



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

June 14, 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. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
Addition: Item 9B Palisades/Kinexus Agreement
5. **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 agenda as amended.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

A. **** 5/24/2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
6. **Public Comment**
 - Mark Paulik, Porter Township, regarding Gravel Lake deberming project
 - Brian Harrison regarding Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act
 - John Small, Building & Grounds Director, regarding storm damage to County Property
 - Brian Rumsey, Fair Board Treasurer, regarding Fairground storm damage
7. **Presentation**

8. Finance

A. 2022 Tax Rate Request - L4029 - EXPEDITED

FINANCE RESOLUTION F17/6-14-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to review and approve the 2022 Tax Rate Request, Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029 as prepared by Equalization Director, Anthony Meyaard, and;

WHEREAS, the annual tax rate request form needs to be approved, signed and submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury by the end of June 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the 2022 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029 as presented and approves the Board Chair to sign on the Board's behalf.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

B. 2021-2022 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant - EXPEDITED

FINANCE RESOLUTION F18/6-14-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to review and approve the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year HMEP Grant, and for the Board Chair to sign all related documents on the board's behalf, and; WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year HMEP Grant is attached. The grant award is \$3,380.00, and;

WHEREAS, the HMEP Grant is awarded to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for work on our SARA Title III sites. The grant provides reimbursement monies for the development of Emergency Response Plans for SARA Title III sites. Per Section 302 of EPCRA, it requires facilities to determine if they have any extremely hazardous substances (EHS) located on-site above a Threshold Planning Quantity (TPQ). The Emergency Response Plans assist emergency responders when dealing with a response to the plant in any type of emergency.

Van Buren County currently has 34 such sites. This money is also used for reimbursement of the payment for work completed by our LEPC site visit contact person Steve Smith. Last year a total of 7 plans were completed and this year 4 plans have been completed and we are expecting to complete at least 2 more. For each new plan that is completed, we are awarded \$250.00. Any plan that was updated received \$15.00, and;

WHEREAS, there is a 25% (\$845.00) in kind match for the grant which there is money within the LEPC budget to cover. We are also reimbursed \$950.00 for our yearly membership with the State Online Tier II reporting system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the submittal of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant and for the Board Chair to sign on the Board's behalf.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

9. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. Juneteenth Holiday - EXPEDITED

Judge Brickley addressed the Board regarding the Michigan Supreme Court Order declaring Juneteenth a court holiday.

LABOR & NEGOTIATIONS RESOLUTION L9/6-14-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the paid 2022 Juneteenth Holiday for all staff, as required for all state courts per the order from the Michigan Supreme Court. The 2022 Juneteenth Holiday pay is to be deducted from each departmental budget, and;
WHEREAS, Michigan Supreme Court order entered adding Juneteenth to the official court holidays listed in the Chief Judge Rule (MCR 8.110). Adoption of this rule conforms with federal policy making Juneteenth a legal holiday, and;
WHEREAS, Since Juneteenth is a specific day, June 19th, the holiday would be treated like similar holidays that might fall on a weekend by making the Friday before or the Monday after the observed date. June 19, 2022 falls on a Sunday, therefore, the observed day would be Monday, June 20, 2022, and;
WHEREAS, Future Juneteenth Holidays, as well as all future paid holidays, will be determined with the bargaining units in the 2022 negotiations, and;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the 2022 Juneteenth Holiday to be paid from each departmental budget for all staff, and for all future paid holidays to be determined in union negotiations.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried
Roll Call Vote

Yes: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell,
Donald Hanson, Paul Schincariol
No: Randall Peat

B. Palisades/Kinexus Agreement

Discussion regarding terminating the Palisades/Kinexus agreement. The contract has a 30-day notice termination clause.

Motion to terminate the Palisades/Kinexus contract at the end of September, 2022.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Randall Peat, Failed

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Randall Peat, Paul Schincariol

No: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell, Donald Hanson

Motion to terminate the Palisades/Kinexus contract upon 30-day notice.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell, Donald Hanson

No: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Randall Peat, Paul Schincariol

10. Public Comment

Commissioner Hanson thanked the Building & Grounds Department and Sheriff's Department for all of their work on storm clean-up.

11. Closed Session

12. Board Correspondence

A. City of South Haven Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate

B. Menominee County Resolution

13. Committee/Out-Board Assignments

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 02:16 PM.

Randall Peat, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk