



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

March 28, 2023

Commissioners

Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1
Mike Chappell, District 2
Kurt Doroh, District 3
Richard Godfrey, District 4
Randall Peat, District 5
Tina Leary, 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, Peat, Leary and Schincariol. Chappell absent and excused.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
Add: Item 7.E. Region 4 Area Agency on Aging
Delete: Item 9.C. Court/Sheriff Digitization Proposal
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **March 14th, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Presentation**
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **MAC Conference Schedule Conflict**
The Board meetings scheduled for April 25th will conflict with the MAC Conference which will end by noon on April 26th.

Motion to move the Committee of the Whole and Board of Commissioners meeting from 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25th to Wednesday, April 26th starting at 2 p.m..
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
 - B. **Reappointment to Van Buren County Planning Commission - Barbara Rose**
The term of Barbara Rose to the Planning Commission is expiring and a reappointment is requested.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Barbara Rose to the Van Buren County Planning

Commission for a two-year term expiring March 31, 2025.

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

C. Reappointment to Van Buren County Planning Commission - Jan Petersen

The term of Jan Petersen to the Planning Commission is expiring and a reappointment is requested.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Jan Petersen to the Van Buren County Planning Commission for a two-year term expiring March 31, 2025.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried

D. MAC's 125th Anniversary Recognition

A resolution recognizing the 125th Michigan Association of Counties Anniversary is being requested.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, recognition of the 125th Michigan Association of Counties Anniversary.

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

E. Region 4 Area Agency on Aging Board Representative

Commissioner Patterson-Gladney has served on this board for many years and is requesting to be the voting representative for Region 4 Area Agency on Aging instead of Commissioner Leary. Commissioner Leary is requesting to be placed on the Van Buren County Mental Health Board in place of Commissioner Patterson-Gladney.

Motion to approve switching Commissioner Patterson-Gladney to the voting representative for the Region 4 Area Agency on Aging and Commissioner Leary to the alternate and to move Commissioner Leary to the Van Buren County Mental Health Board in place of Commissioner Patterson-Gladney.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Human Services East - Hazen St. Extension - Information only

The Village of Paw Paw is requesting an easement to the service road at the Human Services East location for the purposes of access to residential development. No action is needed at this time and it will be brought back to the Board as updates are available.

9. Finance

A. Road Commission Bond Request

Bret Witkowski presented the Road Commission bond request for Capital Improvement Projects in the amount of twenty million dollars. Bobby Bendzinski, Bendzinski & Co., reviewed the bonding process. John Faul has not received the information or had the opportunity to review it. All information will be provided to him from the Road Commission.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Van Buren County Road Commissions bond request in the amount of twenty million dollars pending review by the Administrator's Office.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

B. Annual Resolution for Continuation of the Collection of 911 Local Surcharge - Revised - EXPEDITED

The resolution passed at the March 14, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting for the 911 surcharge was incorrectly worded and a corrected resolution is required.

Motion to rescind Resolution #F9/3-14-2023 due to incorrect wording.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

Motion to approve by corrected resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the continuation of the 911 local surcharge.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried

C. Court/Sheriff Digitization Proposal

This item was removed from the agenda.

D. Retirement and Adoption of K9 Bruno

K9 handler Daniel Rowse is no longer in that position and is requesting to adopt and purchase 6-year old K9 Bruno for \$3,000. It is customary when handlers leave the unit to have the K9 go with them as it is the family the dog is accustomed to. A waiver of liability agreement for the adoption will also be signed.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase of K9 Bruno in the amount of \$3,000 by Daniel Rowse along with a waiver of liability agreement.

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

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. MERS Resolution Establishing Authorized Signatories - EXPEDITED

The Board previously approved the position of County Administrator to sign contracts and Service Credit Purchase Approvals with MERS. In light of current vacancies it is necessary to authorize the positions of County Administrator, Finance Director or Board Chair to be an authorized signature.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the County Administrator, Finance Director or Board Chair to be an authorized signature for MERS contracts and Credit Purchase Approvals on the county's behalf.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

B. Buildings and Grounds Director Reclassification Request

Rebecca Bogren, Union President, resubmitted the request for reclassification of the Building & Grounds Director from Range 31 to Range 34 retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reclassification of the Buildings & Grounds Director position from R31 to R34 retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

C. Friend of the Court Reclassification Request

Rebecca Bogren, Union President, resubmitted the request for reclassification of the Friend of the Court Account Specialist I position from Range 19 to Range 20 of the AFSCME payscale retroactive to January 1, 2023.

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

Commissioners, the reclassification of the Friend of the Court Account Specialist I position from Range 19 to Range 20 of the AFSCME payscale retroactive to January 1, 2023.
Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

Rebecca Bogren, Union President, resubmitted the request for reclassification of the Friend of the Court Medical Support Specialist position from Range 19 to Range 20 of the AFSCME payscale retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reclassification of the Friend of the Court Medical Support Specialist position from Range 19 to Range 20 of the AFSCME payscale retroactive to January 1, 2023.

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

D. Juvenile/Probate Reclassification Request

Rebecca Bogren, Union President, resubmitted the request for reclassification of the Juvenile Diversion Officer position from Range 25 to Range 26 retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reclassification of the Juvenile Diversion Officer position from Range 25 to Range 26 retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

Rebecca Bogren, Union President, resubmitted the request for reclassification of the Court Specialist III position from Range 20 to Range 21 retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reclassification of the Court Specialist III position from Range 20 to Range 21 retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

E. Transit Reclassification Request

The request was resubmitted for reclassification of the Transit Driver positions from Range 20 to Range 21 retroactive to January 1, 2023.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the request for reclassification of the Transit Driver positions from Range 20 to Range 21 retroactive to January 1, 2023.

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

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Public Comment

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 02:23 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk