MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

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

July 26, 2022 1:00 PM

Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 01:00 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board. Present: Patterson-Gladney, Doroh, Godfrey, Chappell, Peat, Hanson and Schincariol.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Move Item 7.A. to end of agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

A. 7/12/2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

5. Public Comment

- Steve Shults from Bloomingdale Communications spoke regarding the Rural Broadband Study and Report
- Paul Rigozzi, Geneva Township, spoke regarding broadband coverage
- Janeen Horton from Bloomingdale Communications spoke regarding the Rural Broadband Study and Report

6. Presentation

A. Rural Broadband Study and Report

Chris Scharrer, DCS Technology, presented the findings from the Rural Broadband Study. There are updates that need to be made to the maps. The updated report will be presented back to the Board.

7. Board Business

A. Chair Update

This item was heard out of order as the last item.

Chairman Peat reported that the new meeting schedule/format is now finalized.

Chairman Peat addressed the compensation for Ryan Post as Interim County Administrator and recommended that it be the same as the job posting wage.
Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the wage increase to $135k annually for Ryan Post for the time he serves as Interim County Administrator.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

Chairman Peat reported that peer counties had been contacted regarding union negotiation practices. Discussion regarding changes.
Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, to have the County Attorney, Human Resources Manager, and Administrator as the negotiating team.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

8. Administrative Affairs

A. Auto Insurance Reform Response from Senator Nesbitt

The Board has been asked to consider signing a resolution urging the state legislature to amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act and have asked for input from Senator Aric Nesbitt. Senator Nesbitt has provided a response for review.

Motion to approve a resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, urging the state legislature to amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act for auto accident victims and home health care.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

9. Buildings & Grounds

A. County Parks & Recreation Commission

The creation of a County Parks & Recreation Commission has been discussed on numerous occasions. MCL 46.351 describes the structure of the commission. The first meeting would be scheduled for August 23, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners, the creation of a County Parks & Recreation Commission and naming Commissioner Godfrey to the open commissioner position.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
Roll Call Vote: All Yes

10. Finance

A. Syndicate Park Parcel 80-17-233-026-00

Property owners Roberta and Paul Moller are inquiring if the county is interested in purchasing Syndicate Park Parcel 80-17-233-026-00 which is in the critical dune area.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase of Syndicate Park Parcel 80-17-233-026-00 from Roberta and Paul Moller in the amount of $3,600 and preparation fees.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. Market Van Buren Agreement

Zach Morris and Sara Snoeyink presented the proposed enhanced agreement with Market Van Buren.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the agreement with Market Van Buren in the amount of $200k per year for 3 years with an optional 3 year extension.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

C. Elimination of Cremation Permit Fees

Wayne Nelson presented the request to eliminate the $10 cremation permit fee. The county currently incurs a net loss due to the expense of processing and billing and the fee cannot exceed the cost of providing the service. This is not a mandatory fee.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the termination of the cremation permit fee effective September 1, 2022.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

D. Foster Swift Invoice & New Covert Generating Cost Sharing

Wayne Nelson presented a report on the New Covert Generating Cost Sharing Agreement. The current Foster Swift Invoice was reviewed.

Motion to approve the payment of the Foster Swift invoice in the amount of $18,338.45 pursuant to the cost sharing agreement.
Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

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

E. Bank Reconciliation Corrective Action Plan

Interim Administrator Ryan Post and Treasurer Trisha Nesbitt presented the corrective action plan regarding bank reconciliations which was initiated in response to the deficiencies noted in the audit.

F. Budget Adjustments

Motion to approve the monthly budget adjustments as required to maintain a balanced budget.
Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

G. FY 22-23 Draft Budget

The draft budget was presented for review.

Motion to set the mandated Public Hearing on the FY2022/2023 Budget for August 9, 2022 at 12:50 p.m.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

11. Labor, Negotiations and Contracts

A. Hartford School Resource Deputy Contract

Captain Charon presented the contract request for a full-time deputy to work with Hartford Schools 9 months of the year and road patrol for the remaining 3 months.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the deputy contract with Hartford Schools for nine months per year and to utilize the officer as road patrol for the remaining three months. The three-month period would be funded by the Public Safety Millage.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

B. Interview Dates for the County Administrator Position

Anna Cerven presented the recommendation to interview three candidates for the County Administrator position. Commissioners will review the applications and an interview date will be set.

Motion to interview three candidates for the County Administrator position and set the time slots at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

12. Public Comment

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 04:46 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk