



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

August 27, 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 and Schincariol.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **August 13th, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried
5. **Closed Session**
 - A. **Attorney - Client Privileged Correspondence Regarding Litigation: Krause v Van Buren County and New Covert Generating v Van Buren County**
Motion to enter into closed session under MCL 15.268E regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation with Karee Krause and New Covert Generating that would have a detrimental effect if it were held in open session.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Board went into closed session at 1:03 p.m.
Board returned from closed session at 1:32 p.m.
6. **Public Comment**
 - Kevin Haight, Two Rivers Coalition - E. coli testing
7. **Presentation**
8. **Administrative Affairs**

A. Resolution to approve the Materials Management Interlocal Agreement Amendment

Lisa Ransler presented the request to approve an amendment to the Materials Management Plan Interlocal Agreement that adds a member of the Pokagon Tribe and confirms the participation of each county.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the amendment to the Materials Management Plan Interlocal Agreement. Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. Out of State Travel Request - International City/County Management Association Annual Conference

Lisa Ransler is requesting approval to attend the out-of-state International City/County Management Association Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on September 21-25, 2024.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the out-of-state travel for Lisa Ransler for the ICMA Annual Conference on September 21-25, 2024 in Pittsburgh, PA.

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

9. Buildings and Grounds

10. Finance

A. FY 24-25 Budget

Becky Grabemeyer presented the final FY 24-25 Budget for review and approval.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the FY 24-25 County Budget as presented.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

B. L-4029 Tax Rate Request

The updated L-4029 tax rate request was presented for review to account for renewal millages approved in August and the approved Parks millage.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the updated Treasury Form L-4029 and authorize the Board Chair to sign on the Board's behalf.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

C. Foster Swift Invoice - August 2024

Motion to authorize payment of the Foster-Swift invoice for New Covert Generating litigation in the amount of \$8,130, subject to the cost sharing agreement.

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

D. Knotek NCG Invoice - August 2024

Motion to authorize payment of the Knotek Law Office invoice for New Covert Generating litigation in the amount of \$794, subject to the cost sharing agreement.

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

E. Disposal of Seized and Unusable Sheriff Vehicles

The Sheriff's Office is requesting authorization for disposal of three county-owned vehicles, one seized narcotics vehicle and two additional vehicles that are no longer operational

through Biddergy auction platform.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the disposal of six vehicles using Biddergy auction platform.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

11. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

12. Public Transit

Commissioner Doroh reported on the pre-construction meeting and the project is moving forward.

13. Veterans Services

14. Road Commission Update

A. Monthly Update - August 2024

Bret Witkowski presented the monthly Road Commission update. October 18th will be the annual employee recognition lunch.

15. Public Comment

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 02:07 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk