



MINUTES
County Board of Commissioners
Van Buren County

March 9, 2021

4:00 PM

Board of Commissioners Chambers - 219 East Paw Paw Street

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.

On the above date the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Richard Godfrey, Chairman of the Board.

The roll was called by County Clerk Suzie Roehm with the following commissioners answering to their name and district: Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1 (remotely from City of South Haven, Van Buren County, MI); Kurt Doroh, District 2; Richard Godfrey, District 3; Mike Chappell, District 4; Randy Peat, District 5 (remotely from Paw Paw Township, Van Buren County, MI); Donald Hanson, District 6; and Paul Schincariol, District 7.

2. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. APPROVAL OF 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 agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. ** Minutes - February 23, 2021

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Wes Nakagiri, Livingston County Board Chairman, addressed the board regarding Covid 19 vaccine supplies.

6. PRESENTATION

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A. **Medical Examiner - WMU Med Contract Renewal

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA8/3-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve a four-year contract renewal with the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine (WMed) for Medical Examiner services, and;

WHEREAS, this is a renewal of a contract originally entered into in 2017. Previously the duties were performed as part of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff supports renewing the

contract because it has been shown it has improved services to the public at a lower cost to the County, and;
WHEREAS, the total cost for the first year will be \$82,599, which is the same as last year. Each subsequent year, as in the last contract, will have a 2% per year escalator clause.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the renewal contract and authorizes the Board Chair to sign the appropriate documents on its behalf.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Don Hanson, Carried

B. 911 Support Resolution

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA9/3-9-2021

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") is accepting comments in its plan to eliminate the diversion of 911 fees for items it deems not directly related to the 911 process; and
WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 32 of 1986 provides for each local 911 district to utilize 911 fees within certain limitations that are determined by the State and regularly audited for compliance with the limitations; and
WHEREAS, under Michigan law, allowable uses include radio systems, paging systems, pagers, automatic vehicle location (AVL) systems, and mobile data computers (MDCs); and
WHEREAS, FCC proposed rules impinge upon Michigan's ability to determine the definition of allowable costs for 911 fees; and
WHEREAS, FCC proposed rules would eliminate the utilization of funds for radio infrastructure, mobile radios, portable radios, pagers, AVL systems and MDCs, critical to dispatching the 911 response; and
WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners believe a broader use and interpretation of the phrase "directly related to the 911 process" should be adopted to include the entire 911 dispatching communication process; and
WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners believe that local decision making and local control regarding the utilization of 911 fees is paramount.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners supports a broader use and interpretation of the phrase "directly related to the 911 process" and support local decision making and local control regarding the utilization of 911 fees.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

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

8. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

9. FINANCE/AUDITING COMMITTEE

A. Claims

CLAIMS RESOLUTION C3/3-9-2021

WHEREAS, claims in the amount of \$764,435.99 for February 2021 were submitted and reviewed.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves total claims in the amount of \$764,435.99.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

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

10. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACTS

A. Treatment Court Case Manager Salary Exception

LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACTS L3/3-9-2021

WHEREAS, Circuit Court seeks Board approval to hire Logan Hudson at R26 step level B for the grant funded case manager position for the Drug and Sobriety Court Programs, and;
WHEREAS, the approved range for this position, which is the same pay scale as other Specialty Court Case Managers, is the non-represented scale, R26. If approved, this would start Mr. Hudson at the 6-month step, B, at the hourly rate of \$23.36, rather than at the initial step, A, at the hourly rate of \$22.27. This full-time is fully grant funded with no county match required, and;
WHEREAS, the reason for the recommended placement on the pay scale is due to Mr. Hudson's extensive professional experience and existing knowledge of Specialty Courts, and;
WHEREAS, this is a grant funded position so the general fund won't be impacted
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approve the salary exception request to start Mr. Hudson at R26B, \$23.36 for the Specialty Court Case Manager position.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion by Don Hanson, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

11. TRANSIT COMMITTEE

A. Annual Application for Fiscal Year 2022

TRANSIT RESOLUTION T2/3-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Contract Clauses Certification and a Resolution of Intent for the fiscal year 2022, and;
WHEREAS, this is required by Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to receive State and Federal funding, and;
WHEREAS, the forms are to show that Public Transit is in compliance with MDOT regulations, and;
WHEREAS, Eligible expenses are an estimated total of \$2,066,175.00
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the request to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Contract Clauses Certification and a Resolution of Intent for the fiscal year 2022.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

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

B. MDOT Contract 2017-0136/P2/R1

TRANSIT RESOLUTION T3/3-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the renewal of MDOT Contract 2017-0136/P2/R1, and;
WHEREAS, MDOT Contract 2017-0136/P2/R1 will expire on March 21, 2021. It was renewed last fall for six months, and;
WHEREAS, this contract is for a pilot bus. The initial delay was due to COVID-19 and it was further delayed when it was discovered it was built with a 2019 chassis and should have been a 2020, and;
WHEREAS, the contract is for \$93,750 to purchase up to one 30 to <35-foot gas replacement bus with lift. \$35,000 from Federal funding, \$8,750 from State funding and \$50,000 or remainder with local funds.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves MDOT Agreement No. 2017-0136/P2/R1 and authorizes the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to execute the appropriate documents on their behalf.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

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

12. VETERAN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Livingston County
- B. Crawford County
- C. Berrien County
- D. Otsego County

16. COMMITTEE/OUT-BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

- Municipalities
- Administrative Affairs
- Finance Committee
- VBC Planning Commission
- Palisades Drill
- Market Van Buren
- ISD Dental Facility
- Historical Society
- Transit Committee
- Economic Development Corp.
- PFAS
- Decatur VFW - Veteran's forum
- ISD Dental Facility
- Labor Negotiations
- Kinexus
- MiWorks
- Department of Human Services

17. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Richard Godfrey, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk