

Committee of the Whole

Members

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



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MINUTES April 13, 2021 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order
 - A. Zoom Meeting Information
The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Richard Godfrey, Chairman of the Board. Present in person: Doroh, Godfrey, Chappell, Peat, Hanson and Schincariol. Present remotely: Patterson-Gladney from City of South Haven, Van Buren County, MI.
2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
None.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried
4. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Minutes - March 23, 2021
Motion to approve the March 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
5. Presentation
6. Administrative Affairs Committee
 - A. Citizen Proclamation - Lois Jewell

Request to recognize Van Buren County resident Lois Jewell, of South Haven, celebrating her 100th birthday.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, recognition of Van Buren County resident Lois Jewell on her 100th birthday.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

B. Board of Commissioners - Four Year Terms

Senate Bills 242 and 245 would enact four-year terms for county commissioners which would be the same as all other county and township elected officials in Michigan.

Motion to approve a resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners meeting, to support the adoption of a four-year term for county commissioners.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

C. Jury Board Reappointments

Applications have been received from Thomas Palenick and Pastor W.C. Askew Sr., for reappointment to the jury board.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Thomas Palenick and Pastor W.C. Askew, Sr., to the jury board.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

D. .Gov Email Cutover: Update

IT Director, Chuck Norton, gave an update on the vanburencountymi.gov domain and transitioning to it at close of business on Friday, April 30th.

Motion to approve the transition date to the vanburencountymi.gov domain set for April 30, 2020 at close of business.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

7. Buildings & Grounds Committee

8. Finance Committee

A. Budget Adjustments

Finance Director, Ryan Post, reviewed the budget adjustments for the month.

Motion to approve the budget adjustments as presented to maintain a balanced budget as required.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

B. Animal Control - Emergency Boiler Repair

Facilities Manager, Jeff Hall, had requested emergency approval to replace the boiler system at Animal Control that had failed.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the emergency replacement of the boiler system at Animal Control by Andy Egan in the amount of \$24,733 and the water heater in the amount of \$3,126.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

C. Legal Secretary Vacancy

Prosecutor Susan Zuiderveen is requesting permission to fill a vacancy in her office for a legal secretary position due to the resignation of the current employee.

Motion to approve the request from Prosecutor Zuiderveen to begin the process to fill the legal secretary position.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

D. Plat Board Per Diem

The County Plat Board has recently become active. The Plat Board members include the County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Treasurer. Statute requires that members are paid a per diem equal to that of commissioners.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the same per diem amount for the Board of Commissioners be set for the Plat Board and be funded from the general fund budget of each member.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

E. Maxwell Health Agreement

Request to contract with Maxwell Health for enrollment of benefits and other services through an online portal.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, contracting with Maxwell Health for Employee Benefit Technology for a three year period in the amount of \$948 for year 3 as well as a per employee fee.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

F. Equalization Report

Lyndsey Shembarger presented the 2021 Equalization Report.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the 2021 Equalization Report as presented.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried
Roll Call Vote

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

9. Labor, Negotiations and Contracts Committee

A. Administration Discussion

Court Administrator Frank Hardester presented his Statement of Interest in the County Administrator Position.

Discussion whether to promote from within or to hold candidate search and interviews.

Motion to proceed with promoting Frank Hardester to County Administrator and to have Labor Committee draw up contract.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried
Roll Call Vote

Yes: Richard Godfrey, Mike Chappell, Randall Peat, Donald Hanson

No: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh, Paul Schincariol

10. Public Transit Committee

11. Veterans Services Committee

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk