



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

January 9, 2024

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 01:05 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 Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **December 12th, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Janeen Horton - Bloomingdale Communications
6. **Presentation**
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Van Buren Cass District Board of Health - Reappointment - Robert Linderman EXPEDITED**
The appointment of Robert Linderman has expired, and a reappointment is being requested at today's meeting.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Robert Linderman to the Van Buren Cass District Board of Health for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2026.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
 - B. **Economic Development Corporation (EDC) - Re-Appointments**
The Economic Development Corp. is requesting the reappointment of Zachary Morris and Daywi Cook.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Zachary Morris and Daywi Cook to the Economic Development Corporation for a six-year term expiring February 13, 2030.

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

C. Southwest Michigan Planning Commission - Re-Appointments

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is requesting the reappointment of Sandra Hanson and Rick Catherman.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Sandra Hanson and Rick Catherman to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for the two-year term expiring December 21, 2025.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Tina Leary, Carried

D. Land Bank Authority Appointment of Todd Hackenberg

The Land Bank Authority is requesting the appointment of Todd Hackenberg to fill a vacancy for a local government representative.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Todd Hackenberg to the Land Bank Authority Board for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2025.

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

8. Buildings and Grounds

9. Finance

A. Commissioner Per Diems

Commissioner per diems were reviewed.

Motion to approve Commissioner per diems as presented.

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

B. Claims

Claims were reviewed.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, payment of claims in the amount of \$2,737,873.53.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

C. Monthly Financial Statement

Finance Director Becky Grabemeyer presented the Monthly Financial Statement.

Motion to accept the Monthly Financial Statement as presented.

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

D. FOC Amnesty Day Update

Veronica Stillson presented an update on the successful FOC Amnesty Day. Eighteen bench warrant were able to recalled and five DNR licenses reinstated due to payments received. A total of \$3,590 back child support was collected.

E. MST Associates Contract FY24

Veronica Stillson is requesting authorization for the Board Chair to sign the MST Associates Contract FY24 for Juvenile Court. This is a continuing program and receives a

75% reimbursement from the child care fund.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the Board Chair to sign the MST Associates Contract FY24.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

F. New Outlook Contract FY24

Veronica Stillson is requesting authorization for the Board Chair to sign the New Outlook Contract FY24 for collaborative funding between VBCMh and the Court. This is a continuing program and receives a 75% reimbursement from the child care fund.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the Board Chair to sign the New Outlook FY24 contract.

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

G. VBCMh MST/MST-PSB Contract FY24

Veronica Stillson is requesting authorization for the Board Chair to sign the VBCMh MST/MST-PSB FY24 contract. This is a continuing program and receives a 75% reimbursement from the child care fund.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the Board Chair to sign the VBCMh MST/MST-PSB FY24 contract.

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

H. VBCMh Parent Navigator Contract FY24

Veronica Stillson is requesting authorization for the Board Chair to sign the VBCMh Parent Navigator FY24 contract. This is a continuing program and receives a 75% reimbursement from the child care fund and 25% reimbursement from the Quality Legal Representation and Child & Parent Representation Grant.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the Board Chair to sign the VBCMh Parent Navigator FY24 contract.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

I. Allegan County Juvenile Center Contract FY24

Veronica Stillson is requesting authorization for the Board Chair to sign the Allegan County Juvenile Center FY24 contract. There is an increase this year to \$165/day per juvenile. This program receives a 50% reimbursement from the child care fund.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the Board Chair to sign the Allegan County Juvenile Center FY24 contract.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

J. Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center Contract FY24

Veronica Stillson is requesting authorization for the Board Chair to sign the Ottawa County Juvenile Detention Center FY24 contract. This program receives a 50% reimbursement from the child care fund.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the Board Chair to sign the Ottawa Juvenile Detention Center FY24 contract.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

K. Court Appointed Special Advocate Contract FY24

Veronica Stillson is requesting authorization for the Board Chair to sign the Court Appointed Special Advocate FY24 contract. This is a new program and receives a 75% reimbursement from the child care fund.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization for the Board Chair to sign Court Appointed Special Advocate FY24 contract.

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

L. DCS Technology - ROBIN Grant Update, MEC Subrecipient Agreement and Broadband Consultant Agreement - EXPEDITED

Chris Scharrer reviewed the updated map. Unserved addresses will be checked and verified. The county website will have a map where residents can check their address for service information. The DCS Broadband Consultant Agreement was reviewed. Terry Rubenthaler from MEC gave an update on the Robin Grant and they are hoping for completion by end of 2026. The MEC subrecipient Agreement was reviewed.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the DCS Broadband Consultant Agreement.

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

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the MEC Subrecipient Agreement.

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

Roll Call Vote: All Yes

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. Chief Deputy Treasurer - Salary Exception EXPEDITED

Treasurer Nesbitt is requesting a salary exception at today's meeting for the Chief Deputy Treasurer position to Range 26 Step F due to the candidate's extensive knowledge and experience.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the salary exception for the Chief Deputy Treasurer to Range 26 Step F.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

11. Public Transit

A. Director's Report

Laurie Schlipp presented the Public Transit Director's report.

B. Annual Application Information for MDOT

Laurie Schlipp is requesting approval of the MDOT FY2025 Annual Application at today's meeting.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the MDOT FY2025 Annual Application and for the Board Chair to sign necessary documents.

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

C. MDOT Contract 2022-0144/P6

Laurie Schlipp is requesting approval of a resolution of intent and digital signatures for MDOT Contract 2022-0144/P6.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, approval of MDOT Contract 2022-0144/P6.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

- D. **Re-appointment to the Public Transit Local Advisory Council - Julie Pioch**
The Public Transit Local Advisory Council is requesting the reappointment of Julie Pioch.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Julie Pioch to the Public Transit Local Advisory Council for a four-year term expiring December 31, 2027.

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

- E. **Bus Disposal**

Laurie Schlipp is requesting approval to dispose of Bus #28 which has been stripped for parts and is no longer driveable.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization to dispose of Bus #28.

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

- F. **Disposal of Partition Walls**

Laurie Schlipp is requesting approval to dispose of partition walls that are not being used. These items are relatively new. B&G Director John Small will look at items to see if they can be utilized elsewhere. If not, they will be disposed of.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, authorization to dispose of partition walls if they can not be utilized elsewhere in the county.

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

- G. **Financial Reports**

Tami Naber presented the Transit Financial Report.

- H. **Operations Reports**

Tami Naber presented the Transit Operations Report.

12. **Veterans Services**

Veteran's Treatment Court celebrated their 50th graduate. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice McCormack participated in the ceremony.

13. **Public Comment**

14. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 02:54 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk

