



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

June 25, 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 01:00 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board. Present: Chappell, Doroh, Godfrey, Peat, Leary and Schincariol. Commissioner Patterson-Gladney absent and excused.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **June 11th, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Emily Hickmott advised the Board of the Van Buren Conservation District Annual Meeting & Summer Picnic to be held July 31, 2024 at Brookside Farms, Paw Paw.
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **Van Buren Youth Initiative - Erin Kucharski**
Coordinator Erin Kucharski gave an overview of the Van Buren County Youth Initiative, describing what has been accomplished to date and providing an overview of the anticipated programs.
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Michigan Association of Counties - Annual Conference**
The Michigan Association of Counties Annual Conference will occur when a regular board meeting is scheduled. Discussion to move the meeting to Monday, September 23, 2024.

Motion to reschedule the September 24, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting to Monday, September 23, 2024 due to a conflict with the MAC Conference.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee - County Board Appointment

A Commissioner needs to be appointed to the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee. Commissioner Schincariol has expressed interest in being appointed.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Paul Schincariol to the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee to fill the elected official position.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

C. Appointment to Health and Human Services Board - Cathy Ontiveros

There is a request to reappoint Cathy Ontiveros to the Health and Human Services Board for a term expiring November 1, 2025. This appointment expired in 2022 and there was no reappointment done.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Cathy Ontiveros to the Health and Human Services Board for a term expiring November 1, 2025,
Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

D. Out of State Travel Request - Circuit Court Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) Training

Brianne Smith presented the request for three members of the Specialty Court Team to attend an out-of-state training session in Toledo, OH on August 5-9, 2024. This certification training will allow these internal staff to conduct risk/need assessments.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the out-of-state training for Specialty Court employees in Toledo, OH on August 5-9, 2024.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Request to use County Property - 2024 Van Buren County Youth Fair Parking

The Van Buren Youth Fair is requesting the use of the paved parking lot at DHHS for overflow parking on July 15-19, 2024. This is an annual request.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Van Buren Youth Fair request to use the DHHS paved parking lot on July 15-19, 2024.
Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. Request to Use County Property - Paw Paw Vineyard Classic Bicycle Tour 2024

The Kalamazoo Experiential Learning Center is requesting the use the Human Services East parking lot on September 8, 2024 from 7 am to 1 pm to stage the Paw Paw Vineyard Classic Bicycle Tour 2024 during Wine and Harvest Festival. This is an annual request.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the use of the Human Services East parking lot on September 8, 2024 for staging the Paw Paw Vineyard Classic Bicycle Tour 2024,
Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried

C. Request to Use County Property - Lakeshore Harvest Ride

There is a request to use the South Haven Courthouse Parking Lot for the Lakeshore Harvest Ride on September 14, 2024 from 7 am to 5 pm for overflow parking when the Kal-Haven Trail Head lot is full. This is an annual request.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the use of the South Haven Courthouse Parking Lot for overflow parking during the Lakeshore Harvest Ride on September 14, 2024.

Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

9. Finance

A. ACT - Inmate Medical Care Provider Contract

Chad Hunt presented the request to switch the inmate medical care providers from Advanced Health Care to ATC (Around the Clock Healthcare Services). The switch would allow the current medical personnel to remain in their positions and result in a cost savings for the county.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, switching inmate medical care providers from Advance Health Care to ATC.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

B. FY24 Great Start Collaborative Partnership Grant

Brianne Smith presented the request to approve the acceptance of the Great Start Collaborative Partnership Grant. This will allow the 2 month "60 Day Journey to Family Wellness Program" to be available to treatment court participants.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the acceptance of the Great Start Collaborative Partnership Grant and for the Board Chair to sign necessary paperwork.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried

C. 60% Justice Training Fund (MCOLES) - Deficit Elimination Plan - EXPEDITED

Becky Grabemeyer presented the request to establish a Deficit Elimination Plan for the 60% Justice Training Fund in the amount of \$1,275.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the County Deficit Elimination Plan and budget amendments needed.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

D. Foster Swift Invoice

Motion to pay the Foster Swift invoice in the amount of \$8,317.50 for NCG litigation in accordance with the cost sharing agreement.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Road Commission Monthly Update

A. Monthly Update

Bret Witkowski presented the monthly Road Commission Report.

14. Public Comment

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 02:11 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk