



MINUTES

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

February 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, and Hanson. Present remotely: Patterson-Gladney from City of South Haven, Van Buren County, MI; Peat from Paw Paw Township, Van Buren County, MI; Schincariol from Lawton, Van Buren County, MI.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Don Hanson, Second by Randy Peat, Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes - January 26, 2021

**Motion to approve the January 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes as presented,
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Randy Peat, Carried**

5. PRESENTATION

B. Land Bank Authority: Annual Report

Treasurer Trisha Nesbitt presented the Land Bank Authority Annual Report.

6. Administrative Affairs Committee

7. Buildings and Grounds Committee

A. COVID Pay Consideration: Facilities Services and Information Services

Discussion to consider Covid hazard pay for Facilities Services and Information Services employees. This would be similar to the hazard pay issued to Public Safety and Public Transit employees. There is no grant money to fund this new request and no counties have paid hazard pay from General Fund money.

Motion to issue Covid hazard pay to Facilities Services and Information Services employees in the net amount of \$1,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Doroh, Patterson-Gladney

No: Chappell, Peat, Hanson, Schincariol, Godfrey

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

8. Finance Committee

A. VHF Radio Upgrade Project - Water Tower Engineering

Tim McGee presented the request to complete engineering and drawings for the water towers that are being utilized in Covert, Gobles, Paw Paw and South Haven for the VHF radio upgrade project.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting, the completion of engineering and drawings for the water towers in Covert, Gobles, Paw Paw and South Haven for the VHF radio upgrade project in the amount of \$36,824 and to authorize the Board Chair to sign appropriate documents.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Randy Peat, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

B. Annual PC Refresh Purchase

Director Chuck Norton is requesting approval of the annual purchase of replacements PC's.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the annual purchase of replacement PC's from SHI, Inc. in the amount of \$54,798.36.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

C. Land Bank Authority Fund Establishment/Budget Adjustment

The Land Bank Authority is requesting to establish a fund and once established allocate money through a budget transfer to the fund.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the establishment of a Land Bank Authority Fund and allocate money through a \$5,500 budget transfer from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to the Land Bank Authority Fund.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

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

D. Sheriff's Office - Purchase of Vehicles

The Sheriff's Office is requesting to purchase two vehicles for the investigative division and one animal control truck.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase of two vehicles for the investigative division not to exceed a total of \$50,000 and an animal control truck not to exceed \$33,800.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

9. Labor Negotiations and Contracts Committee

A. MERS Defined Benefit Plan Updated Adoption Agreement

The County is required to submit an updated Adoption Agreement Addendum indicating any changes. The change recommendation is to update the number of days per month, to hours per month.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the

updated Adoption Agreements for MERS.

Roll Call Vote: All yes

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

B. Rose Street Advisors and Blue Cross Blue Shield Fee for Service Agreements

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a renewal with Rose Street Advisors to provide employee benefit consulting services for the period of March 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 and authorize the Board Chair to sign appropriate documents.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Don Hanson, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

10. Transit Committee
11. Veteran's Services Committee
12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk

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