



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

September 12, 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 03:15 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board.
2. Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer
Invocation 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 Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
6. Approval of Minutes

A. **August 22nd, 2023 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
7. Public Comment
8. Administrative Affairs
9. Buildings and Grounds
10. Finance

A. **Sheriff Body Scanner

FINANCE RESOLUTION F32/9-12-2023

WHEREAS, there has been a request from the Sheriff's department to approve the purchase of a body scanner to prevent the introduction of illegal substances into the jail, and;

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in attempts to smuggle illegal substances into the jail. This poses a high degree of risk to not just inmates but also correctional staff, and;

WHEREAS, full body searches are not allowed unless there is a probable cause or a judicial order, which makes it difficult to find these substances. We believe this machine will help protect the health and safety of all of those in the jail as well as reduce our risk of liability, and;

WHEREAS, the cost is \$184,500, which includes a highly recommended 5-year warranty. We can utilize \$132,162 from unallocated Marijuana Tax/Fee money. The remaining will come from the Jail Commissary Fund that has received more revenue than expected. The Jail Commissary Fund can be utilized because the scanner will also be used to inspect commissary packages, and;

WHEREAS, note that this is a single quote as they are the only company that sells this brand specific to correctional facilities. All the facilities in the State that have a body scanner use this brand, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the purchase of the body scanner to prevent the introduction of illegal substances into the jail.

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

B. **2023-2024 County Budget

FINANCE RESOLUTION F33/9-12-2023

WHEREAS, Public Act 621 of 1978, an amendment to Public Act 2 of 1968, otherwise known as the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, provides a system of unified procedures for the preparation and execution of budgets for units of local government; and WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller received revenue projections and expenditure requests for all County departments, and;

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller has reviewed in detail those requests and has recommended a 2023-2024 General Fund Budget, as well as supporting documentation required by Public Act 621, and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to provide the solvency of County fiscal operations by adopting a General Appropriations Act as required by law, and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to articulate policy relative to monitoring, maintenance accounting and implementation of the General Appropriations Act as required by law, and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to continue its allocation for substance abuse services of 40% of the convention facility/liquor tax revenue as required by Public Act 106 of 1985, as amended by Public Act 276 of 2022;

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget was held on August 8, 2023 after due notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation, and;

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Budget is based on the intent of the Board of Commissioners to levy property tax millages as follows: County Operating 4.4347, Ambulance 0.9324, Roads 0.9721, Public Safety 0.5332, Public Transit 0.2458, Conservation District 0.0991, and Veterans Relief 0.0995; and;

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 General Fund and Non-General Fund Budgets have been apportioned to the various County departments:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the General Appropriations Act for all Funds including anticipated fund balances, revenues, expenditures, and budget policies as attached and made a part hereof.

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

11. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

12. Public Transit

A. MDOT Contract 2022-0144/P4 - EXPEDITED

TRANSIT RESOLUTION T6/9-12-2023

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has provided Agreement NO. 2022- 0144/P4, and;

WHEREAS, this contract needs to be digitally signed for MDOT before September 13, 2023. This contract is an FY 2023 Section 5339. These funds will be used for up to one bus that have met MDOT's requirements to replace, and;

WHEREAS, the cost would consist of \$138,718 from Federal funding and \$34,679 State funding, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves MDOT Agreement No. 2022-0144/P4 and authorizes the Chairperson to execute the appropriate documents on their behalf.

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

13. Veterans Services

14. Commissioner's Update

- Health Department
- Van Buren County Mental Health
- EGLE Well Testing
- VBC Planning Commission
- Palisades
- Gilchrist plaque
- SW Michigan Behavioral Health
- Sand trac machine
- Veterans Treatment Court
- Stabenow visit to Kalamazoo
- Brynn Cummings

15. Chairman's Update

- Discussion regarding Elected Officials salaries. This will be brought back to the Board at the next meeting.
- Sheriff has withdrawn request for a new barn.
- Health Department in need of Dentists and Assistants.
- Discussion on creation of new Community Services Director position
- Chris Scharrer contract

16. Board Correspondence

A. Tuscola County Resolution

17. Public Comment

18. Closed Session

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 03:52 PM.

Randall Peat, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk