



MINUTES

Committee of the Whole Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners
Van Buren County

March 9, 2021

3:00 PM

Board of Commissioners Chambers - 219 East Paw Paw Street

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Zoom Meeting Information

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Richard Godfrey, Chairman of the Board. Present in person: Doroh, Godfrey, Chappell, Hanson and Schincariol. Present remotely: Patterson-Gladney from City of South Haven, Van Buren County, MI; and Peat from Paw Paw Township, Van Buren County, MI.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Delete Item: 8C

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes - February 23, 2021

Motion to approve the February 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes as presented.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

5. PRESENTATION

B. Economic Development Update - Zach Morris

Zach Morris presented an update on Market Van Buren.

6. Administrative Affairs Committee

A. 911 Support Resolution

Tim McGee, 9-1-1 Director, is requesting a resolution to support broader use and interpretation of the phrase "directly related to the 911 process" to include the entire 911 dispatching communication process.

Motion to approve by resolution a today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, support for a broader use and interpretation of the phrase "directly related to the 911 process" being adopted to include the entire 911 dispatching process relative to the February 17, 2021 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Randy Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. South Haven Area Recreation Authority - Grant Application Support Resolution

The South Haven Area Recreation Authority is requesting a support resolution for the grant application to Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund regarding Phoenix Street Black River kayak launch site.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, support for the South Haven Area Recreation Authority's grant application for funds to develop the Phoenix Street Black River kayak launch site through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

C. Planning Commission Reappointments

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Pam Stermer and Tony Hemenway to the Planning Commission Board for a three year term expiring on April 1, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

D. Mental Health Authority Reappointments

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Molly Peterson, Catherine Bolton, Mike Mosley, Angela Dickerson and Susan Barnes to the Van Buren County Mental Health Authority Board for a three year term to expire March 31, 2024.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

E. Mental Health Authority Appointment

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Thomas Palenick to the Van Buren County Mental Health Authority Board to fill a vacancy that will expire in 2022.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

7. Buildings and Grounds Committee

8. Finance Committee

A. Budget Adjustments

Ryan Post presented the monthly budget adjustment.

Motion to approve the monthly budget adjustment as required to maintain a balanced budget.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Randy Peat, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. Delinquent Tax Bonds

County Treasurer Trisha Nesbitt is requesting authorization for the issuance of a Delinquent Tax Bond.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the issuance of a Delinquent Tax Bond not to exceed \$7,000,000.

Roll Call Vote: All yes

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

C. 2021 DC Hardware Refresh

This item was removed from the agenda.

D. 911 Dispatch - Annual Renewal of 911 Local Surcharge Collection

Tim McGee, 9-1-1 Director, is requesting the adoption of a continuing resolution for the recurring collection of the 911 Local Surcharge in the approved voted amount of \$1.83 per device for the period of July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 for a total of \$3.00 per device.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the County Administrator, in conjunction with the County Sheriff and 9-1-1 Director, to make all necessary filing with the State of Michigan to ensure that the correct surcharge of \$3.00 per device is imposed.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

E. Federal Marshals - Van Buren County Intergovernmental Agreement

Lt. Manny DeLaRosa is requesting a renewal agreement with U.S. Marshalls to house federal prisoners. The agreement would increase inmate numbers to 10 male and 5 female and increase per diems rate from \$36.17 to \$48.00.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the contract with U.S. Marshalls to house federal prisoners.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

9. Labor Negotiations and Contracts Committee

A. Treatment Court Case Manager Salary Exception

Rachel Lindley is requesting a salary exception to fill a vacancy due to experience. This is a grant funded position in the Drug and Sobriety Court Program.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the salary exception for the vacant court case manager position to start at R26B, \$23.36 per hour, due to the experience of the new hire.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

10. Transit Committee

A. Annual Application for Fiscal Year 2022

Motion to approve at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a Resolution of Intent for

FY2022 and to authorize the Board Chair to sign on its behalf.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. MDOT Contract 2017-0136/P2/R1

Motion to approve at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the renewal of MDOT Contract 2017-136/P2/R1 and authorize the Board Chair and Vice-Chair to sign on its behalf.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

11. Veteran's Services Committee

A. Forum to Discuss the Potential Use of Millage Funds

Commissioners provided an update of the forum held at the Decatur VFW on March 3rd to discuss potential use of millage funds for veterans.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk

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