



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

May 9, 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

Board of Commissioners Meeting

1. Call to Order
On the above date the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 03:18 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board.
2. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer
Invocation was given by Commissioner Doroh.
3. Roll Call
The roll was called by County Clerk Suzie Roehm with the following commissioners answering to their name and district: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Mike Chappell, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Randall Peat, Tina Leary, Paul Schincariol.
4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
5. 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 Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
6. Approval of Minutes

A. ** April 26th, 2023 Board of Commissioners Minutes
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
7. Public Comment
8. Administrative Affairs
9. Buildings and Grounds

A. **Use of County Property - Van Buren Youth Fair
BUILDING & GROUNDS RESOLUTION B9/5-9-2023
WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Youth Fair is requesting to use the paved parking lot adjacent to the fair, serving the Health and Human Services Building and the former Health Department Building, from July 17th at 5:30 PM to July 22nd 2023 at 11:00 PM, and;

WHEREAS, this request will only apply in the event of extremely wet ground conditions, and;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the use of the parking lot adjacent to the fairgrounds by the Van Buren Youth Fair, in the event of extremely wet ground conditions from 5:30p.m. July 17th, 2023, to 11:00p.m. July 22nd, 2023.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

10. Finance

A. **Michigan Recycling Infrastructure Grant

FINANCE RESOLUTION F20/5-9-2023

WHEREAS, the request is to hear an update 2023 Michigan EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant application and consider providing grant match funding and a letter of support, and approve the request at the May 9th, 2023 BOC meeting, and;
WHEREAS, with Van Buren Conservation District as the grant fiduciary, we would like to bring our communities together to apply for this grant opportunity to pay for infrastructure upgrades such as driveways, concrete pads, and fencing. By increasing capacity and efficiency at transfer stations, Van Buren County Residents will have access to commingled recycling. This opportunity will also provide support to communities engaging in materials management in preparation for upcoming legislation updates, and;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves by resolution the support for the 2023 Michigan EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Grant Application with a letter of support and grant matching funds, subject to the grant being awarded, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

B. **South Haven Buoy Project Invoice

FINANCE RESOLUTION F21/5-9-2023

WHEREAS, there has been a request to approve the 2023 South Haven Weather Buoy expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00, and;
WHEREAS, the South Haven Buoy Project began in 2013. The County has contributed \$5,000.00 to the operating expenses for several years. The purpose of the buoy is to record wind speeds, wave heights, water temperatures, and visual conditions of the lake. The device is used by multiple entities and is an essential tool for the Marine Division of the Sheriff's Office and the Emergency Operations Center, and;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the 2023 South Haven Weather Buoy expenditure in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

C. **Cyber Liability Insurance Renewal

FINANCE RESOLUTION F22/5-9-2023

WHEREAS, there has been a request to authorize the renewal of the Cyber Liability Insurance Policy, and;
WHEREAS, the cyber insurance program for the 2022- 2023 policy year provided coverage in the amount of \$3,000,000. Counties typically purchase an amount between \$2,000,000 and \$5,000,000. This was split between MML for \$1,000,000 at \$18,862 in premium and Cowbell Cyber for \$2,000,000 at \$28,399.00 in premium. The total premium for 2022- 2023 was \$47,261. For the renewal term of 2023 - 2024 we received a quote from Cowbell Cyber for the full \$3,000,000. The cost is \$24,664.00, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the renewal of the Cyber Liability Insurance Policy with Cowbell Cyber.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

11. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. **NADCP Conference-Out of State Travel

LABOR RESOLUTION L26/5-9-2023

WHEREAS, Circuit Court requests board approval for members of the specialty court team to attend an out of state training/conference. The National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Conference is being held in Houston, Texas this year from June 25th-June 29th. Attending the conference will be 10 professionals from Van Buren's Treatment Court and stakeholder partners including:

- Karl Stamm, Interim Specialty Court Administrator
- Brianne Smith, Treatment Court Case Manager
- Torrence Sanders, Treatment Court Case Manager
- Holly VanTilburg, Treatment Court Case Manager
- Valdomero Ruiz, Treatment Court Case Manager
- Jessica Parise, Van Buren County Community Mental Health
- Ben Kackley, Van Buren County Community Mental Health
- Whitney Gibson, Van Buren County Public Defender's Office
- Emily Jipp, Prosecutor's Office
- Casey Davis, Van Buren County Sheriff's Department

To avoid multiple board requests circuit court obtained approval from the appropriate parties so they could be included on this board request, and;

WHEREAS, Van Buren County Treatment Courts and Mental Health Court received federal grants from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Funding for continued education was allocated in the approved budget. Our federal grants require attendance at an annual grantee meeting and conference as a condition of continued funding, and;

WHEREAS, funding for this training, which includes airfare, lodging, meals and ground transportation is covered by BJA grant. Please note we are also requesting permission to utilize the federal per diems for lodging and meals versus the local policy. In Houston the federal per diem for meals is \$16 for breakfast, \$17 for lunch and \$31 for dinner. Attendees are only entitled to 75% of those amounts on their first and last days of travel: \$12 breakfast, \$12.75 lunch and \$23.25 for dinner. No county contribution is requested, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the out of state travel requests from Circuit Court.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

12. Public Transit

13. Veterans Services

A. FY2024 MVAA Grant Request - EXPEDITED

VETERANS SERVICES RESOLUTION V1/5-9-2023

WHEREAS, there has been a request for approval of the FY2024 MVAA grant submission and for the Board Chair to sign all related documents on the Board's behalf, and;

WHEREAS, Veterans Services has the requirement to submit the FY2024 MVAA grant request for funds. This request needs to be submitted to the MVAA no later than May 10,

2023, and;

WHEREAS, Veterans Services is requesting that the Board of Commissioners allow Chairman Randy Peat to sign all required documents to support the FY24 MVAA request for funds due to the submission deadline of May 10, 2023. We are also requesting that the board pre-approve the strategy for Veteran Services' initial request for funds, and;

WHEREAS, The scope of the request is the same as FY2023, which included:

Dental Program	\$50,000.00
Advertising and Promotion	\$15,000
Emotional Support Program	\$21,000 - \$25,000
Emergency Relief Program	\$9,192.00 - \$12,000

WHEREAS, in FY2024 our request is to keep with the same format to solidify the programs already in place with more funding.

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Emotional Support Program	\$21,000.00-\$25,000.00
Emergency Relief Program	\$9,192.00-\$12,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of the FY2024 MVAA Grant request and for the Board Chair to sign on the board's behalf.

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

14. Public Comment

15. Chairman's Update

- Wage Study for Electeds
- Agenda review process

16. Board Correspondence

A. Alger County Board Resolution

B. Osceola County Resolution

17. Closed Session

A. Discuss Privileged Information Regarding the Administrator Search

Motion to enter into closed session to review and consider contents of applications for Administrator search pursuant to MCL 15.268(f).

Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Board went into closed session at 3:25 p.m.

Board returned from closed session at 3:48 p.m.

Motion to interview candidate #'s 2,12,14,15 and 16 on Friday, May 19th beginning at 10 a.m.

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

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 03:51 PM.

Randall Peat, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk