



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

June 28, 2022 1:05 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 01:02 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

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.

Commissioner Peat requests Item 5.D. be removed from Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

A. **6/14/2022 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

B. Administrative Affairs

****Items to be Auctioned**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA38/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the request is for approval for the Sheriff's Office to auction off property that has been abandoned or is county owned and no longer needed utilizing the auction platform Biddergy, and;

WHEREAS, items to be auctioned:

- ☐ One patrol car that is past its life expectancy and is not financially responsible for repairs.
- ☐ Office furniture that cannot be repurposed by the county.
- ☐ Many items in evidence that do not have an owner and require disposition.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approve the auctioning of items on the list for disposition by placing them on Biddergy for auction.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

****Purchase of a Firearm Upon Retirement**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA39/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the request is for approval of the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office deputies or command officers, upon full retirement, to have the option to purchase their department-issued firearm for the cost of replacement, and;

WHEREAS, when an officer retires, many times, they wish to purchase their issued firearm, this is a common request across the law enforcement community. The last two long term employees (Dan Perkins and Robert Kirk) have both requested this, and;

WHEREAS, the cost to sell the firearm to the employee would be at whatever the cost is to replace that firearm. The sale of the firearm would run through an independent FFL dealer and the employee would pay all fees associated with the sale.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the fully retired employees of the Sheriff's Office to purchase the department-issued firearm at replacement cost.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

****Appointments to the Remonumentation Committee**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA40/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to appoint Barry Anttila, David Mills, and Wayne Nelson to the Remonumentation Committee, and;

WHEREAS, there are no term expirations for this committee that meets on an as-needed basis, and;

WHEREAS, the request is to change committee seats as indicated:

- ☐ Barry Anttila to replace Larry Hummel as the Road Commission representative.
- ☐ David Mills to replace Barry Anttila as Alternate Road Commission representative.
- ☐ Wayne Nelson to replace Peter Vandop.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners appoints Barry Anttila, David Mills, and Wayne Nelson to the Remonumentation Committee as indicated with no term expiration dates.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

****Re-Appointment to the Public Transit LAC - Kirk Kruithof**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA41/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the request is for the re-appointment of Kirk Kruithof to the Public Transit Local Advisory Council and to change the term date from March 1 to July 1 to match the other member seat expiration dates, and;

WHEREAS, this is a re-appointment for current board member Kirk Kruithof, whose term expired on 3/1/2022. However, all other seats on this board expire on July 1st and are for four (4) year terms. Therefore, the new requested term date is 7/1/2026, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners re-appoints Kirk Kruithof to the Public Transit Local Advisory Council with a term date of 7/1/2026.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

****Use of County Property - Van Buren Youth Fair**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA42/6-18-2022

WHEREAS, the request is for the use of the paved parking lot adjacent to the fair,

serving the Health and Human Services Building and the former Health Department Building for the Van Buren County Youth Fair, and;
WHEREAS, the dates are from July 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM to July 23, 2022 at 11:00 PM, and;
WHEREAS, the paved parking lot will only be used in the event of extremely wet ground conditions.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the use of the paved parking lot adjacent to the fair from July 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM to July 23, 2022 at 11:00 PM by the Van Buren County Youth Fair.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

****Use of County Property - Trinity Lutheran Church Fun Run**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA43/6-18-2022

WHEREAS, the request is for the use of the parking lot at 801 Hazen Street, Paw Paw for a Paw Paw 5K Costume Fun Run, and;
WHEREAS, the date is for 10/29/2022 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM, and;
WHEREAS, Trinity Lutheran Church is sponsoring a 5K Costume Fun Run. Under the advice of the Sheriff's Office, for safety purposes they want to follow the same route as the Wine & Harvest Festival 5K run and use the parking lot at 801 Hazen Street for sign in.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the use of the parking lot at 810 Hazen Street, Paw Paw for a Paw Paw 5K Costume Fun Run on 10/29/2022 from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

C. Finance

****Claims**

CLAIMS RESOLUTION C6/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, claims in the amount of \$5,006,600.21 for May 2022 were submitted and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves total claims in the amount of \$5,006,600.21.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

****Furniture Purchases Summary**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F19/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to reclassify furniture purchases for the total amount of \$107,184.13 to Capital Improvement Fund, and;
WHEREAS, furniture purchased by various departments in the current fiscal year was not budgeted. Due to the total dollar amount summarized by each departmental budget impacted by the purchases, each department's furniture purchases will be included in the County's listing of Fixed Assets reported in next year's audit, and;
WHEREAS, Capital expenditures reported in the audit are recommended to be charged to the County's Capital Improvement Fund, where the County's capital expenditures are paid from and reported in the audit, and;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the reclassification of the furniture purchases in the amount of \$107,184.13 to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

****Fiber Agreement with Bloomingdale Telecom**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F20/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the proposal from Bloomingdale Telecom to lease a strand of fiber optic cable between the Van Buren Administration building and the datacenter at the Van Buren County ISD, and;

WHEREAS, as our COOP/COG posture continues to mature, the IT Department wishes to colocate data backup hardware in the Van Buren ISD datacenter. To facilitate connectivity to that datacenter, we are seeking to lease a strand of fiber from Bloomingdale Telecom. This is a similar arrangement and connection as our connection to the South Haven Courthouse. We have explored other connectivity options with alternate providers and have found this proposal to represent the greatest value both in terms of costs and connection speeds, and;

WHEREAS, the proposal is for a 5-year agreement at \$5,000 per year plus a one-time construction/turn-up cost of \$1000. Costs will be allocated from 101.0-271.00-850.000 as part of the monthly Bloomingdale Telecom invoice, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the fiber agreement with Bloomingdale Telecom and for the Board Chair to sign all related documents on the board's behalf.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

D. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

****Termination of the Palisades Agreement with Kinexus**

This item was removed from the consent agenda. Kinexus representatives spoke regarding the agreement. This item was approved at the June 14, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting with no resolution presented. The resolution was presented at this meeting for signature.

LABOR RESOLUTION L10/6-14-2022

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2021 the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners resolved to enter into the Palisades Recovery Plan Agreement with Kinexus Group for assistance in attracting the maximum of grant dollars and other monies that can be used to help mitigate the closing of the Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant, and;

WHEREAS, the term of the contract is July 2, 2021 through December 31, 2022 with a 30 day out clause for either party, and;

WHEREAS, due to the retirement of John Faul from his position working on the Palisades closing, Van Buren County is opting to discontinue the Palisades Recovery Plan Agreement with Kinexus, and;

WHEREAS, the 30-day required out clause will start immediately terminating the agreement 30 days from June 14, 2022, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners terminates the Palisades Recovery Plan Agreement with Kinexus Group, utilizing the 30 day out clause effective immediately with a final termination date of July 12, 2022. The Board approves the Board Chair to sign any related documents on the Board's behalf.

6. Public Comment

- Brian Harrison regarding Auto Insurance Reform Act
- Steve Schultz, Bloomingdale Communications

7. Finance

A. **SHAWSA Lead Service Replacement Agreement - EXPEDITED**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F21/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the request is for approval and signature of the agreement between Van Buren County and South Haven Area Water & Sewer Authority for the approved ARPA funds in the amount of \$480,468.75, and;

WHEREAS, this ARPA proposal was approved by the board and signed into resolution on 3/8/2022, and;

WHEREAS, the agreement has been reviewed and approved by both parties' attorneys.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the agreement between Van Buren County and South Haven Area Water & Sewer Authority for the approved ARPA funds in the amount of \$480,468.75 and for the Board Chair and Vice Chair to sign the agreement on the board's behalf.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
Roll Call Vote

Yes: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell,
Donald Hanson, Paul Schincariol

No: Randall Peat

B. **Bangor Train Depot**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F22/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the one-time cost from the general fund for renovations to the Bangor Amtrak Train Depot for \$44,900.00, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Bangor has the only railway stop within the county and it is owned by the city, not Amtrak. The Bangor Depot is in need of repair of the rails and structure, and;

WHEREAS, the chosen quote is from Pearson Construction in the amount of \$64,900.00 for the necessary repairs. Bangor is contributing \$20,000.00, making the County's portion \$44,900.00, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the one-time payment from the general fund for renovations to the Bangor Amtrak Depot in the amount of \$44,900.00.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

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

A. **Deputy Clerk Wage Exception - EXPEDITED**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F11/6-28-2022

WHEREAS, the County Clerk's Office has had a vacancy for over a month. A qualified candidate was interviewed and offered the position, and;

WHEREAS, a salary exception is being requested to be competitive with the applicant's current salary, and;

WHEREAS, the request is to place the employee at the 1-year level of the Unified Pay Scale, Range 20C, at \$17.46 instead of the beginning wage of \$15.86 per hour, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed start date for this position is July 11, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of

Commissioners approves the salary exception for the Deputy Clerk position at the 1-year level of the Unified Pay Scale 20C, \$17.46 per hour.

Motion by Donald Hanson, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

9. Board Correspondence

- A. Berrien County Resolution - Re: MI No Fault Auto Ins Reform
- B. Berrien County Resolution - Re: Juneteenth
- C. Cheboygan County Resolution- Re: Zillow
- D. Iron County Resolution - Re: Zillow
- E. Livingston County Resolution - Re: Funding Elections
- F. Missaukee County Resolution - Re: Zillow
- G. Ontonagon County Resolution - Re: Zillow

10. Committee/Out-Board Assignments

11. Public Comment

12. Closed Session

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 01:56 PM.

Randall Peat, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk