



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

August 13, 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: Patterson-Gladney, Chappell, Doroh, Godfrey, Peat, Leary. Absent: Schincariol.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **July 23rd, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
Steve Schultz from Bloomingdale Communications gave an update on the Reconnect Project and Broadband Implementation.
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **DCS Broadband Implementation Project Update**
Chris Scharrer, DCS Technology, gave an update on the progress of the broadband expansion and the Comcast expansion to rural residents.
 - B. **MSU Extension 2023 Annual Report**
Julie Pioch presented MSU Extension's 2023 Annual Report. Laura Anderson presented MSU Extensions Health Program direction presented on the health and wellness programs available. Mike Reinke, MSU Extensions Grape Specialist presented on the local farms and vineyards.
 - C. **Proclamation of Pete Sinclair**
Commissioner Mike Chappell presented the request to honor Pete Sinclair for his exceptional lifetime service and contributions to the Hartford Community and to Van Buren County.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of

Commissioners, a Proclamation in recognition of Pete Sinclair.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried

7. Administrative Affairs

A. FOC Warrant Recall Day

Veronica Stillson, Family Division Administrator, presented information on the upcoming FOC Warrant Recall Day, previously known as Amnesty Day. FOC Warrant Recall Day will take place on Thursday, August 22, 2024 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

B. Child & Parent Legal Representation Grant Contract

Veronica Stillson, Family Division Administrator, presented the Child & Parent Legal Representation Grant. Request to allow the Board Chair to authorize the Family Division Administrator to e-sign the grant for the Board Chair.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, to authorize the Family Division Administrator to e-sign the grant for the Board Chair.

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

C. Quality Legal Representation Grant Contract

Veronica Stillson, Family Division Administrator presented the Quality Legal Representation Grant Contract. Request to allow the Board Chair to authorize the Family Division Administrator to e-sign the grant for the Board Chair.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, to authorize the Family Division Administrator to e-sign the grant for the Board Chair.

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

D. Access Visitation Grant Application - EXPEDITED

Veronica Stillson, Family Division Administrator, presented the Access Visitation Grant Application.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioner's, the Board's permission to apply to the SCAO Access and Visitation Grant.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Richard Godfrey, Carried

E. Appointment to the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) - Paul Schincariol

Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) is requesting the appointment of Paul Schincariol to a five-year term.

Motion to approve by resolution and the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Paul Schincariol to the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee for a term expiring August, 2029.

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

F. Appointment to the Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) - Bob Baran

Southwest Michigan Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) is requesting the appointment of Bob Baran for a five-year term.

Motion to approve by resolution and the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Bob Baran to the Southwest Michigan Materials

Management Planning Committee for a term expiring August, 2029.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

**G. Appointment to the Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
- Bryan Myrkle**

Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is requesting the appointment of Bryan Myrkle to fill a vacancy that expires June 1, 2027.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Bryan Myrkle to the Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term expiring June 2, 2027.

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

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Use of County Property - 2024 Grape Lake 5K Race

Freshwater Church is requesting the use of the Community Mental Health parking lot for the 2024 Grape Lake 5K Race.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the use of the Community Mental Health parking lot for the 2024 Grape Lake 5K Race.

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

9. Finance

A. Commissioner Per Diems

Commissioner per diems were reviewed.

Motion to approve per diems as submitted.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Richard Godfrey, 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 \$6,375,164.33.

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

C. Budget Adjustments

Finance Director Rebecca Grabemeyer presented the budget adjustments as required to maintain a balanced budget.

Motion to approve the budget adjustments as submitted.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

D. Monthly Financial Statement

Motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

E. ARPA Quarterly Update - June, 2024

Finance Director Rebecca Grabemeyer gave the June, 2024 ARPA update.

F. Disposal of County Property

The Sheriff's Department is requesting to dispose of two patrol cars that are no longer worth repairing through auction on Biddergy and one that will be transferred to Specialty Courts.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the disposal of two patrol cars through auction on Biddergy and one patrol car to be transferred to Specialty Courts.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

11. Public Transit

A. MDOT Contract 2017-0136 P12 R2

Laurie Schlipp, Public Transit Director, is requesting a second revision of MDOT Contract 2017-0136 P12 which adds a total of \$14,042.00 in state funding to assist with the increased cost of two buses.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the second revision to MDOT Contract 2017-136 P12 in the amount of \$14,042 and authorization for the Board Chair to sign necessary paperwork.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

B. MDOT Contract 2017-0136 P14 R2

Laurie Schlipp, Public Transit Director, is requesting a second revision of MDOT Contract 2017-0136 P14 which adds a total of \$7,021.00 in state funding to assist with the increased cost of one bus.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the second revision to MDOT Contract 2017-136 P14 in the amount of \$7,021 and authorization for the Board Chair to sign necessary paperwork.

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

C. MDOT Contract 2017-0136 P15 R2

Laurie Schlipp, Public Transit Director, is requesting a second revision of MDOT Contract 2017-0136 P15 which adds a total of \$14,042.00 in state funding to assist with the increased cost of two buses.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the second revision to MDOT Contract 2017-136 P15 in the amount of \$14,042 and authorization for the Board Chair to sign necessary paperwork.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

12. Veterans Services

A. Veterans Bi-Monthly Update

David Krzycki presented the Veterans Services bi-monthly update.

13. Public Comment

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 02:41 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk