



MINUTES
County Board of Commissioners
Van Buren County

February 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 (remotely from Lawton, Van Buren County, MI).

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 Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. ** Minutes - January 26, 2021

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

6. PRESENTATION

7. ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A. **Economic Development Corporation Reappointment

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA4/2-9-2021

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners is responsible for making appointments to the Economic Development Corporation, and;

WHEREAS, the request is to reappoint Mr. Tom Stanek for another six-year term to expire February 13, 2027, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stanek currently serves on the Economic Development Corporation and wishes to continue.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the reappointment of Mr. Tom Stanek to the Economic Development Corporation for another six-years for a term to expire February 13, 2027.

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

B. ****Non-Attorney Magistrate Appointment**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA5/2-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the Court's appointment of Robyn Papaioannou as a non-attorney magistrate for Van Buren County's 7th District Court, and;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to MCL 600.8501, the Court is requesting the Board offer a resolution approving the appointment of Robyn Papaioannou as a new Non-Attorney Magistrate for the 7th District Court. This is not a new position, but rather a formality since Robyn replaced Susan Zuiderveen who left the Court on December 7, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, MCL 600.8501 (1) says in part "....All magistrates provided for shall be appointed by the judges of the district and the appointments shall be subject to approval by the County Board of Commissioners before a person assumes the duties of the Office of Magistrate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the appointment of Robyn Papaioannou as a non-attorney magistrate for Van Buren County's 7th District Court.

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

C. ****LEPC Bylaws Review**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA6/2-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the submitted Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Bylaws update, and;

WHEREAS, The Bylaws were last updated in 2016, and;

WHEREAS, the changes requested are housekeeping only that advise the minutes and meeting schedule will be posted on the Sheriff's website for public viewing, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the submitted revisions to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Bylaws.

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

D. ****VHF Radio Project - Tower Site Lease Agreements**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA7/2-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve Tower Site Lease Agreements with Columbia Township, Covert Township, Gobles City, Oxley Farms, Paw Paw Village and South Haven Area Water/Sewer Authority, and;

WHEREAS, VBCO 911 Central Dispatch has utilized various resources around the county to house radio equipment as part of the VHF radio system. In the process of the current upgrade project of the Fire/EMS VHF radio system, it has been determined to add one additional site, move 3 sites, and reuse an additional 3 sites, and;

WHEREAS, Lease agreements to house radio equipment have been produced and presented to the various entities for review and have been approved at each of those levels.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the Tower Site Lease Agreements with Columbia Township, Covert Township, Gobles City, Oxley Farms, Paw Paw Village and South Haven Area Water/Sewer Authority and authorizes the Board Chair to sign on its behalf.

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

8. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

9. FINANCE/AUDITING COMMITTEE

A. Claims

CLAIMS RESOLUTION C2/2-9-2021

WHEREAS, claims in the amount of \$1,775,560.98 for January 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 \$1,775,560.98.

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

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

10. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS AND CONTRACTS

11. TRANSIT COMMITTEE

A. **MDOT Contract 2017-0136/P10

TRANSIT RESOLUTION T1/2-9-2021

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has provided Agreement No. 2017-0136, Authorization P10, and;

WHEREAS, this contract needs to be digitally signed for MDOT, and;

WHEREAS, the funds are based on 36% of the estimated eligible costs for FY 2021 and are used for operating expenses, and;

WHEREAS, this contract is Federal Section 5311 Operating/CARES Act funding in the amount of \$369,104.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves MDOT Agreement No. 2017-0136, Authorization P10 and authorizes the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to execute the appropriate documents on their behalf.

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

12. VETERAN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

16. COMMITTEE/OUT-BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

- Finance Committee
- Road Commission
- Palisades
- Wellness Committee
- Lt. Governor Briefing
- VBC Planning Commission
- Emergency Operations
- Veterans
- Administrative Affairs
- Economic Development
- Kinexus
- 911 Advisory Board
- MiWorks
- Solid Waste Consortium
- SW Michigan Behavioral Health
- South Haven Rotary Club
- OUT Center
- Mental Health Authority

- LDFA
- South Haven Brownfield
- Berrien County Diversity

Administrator Faul:

- Chief Judge Brickley will be presenting the State of the Court address at the next meeting

17. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Richard Godfrey, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk