



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

September 27, 2022

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

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**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **9/13/2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Ben Bowater, Red Arrow Ministries, ARPA request for Youth Center
 - Aaron Mitchell, Red Arrow Ministries, ARPA request for Youth Center
 - Bill VanTassle, Almena Township Supervisor, broadband and in support of Nelson for Road Commissioner
 - Vicky Wanink, Almena Township resident, broadband service
 - Zach Morris introduced Jodi Nilson, Economic Development Director
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **Funding for The Daily Recovery Zone, Inc.**
Jewel Dailey presented the request for funding in the amount of \$25,160 annually for the Daily Recovery Zone, Inc., which provides services for individuals with substance abuse disorders. Judge Brickley, Judge McKay, Prosecutor Zuiderveen, Community Mental Health, and Public Defenders Office spoke in support.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, funding in the amount of \$25,160 for FY2022-2023 for the Daily Recovery Zone, Inc.

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

B. Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program

Zach Morris and Sarah Snoeyink introduced the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program and are asking the Board to consider issuance of a Resolution of Intent to Establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE), identify a program administrator and then set a Public Hearing on the matter.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the establishment of a Resolution of Intent and authorizing Market Van Buren as the program administrator.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
Roll Call Vote: All Yes

7. Administrative Affairs

A. Road Commissioner Appointment

The interview ratings of the applicants for Road Commissioner were reviewed.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Wayne Nelson to the Van Buren County Road Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2024.

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

B. FY 2023 Access & Visitation Service Contract - Circuit Court

Veronica Stillson is requesting approval for the Board Chair to sign the FOC-AV Contract No. SCAO-2023-023.

Motion to approve the request for the Board Chair to sign the FOC-AV Contract No SCAO-2023-23 on the board's behalf.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Office Moves Update - Phase 2

Phase 1 has been completed and the Veterans Services Office is moved. Phase 2 is the relocation of the Land Management Office into the former Veterans Services Office.

Motion to proceed with Phase 2 of the Administration Building office moves, in the amount of approximately \$26,000.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

9. Finance

A. Updated DCS Technology Proposal for Broadband Project Management

Chris Scharrer, DCS Technology, presented the requested updated proposal for Rural Broadband Program Management. Discussion of how other counties are proceeding. Ryan Post directed to contact Allegan County for information.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, to proceed with the recommendation from DCS Technology for two

months at the rate of \$18,000 per month.

Motion by Donald Hanson, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Randall Peat, Donald Hanson, Paul Schincariol

No: Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell

B. Van Buren Youth Fair - Request for Cell Tower Income

Brian Rumsey, Van Buren Youth Fair Association Treasurer, is requesting the annual contribution from the cell phone tower lease income. Interim Administrator Post to address this long-term to alleviate the need to send a letter of request annually.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the contribution of the lease income of \$5,879.28 from the cell phone tower located at the fairgrounds to the Van Buren Youth Fair Association.
Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

C. Investment Portfolio Update

Treasurer Nesbitt presented the Van Buren County Investment Portfolio as required.

D. Authorization for County Treasurer to Invest Funds in GovMIC

The Treasurer is requesting authorization to invest funds in Gov/MIC.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the County Treasurer to invest public funds in GovMIC.

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

E. Foster Swift Invoice

Motion to pay the Foster Swift invoice in the amount of \$4,225.50 for NCG litigation according to the cost sharing agreement.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

F. Budget Adjustments

Motion to approve the monthly budget adjustments as presented and authorize Interim Administrator Post to make necessary budget adjustments to meet End of Fiscal Year state requirements.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

G. Interim County Administrator Mileage Reimbursement

Motion to approve payment for mileage reimbursement to the Interim County Administrator in the amount of \$64.88.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. Contracted Specialty Courts Grant Consultant

Natalie Dean presented the request to contract with Rachel Lindley for temporary consultation services for Specialty Courts grant administration.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, contracting with Rachel Lindley for temporary consultation services

for Specialty Courts grant administration.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. HR Update

Anna Cerven presented the Human Resources update.

11. Public Comment

- Ben Bowater, Red Arrow Ministries, ARPA request for Youth Center

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 03:32 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk