency Management Department Director Conlin commented on the proposed Incident Response vehicle and how it would benefit Monroe County.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to approve the Monroe Link Plan 2.0 Prepare for Investment Pillar Priority Actions Plan Dated May 21, 2024 and authorize the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to appropriate County American Rescue Plan Act funds into Expenditure Category 5-Infrastructure in the amount of \$6,693,000. Further, to reserve \$2,784,553 of unappropriated EC 5 funds for economic development project's local infrastructure contributions subject to Board approval. Additionally, authorize the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer with legal services to prepare a contract obligating the above funds for the described projects to be administered under the Monroe County Business Alliance through a sub-recipient contract.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Richardville, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the four (4) County Directed ARPA Projects presented in the total amount of \$2,860,679. Authorize the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to appropriate this amount from American Rescue Plan Act funds and into the appropriate expenditure category and proceed with the projects.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Payment of the 06/05/2024 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$1,262,007.30.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling, to accept the 06/05/2024 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$1,262,007.30 and approve the Claims for the date and amount presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 05/24/2024 in the amount of \$1,961,905.58
 - b. Check Register dated 05/31/2024 in the amount of \$211,271.89

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Asper 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	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout			
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.			
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated June 4, 2024 from Mr. Jason Berry, Community Planning & Engagement Director, submitting a review/recommendation from the County Planner of an application to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation program (part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act) for property in Ida Township.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record. Commissioner Asper commented that Governor Whitmer issued a policy statement to allow land currently enrolled in P.A. 116 to be used for commercial solar array purposes. Commissioner Asper wants the public to be aware.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication along with the review/recommendation for an application to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation program for property in Ida Township, place it on file and submit the recommendation of the County Planner to the Ida Township Board.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

2. Letter dated May 28, 2024 from Ms. Julie Massengill, Jail Captain, Sheriff's Office requesting approval to apply for and receive funding of \$25,000 from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for professional services to review the Monroe County Jail's Medication Assisted Therapy Program for compliance to best practices in program management. There is no dollar match with the grant.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication and approve the request to apply for and receive grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 for program review of the Jail's Medication Assisted Therapy Program with no dollar match.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

3. Letter dated June 4, 2024 from Mr. Mark Brant, Chairman, Board of Commissioners presenting the Board's 2023 performance evaluation results for Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer.

Chairman Brant commented on the results.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept and place on file the communication and 2023 performance evaluation results for Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Mr. Al VanWashenova, Frenchtown Twp. Supervisor, thanked the Board for passing the two motions for the ARPA funding.
2. Chief Wendy Stevens, Frenchtown Twp. Fire Department thanked the Board for approving the County Directed ARPA Project-Early Warning Sirens.

3. Mr. T.C. Clements, CEO, Monroe County Business Alliance, thanked the Board for all their support with the Link plans.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

1. Copies of any Tributes or Certificates issued since the May 21, 2024 meeting: None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Moore—Thank you to everyone for being here tonight.

Commissioner Heinzerling—I echo Commissioner Moore. Thank you everybody.

Commissioner Hoffman—Great job putting together the presentation.

Commissioner Vensel—I echo Commissioner Hoffman. Great job with the presentation with a thorough analysis. I like what Mike said about creating opportunities for our citizens. The idea that we can get a \$4.00 return on a \$1.00 investment over the next 10 years makes so much sense to improve the quality of our lives in Monroe County. Thank you for a job well done.

Commissioner Swartout—Great presentation and thank you all for being here.

Commissioner Lievens—Excused.

Commissioner Asper—I just love the collaboration that goes on in Monroe County and I love the fact that people can directly ask questions and argue back and forth and not take it personally. The other thing is that we have a wonderful Community College in our county. Many families here would like their own children to be part of that educational process and be able to have those jobs that are going to be coming to our county, with the growth that can come to this county. I do believe that we really need to address some of the issues that are in the College. I'm having people call me and saying that the next time there is a millage for the College, they won't be voting for it and we don't want a situation like that. They want their children to have a good, quality education and for their children to feel safe when they go to a college. They want the education to be primarily focused on science, technology, et cetera and not some peripheral issues.

Michael Bosanac, Administrator/CFO—appreciate the Board's candid evaluation. He feels lucky to have the team that he does to work with. His contract ends February of 2025 and he will need to talk to Chairman Brant about where we go with that and then bring it back to the Board. We have some work to do in our succession planning and we are executing that. He commented on the value of the partnerships in the county, i.e. Whiteford Township and Bedford Township's intergovernmental agreement for running a sewer line. It's a good time to be part of the County and be in the position I'm in.

Commissioner Richardville—Thank you, Mike, for your leadership and thank you to all of the 100's of people who participated in this plan with these results.

Commissioner Brant—We didn't pick these areas/projects, randomly. It was due to the cooperation of our partners and our municipalities where we chose to make these investments. There were a lot of areas in our county that spurned economic development. We focused exclusively on municipalities that showed a cooperative spirit in their zoning, their forward thinking and in their outlook for their community. We can't sustain our quality of living here without increasing our tax base and keeping up with inflation. Probably more importantly, we need to keep up with some of the large tax bases that we are fairly rapidly losing and that's the Detroit Edison plant. We need to make up for that and move forward. With the opening of the Gordie Howe Bridge I believe there will be an increased interest in what Monroe County has to offer, but what Monroe County has to offer only goes as far as what our partnering communities will allow. We are glad to see that Whiteford Township is willing to expand and talk about rezoning properties and bringing economic development to their area. Frenchtown Township has a newly energized Board philosophy about inviting economic development to their area. Dundee has shown over the past 20 years their ability to attract development because of where they are located geographically. Everything on I-75 is going to be a geographic no-brainer to increase economic development but without the cooperation of the local municipalities, it stops. I'd like to say to the members of the communities here, thank you for being open. It's what's going to drive a better Monroe County in the future. I have one comment for Mike and that is that we want you until you don't want us.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT—

Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:13 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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