



MINUTES

**Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street**

April 12, 2022 1:00 PM

Commissioners

Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1
Kurt Doroh, District 2
Richard Godfrey, District 3
Mike Chappell, District 4
Randall Peat, District 5
Donald Hanson, District 6
Paul Schincariol, District 7

Board of Commissioners Meeting

1. Call to Order

On the above date the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 01:00 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board.

2. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer

3. Roll Call

The roll was called by County Clerk Suzie Roehm with the following commissioners answering to their name and district: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell, Randall Peat, Donald Hanson, Paul Schincariol.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

All items on the agenda marked with '*' are part of the consent agenda. Commissioners or the public can request that items be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

A. **3/22/2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. Administrative Affairs

****Renewal of Ambulance Service Millage**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA23/4-12-2022

WHEREAS, the Ambulance Service millage will expire December 1, 2022 and it is necessary for the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners to place a renewal millage for Ambulance Service on the August 2, 2022 primary ballot, and;
WHEREAS, the following ballot language will be used for submission to the electors at the primary election to be held on August 2, 2022:

AMBULANCE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to continue to levy 0.9370 mill, which was previously approved by the electors to fund ambulance services, but which will expire with the 2022 levy. As a renewal of previously authorized millage which will expire with the 2022 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Van Buren County be increased by 0.9370 mill (\$0.9370 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of four (4) years, 2023 to 2026,

inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for ambulance services?

Yes

No

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenue collected may be required to be distributed to the Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities established in South Haven City, Bangor City, Harford, City, Gobles City, Keeler Township, South Haven Township, Villages of Lawrence, Lawton, Paw Paw and Mattawan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Van Buren County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the above ballot language for the renewal of the ambulance service millage to be placed on the August 2, 2022 primary ballot.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

****Renewal of Public Safety Millage**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA24/4-12-2022

WHEREAS, the Public Safety millage expired with the 2021 levy and it is necessary for the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners to place a renewal millage for Public Safety on the August 2, 2022 primary ballot, and;

WHEREAS, the following ballot language will be used for submission to the electors at the primary election to be held on August 2, 2022:

PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to continue to levy 0.5332 mill, which was previously approved by the electors to fund drug enforcement and road patrol services but which expired with the 2021 levy. As a renewal of previously authorized millage which expired with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Van Buren County be increased by 0.5332 mill (\$0.5332 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of five (5) years, 2022 to 2026, inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office for Drug Enforcement and Road Patrol?

Yes

No

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenue collected may be required to be distributed to the Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities established in South Haven City, Bangor City, Harford, City, Gobles City, Keeler Township, South Haven Township, Villages of Lawrence, Lawton, Paw Paw and Mattawan. It is estimated that 0.5332 mill would raise approximately \$1,884,933 when first levied in 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Van Buren County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the above ballot language for the renewal of the public safety millage to be placed on the August 2, 2022 primary ballot.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

5. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

6. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion by Donald Hanson, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

7. Public Comment

Bill Lawson, Hamilton Township, requested assistance in setting up Farmland Preservation Board meetings again after Covid restrictions.

8. Administrative Affairs

A. PCAP Charter Revision

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA25/4-12-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to approve revisions to the Palisades Community Advisory Panel Charter., and;

WHEREAS, PCAP Chair and Vice Chair have reviewed the PCAP charter and agree that a few changes are needed to address:

1. Purpose statement clarifications.

2. Membership language revisions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Van Buren County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the PCAP charter revisions.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

Yes: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Mike Chappell, Randall Peat, Donald Hanson, Paul Schincariol

No: Richard Godfrey

9. Buildings and Grounds

A. Purchase of LiveScan Machine and Reallocation of CIP Funding

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS RESOLUTION BG6/4-12-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to transfer the approved CIP item of Jail Room Dividers to a new urgent request for a new LiveScan machine, and;

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office requested, and the board approved, a Jail Recreation Room Divider wall to assist in preventing COVID outbreaks and continue to hold multiple classes in the Jail, and;

WHEREAS, the need for a new LiveScan machine is more pressing and is an immediate need. The Sheriff's Jail can continue to function and hold classes as needed without the room divider. The jail cannot function without a fingerprint machine. The current fingerprint machine has become obsolete and the sheriff's office has learned that it can no longer be serviced. We are in need of an updated LiveScan (fingerprint) machine.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is requesting to cancel the approved funding of \$13,000 for the rec room divider and change to the purchase of LiveScan at the cost of \$9,995. (Capital Improvements)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Van Buren County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the cancelling of the Jail Recreation Room Divider and approves the purchase of a LiveScan fingerprint machine for the cost of \$9,995.00.

Motion by Donald Hanson, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

10. Finance

A. Claims

CLAIMS RESOLUTION C4/4-12-2022

WHEREAS, claims in the amount of \$2,418,757.57 for March 2022 were submitted and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves total claims in the amount of \$2,418,757.57.

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

11. Public Comment

12. Board Correspondence

A. Grand Traverse County Resolution - Auto Insurance Reform

B. Grand Traverse County Resolution - Solidarity with Residents of Ukrainian Descent

C. Hamilton Township Resolution - Local Bridge Funding

D. Iosco County Resolution - Public Behavioral Health

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 01:21 PM.

Randall Peat, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk