



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

April 26, 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 02:00 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board. Present: Patterson-Gladney, Chappell, Doroh, Godfrey, Peat, Leary and Schincariol.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **April 11th, 2023 Committee of the Whole Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Lynn Farmer, DAR member, provided information on the Real Daughter Ceremony for Lucretia Reed Wood to be held May 12th at 11 a.m. at the Thomas Cemetery in Bangor Township.
 - Priscilla Woodhams informed the Board that she had received information that Consumers Energy is no longer planning on constructing the proposed Crandall High Voltage Line and that another route would be sought.
 - Melanie Hooker, Domestic Violence Coalition, invited the Board to attend Project Connect which will be held on April 28th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hartford Bible Church. April 26th is Denim Day in support of sexual assault victims.
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **Van Buren Conservation District Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Quarterly Report**
Kalli Marshall presented the quarterly report for the Resource Recovery Program administered by the Conservation District.
 - B. **Proclamation Christmas Spirit Foundation - Wahmhoff Farms**

The Christmas Spirit Foundation established the Trees for Troops program in 2005. Betsy Perales of Wahmhoff Farms Nursery has participated in this program since 2006 and has been awarded the Christmas Spirit Award. A proclamation of appreciation is requested.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a proclamation of appreciation to Betsy Perales of Wahmhoff Farms in recognition of her work with Trees for Troops and for receiving the Christmas Spirit Award.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried

7. Administrative Affairs

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Use of County Property - Van Buren Youth Fair

The County Youth Fair is requesting to use the paved parking lot at the Human Services Building in the event of extremely wet ground conditions during fair week.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the Van Buren County Youth Fair to use the parking lot at the Human Services Building in the event of extremely wet ground conditions from 5:30 p.m. on July 17th to 11:00 p.m. on July 22nd.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

9. Finance

A. Michigan Recycling Infrastructure Grant

Kalli Marshall presented the update on the 2023 Michigan EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant application and is asking for the County to consider matching funding in the amount of \$20,000. There are available funds from marijuana licensing.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, support of the 2023 Michigan EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant application and grant matching funds in the amount of \$20,000.00.

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

B. South Haven Buoy Project Invoice

The County has contributed to the operating expenses for the South Haven Buoy Project for several years. It is an essential tool for the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Operations Center.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the \$5,000 payment towards the operating expenses of the South Haven Buoy Project.

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

C. Cyber Liability Insurance Renewal

There is a cost savings of \$22,617 to combine our Cyber Liability Insurance with Cowbell Cyber for \$3 million in coverage.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, renewing the Cyber Liability Insurance policy with Cowbell Cyber at a cost of \$24, 664.00.

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

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. NADCP Conference-Out of State Travel

Karl Stamm, Interim Specialty Court Administrator, is requesting board approval for 10 people from Van Buren's Treatment Court and stakeholder partners to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference in Houston, Texas on June 25-29, 2023. Federal grants require attendance at an annual grantee meeting and conference as a condition of continued funding and this is a budgeted item.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the out of state travel request to the National Association of Drug Court Professionals Conference in Houston, Texas on June 25-29, 2023.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Public Comment

- Emily Hickmott handed out the 2023 Food, Farm, and Fun Guide.
- Melanie Hooker stated that DVC will need to move out of their current office space by July 14th due to a rent increase. They have applied for a grant for a building purchase and have other programs they would like to implement if granted.
- Commissioner Schincariol updated the Board on continued efforts to establish a Youth Center and discussions from conference to establish intention of use for ARPA money that has not yet been dedicated.
- Finance Director Lorna Nenciarini explained that the remaining ARPA dollars can be utilized under lost revenue to protect funds.

Motion to place ARPA funds that have not been assigned to a project into the lost revenue category.

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

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 03:12 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk