



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

June 27, 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, Chappell, Doroh, Godfrey, Peat, Leary and Schincariol.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
Add Item 7.E. Carl Davis Proclamation
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **June 13th, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Emily Hickmott - Conservation District update
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **Public Defender 2023 Annual Report**
Chad Catalino presented the 2023 Annual Report for the Public Defenders Office.
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Appointment to Land Preservation Board - Christopher Rickli**
Julie Pioch presented the request to appoint Christopher Rickli to the Land Preservation Board for the farmer representative vacancy.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Christopher Rickli to the Land Preservation Board for the farmer representative vacancy for a term expiring March 1, 2025.
Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. Appointment to Land Preservation Board - Michael Matheny

Julie Pioch presented the request to appoint Michael Matheny to the Land Preservation Board for the elected official vacancy.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Michael Matheny to the Land Preservation Board for the elected official vacancy for a term expiring March 1, 2025.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Tina Leary, Carried

C. Appointment to Palisades Community Advisory Panel - Bill Van Tassel

Zach Morris, Market Van Buren, presented the request to appoint Bill Van Tassel to the Palisades Community Advisory Panel to fill a vacancy.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Bill Van Tassel to the Palisades Community Advisory Panel.

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

D. Intergovernmental Contract - Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health

The intergovernmental contract with Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health expires the end of this year and a renewal is being requested.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a three-year renewal of the intergovernmental contract with Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health for the term of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026 and authorize the board chair to sign all necessary documents.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

E. Carl Davis Proclamation

Commissioner Leary is requesting a proclamation to recognize retiring Keeler Township Clerk, Carl Davis, for his many years of service.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, recognition of retiring Keeler Township Clerk, Carl Davis, for his many years of service.

Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. HSW-USDA Lease - EXPEDITED

The USDA is modifying the area of the lease proposal at the Human Services West Building. This will require Amendment #6 and proof of authority is needed for the new Administrator, John Faul, to submit the paperwork.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for Administrator Faul to act on behalf of the County for the submission of USDA Request for Lease Proposal No. 57-26159-20-FA Paw Paw, MI.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Tina Leary, Carried

9. Finance

A. May Investment Report

Treasurer Trisha Nesbitt presented the May Investment Report.

B. Foster Swift Invoice

The Foster Swift invoice was reviewed.

Motion to approve payment of the Foster Swift invoice in the amount of \$252.00 for New Covert Generating litigation according to the cost sharing agreement.

Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. Specialty Courts Administrator Salary Exception EXPEDITED

A salary exception is being requested for the candidate chosen to be the Specialty Court Administrator to start at R34 step, \$88,618.14.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the salary exception for the Specialty Court Administrator to start at R34D, \$88,618.14 annually.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Road Commission Update

A. Road Commission Monthly Update

Bret Witkowski presented the Road Commission Monthly Update.

14. Public Comment

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 02:20 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk