

County Board of Commissioners

Members

Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1
Kurt Doroh, District 2
Richard Godfrey, District 3
Mike Chappell, District 4
Randall Peat, District 5
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MINUTES June 8, 2021 4:00 PM

1. Call to Order

On the above date the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 04:15 PM 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, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell, Randall Peat, Donald Hanson, Paul Schincariol

A. Zoom Meeting Information

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.

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

4. Approval of Minutes

A. **Minutes - May 25, 2021

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

5. Public Comment

6. Presentation

7. Administrative Affairs Committee

A. **911 Service Plan

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA24/6-8-2021

WHEREAS, Current 911 Service Plan & 911 Advisory Board By-Laws were last revised in 2011, and;

WHEREAS, the 911 Advisory Board at its quarterly meeting on 14 April 2021 voted to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to begin the process of adopting the amended 911 Service Plan and By-Laws as presented, and;

WHEREAS, this process includes the adoption by resolution a "Tentative" plan, notification of local units of government by the clerk, a public hearing, published notifications of the public hearing, and lastly the adoption by resolution of the "Final" 911 Service Plan, and;

WHEREAS, cost of mailing notifications & newspaper publication for public hearing. Otherwise, no financial impact, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners adopts the amended 911 Service Plan and By-Laws as presented.

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

B. Palisades Community Advisory Panel: Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA25/6-8-2021

WHEREAS, the PCAP Charter requires the Board of Commissioners to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair, and;

WHEREAS, the request is to appoint Robert Burr, citizen Representative of South Haven Township, as chair, and;

WHEREAS, to appoint Mike Chappell, Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, as Vice Chair, and; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners appoints Robert Burr as Chair, and Mike Chappell as Vice Chair of the Palisades Community Advisory Panel.

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

Yes: Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell, Randall Peat, Donald Hanson, Paul Schincariol

No: Gail Patterson-Gladney

8. Buildings and Grounds Committee

9. Finance Committee

A. Claims

CLAIMS RESOLUTION C6/6-8-2021

WHEREAS, claims in the amount of \$12,050,492.32 for May 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 \$12,050,492.32

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

B. **Update to Sheriff Interview Room Equipment

FINANCE RESOLUTION F29/6-8-2021

WHEREAS, the request is for approval to purchase updated interview room recording equipment, and;

WHEREAS, the current equipment is from "irecord" World Systems LLC and would like to upgrade the system, and;

WHEREAS, the cost of new equipment and installation with a 5-year warranty is \$17,841.00 to be charged to the Public Safety Fund, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the upgrade to the interview room equipment.

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

10. Labor Negotiations and Contracts Committee
11. Transit Committee
12. Veteran's Services Committee
13. Public Comment
14. Closed Session

A. Closed Session to discuss Attorney Client Privileged correspondence relating to litigation involving New Covert Generating Co.

Motion to enter into Executive Session under Section 8e of the Open Meetings Act to discuss litigation regarding New Covert Generating.

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

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Board went into closed session at 4:21 p.m.

Board returned from closed session at 5:23 p.m.

Discussion to re-establish communication with ISD and Covert School regarding cost-sharing on this matter. The request for reimbursement of costs and attorney fees by Attorney Van Coevering will be taken under advisement.

Motion to direct Attorney Van Coevering to file a Motion to Intervene on behalf of Van Buren County.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
Yes: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Mike Chappell, Randall Peat, Paul Schincariol

No: Donald Hanson

15. Board Correspondence
16. Committee/Out-Board Assignments
17. Organizational Meeting
18. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Richard Godfrey, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk