



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

July 27, 2021 4:00 PM

Commissioners

Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1
Kurt Doroh, District 2
Richard Godfrey, District 3
Mike Chappell, District 4
Randall Peat, District 5
Donald Hanson, District 6
Paul Schincariol, District 7

County 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 04:51 PM by Richard Godfrey, Chairman of the Board.

The roll was called by County Clerk Suzie Roehm with the following commissioners answering to their name and district: Gail Patterson-Gladney (South Haven, MI), Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell, Randall Peat, Donald Hanson. Absent and excused: Paul Schincariol.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None.

3. 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 Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

A. ** 7/13/2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

5. Public Comment

6. Presentation

7. Administrative Affairs Committee

A. Firehouse Subs Grant

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA30/7-27-2021

WHEREAS, the request is for BOC to allow the Sheriff's department to submit for a firehouse subs public safety grant, and;
WHEREAS, this grant would replace aging AED's and become interchangeable with much of the medical responders in Van Buren, and;

WHEREAS, this would not impact county funds. Grant request is for 30 AED's not to exceed \$50,000, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the Sheriff's Department to apply for a grant in the amount not to exceed \$50,000 from Firehouse Subs and authorize the Chairperson to execute the appropriate documents on BOC's behalf as needed and move to BOC today due to timeframe of grant opportunity.

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

8. Buildings and Grounds Committee

A. **Use of County Property - Paw Paw Vineyard Classic Bike Tour

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS RESOLUTION BG4/07-27-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to allow the Kalamazoo Experiential Learning Center to use the Human Services East parking lot and restrooms as a staging area for the Paw Paw Vineyard Classic Bike Tour as part of the Paw Paw Wine and Harvest Festival, Sunday, September 12, 2021, and

;WHEREAS, the Bike Tour has been a part of the festival for many years. This year marks the tour's 40th anniversary, and;

WHEREAS, there is no financial impact.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the use of the County property including the use of restrooms for the Paw Paw Vineyard Classic Bike Tour as part of the Paw Paw Wine and Harvest Festival, Sunday, September 12, 2021.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

9. Finance Committee

A. **Administration Copy Machine Lease

FINANCE RESOLUTION F32/7-27-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the lease agreement with Applied Imaging to replace the multi-function machine (copy / fax / scan) in the administration office, and;

WHEREAS, as part of the replacement schedule, we need to obtain a new machine to replace the aging device in the administration office, and;

WHEREAS, the courts, prosecutor's office and other departments have recently compared bids from other

vendors and Applied Imaging's Ricoh devices were the best option considering lease amounts, maintenance costs and quality of service, and;

WHEREAS, the lease amount is \$142 per month and will be covered under the Administration budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the lease agreement with

Applied Imaging to replace the copy machine in the Administration office and to allow the board chairperson to sign the related documents.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. **Office of Community Corrections - FY 2022 Grant

FINANCE RESOLUTION F33/7-27-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the submission and accept the renewal FY 2022 Community Corrections Grant, and;

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Community Corrections Advisory Board met and approved the FY 2021 OCC grant on 04/16/20, and;

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Corrections has requested a total of \$184,735.00 to provide pretrial supervision, pretrial assessment, electronic monitoring, drug testing and treatment services, and;

WHEREAS, this is a grant funded program and there is no financial impact to the county, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of the FY 2022 OCC grant to the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

C. ****Out of State Travel**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F34/7-27-2021

WHEREAS, Circuit Court requests board approval for members of the specialty court team to attend an out of state training/conference, and;

WHEREAS, Hollywood Watkins, Specialty Courts Administrator, and the following individuals are requesting permission to attend the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) Conference which is held in National Harbor, MD from 08/14/2021 - 8/18/2021.

☐ Judith Langeland, Treatment Court Case Manager

☐ Hon. Jeffrey J. Dufon, Circuit Court Judge

☐ Hon. David Distefano, Probate Court Judge

☐ Hon. Arthur Clarke, District Court Judge

☐ Kati Hoekstra, Prosecutor's Office

☐ Jason Stasienko, Van Buren County Sheriff's Department

☐ Ellen Christie, Van Buren County Public Defender's Office

To avoid multiple board requests, Circuit Court obtained approval from the appropriate parties so they could be included on this board request., and;

WHEREAS, Van Buren County Treatment Courts and Mental Health Court received federal grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and;

WHEREAS, funding for continued education was allocated in the approved budget, and;

WHEREAS, federal grants require attendance at an annual grantee meeting and conference as a condition of continued funding, and;

WHEREAS, funding for this training, which includes airfare, lodging, meals and ground transportation is covered by the SAMHSA and BJA grant, no county contribution is being requested, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the request for out of state travel.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

D. ****VHF Fire / EMS Radio Upgrade Project - Water Tower Electrical & Infrastructure Proposal**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F35/7-27-2021

WHEREAS, the request is for the approval of the proposal from Roe-Comm., Inc for Electrical & Infrastructure on Water Towers within the VHF Fire/EMS Radio Upgrade Project, and;

WHEREAS, VHF Fire / EMS Radio Upgrade project is underway & funded via 911 Surcharge fund balance and ongoing collection, and;
WHEREAS, this segment of the project includes upgrades to 4 water tower sites as part of the 7-site simulcast radio system, and;
WHEREAS, this portion of the project is based upon the completed engineering studies by Dixon Engineering previously approved, and;
WHEREAS, funded by 911 fund balance, and will have no additional financial impact on the county; and;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves proposal from Roe-Comm., Inc for Electrical & Infrastructure on Water Towers within the VHF Fire/EMS Radio Upgrade Project.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

10. Labor Negotiations and Contracts Committee

A. Resume Normal Financial Operations

LABOR & NEGOTIATIONS RESOLUTION L13/7-27-2021

WHEREAS, the request is for the board to rescind the financial controls adopted on 4/14/2021 and authorize a return to normal financial operations, and;
WHEREAS, this action will end the hiring freeze, restriction of purchases and prohibition of non-essential travel, and;
WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of Commissioners authorized financial controls that limited expenditures and required departments to seek approval before posting positions, and;
WHEREAS, given the improved health conditions and lifting of statewide mandates, it is imperative we remove the obstacles for department heads to fill positions, attend trainings and make necessary purchases for their departments without delay, and;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the removal the financial controls approved on 4/14/2020 and authorizes normal financial operations to resume.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

11. Transit Committee

12. Veteran's Services Committee

13. Public Comment

14. Closed Session

A. Grievance Settlement

Motion to enter into Executive Session under Section 8h of the Open Meetings Act.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

Yes: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell,
Randall Peat, Donald Hanson

Roll Call Vote

Board went into closed session at 4:59 p.m.

Board returned from closed session at 5:09 p.m.

Motion to approve settlement agreement subject to approval by Michele Markus and AFSCME.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

15. Board Correspondence

- A. Muskegon County Resolution Supporting Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Casino

16. Committee/Out-Board Assignments

17. Organizational Meeting

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 05:11 PM.

Richard Godfrey, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk