



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

April 26, 2022 1:30 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

Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 01:21 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board. Present: Patterson-Gladney, Doroh, Godfrey, Chappell, Peat, Hanson and Schincariol.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
Add: Item 11 - Closed Session
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **4/12/2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **MSU Practicum Student Presentation - County Parks**
The County participated in MSU's Urban Planning Practicum for a County Parks and Recreation Department Feasibility Study. The student team that worked on the project presented their final report to the Board.
7. **Buildings & Grounds**
 - A. **Buildings & Grounds Update**
John Small, B&G Director, provided the Board with a project update.
 - B. **Request to Use County Property - Wine & Harvest Festival**
The Wine & Harvest Festival has submitted their annual request to use county property for Arts & Crafts booths and food booths.

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

Commissioners, the use of the county park located between Michigan Ave and Paw Paw Street during the Wine & Harvest Festival to be held September 9-11, 2022.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

C. **As-Needed Agreement with DLZ for Architectural and Engineering Design Services**

Administrator Hardester presented the request for an agreement with DLZ to provide as-needed architectural and engineering services for Van Buren County Facilities.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, entering into an agreement with DLZ for as-needed architectural and engineering services for Van Buren County Facilities in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 annually and for the Board Chair to sign related documents.

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

8. **Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts**

A. **HR Update**

Human Resources Director Anna Cerven provided an update to the Board.

B. **Negotiations - Countywide Compensation Study**

This item was tabled to a later date.

9. **Public Transit**

A. **Director's Report**

Public Transit Director Lauri Schlipp provided an update to the Board.

B. **Financial Report**

Public Transit Financial Coordinator Tami Naber provided an update to the Board.

C. **Operations Report**

Laurie Schlipp and Tami Naber provided an update to the Board.

10. **Public Comment**

Emilly Hickmott, Van Buren Conservation District, provided an update to the Board. The annual Conservation District meeting will be held July 27th.

11. **Closed Session**

Motion to enter into Executive Session under Section 8H of the Open Meetings Act to discuss material that is exempt from disclosure under state and federal law.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Board went into closed session at 2:57 p.m.

Board returned from closed session at 4:26 p.m.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 04:36 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk

