



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

September 14, 2021 3:00 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

Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 3:14 p.m. by Richard Godfrey, Chairman of the Board. Present in person: Doroh, Godfrey, Chappell, Peat and Schincariol. Present remotely: Patterson-Gladney (South Haven City, MI) and Hanson (Hamilton Township, MI).
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
Delete Item 5.A.
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Randall Peat, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **8/24/2021 Public Hearing Minutes**
Motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried
 - B. **8/24/2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the August 24, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes as presented.
Motion by Donald Hanson, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried
5. **Presentation**
 - A. **Deaths Related to Opioids and Other Drugs**
Item removed from agenda, Dr. DeJong was not available.
6. **Administrative Affairs Committee**
 - A. **Board of Canvassers Appointment**
Clerk Roehm reviewed the names submitted by the Democratic and Republican Parties as their nominees. A voice vote and a paper ballot vote were utilized. The following nominees each received seven votes and will be appointed by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
Democratic Party: Janet Abshagen
Republican Party: Mary Ann Middaugh

Clerk Roehm also provided an update on Apportionment Commission and upcoming

meeting dates. The meeting dates are posted on the Calendar on the website and meetings will be held at the VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence.

B. County Property Use Request

Friends of the Blue Star Trail have requested to use the parking lot of the South Haven facility for overflow parking for the Lakeshore Harvest Ride.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the use of the parking lot at the South Haven facility on September 18, 2021 for overflow parking for the Lakeshore Harvest Ride.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

C. Ray Bartles 100th Birthday

Motion to approve by resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, acknowledgment of community member Ray Bartles as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

7. ARPA Committee

A. Proposed ARPA Resolution

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a statement detailing allowable uses and practices of ARPA funds received by Van Buren County.

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

B. ARPA Fund Use Proposals Form

The ARPA committee has submitted a form for approval for proposals eligible for ARPA funds.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the form to solicit ideas and/or proposals from the community and other stakeholders regarding projects that are eligible for ARPA funds.

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

8. Buildings & Grounds Committee

A. Mattawan Property Update

The Conservation District has requested more time to offer a proposal before the property is listed with a realtor.

Motion to extend listing the Mattawan property with a realtor for one month as the Conservation District has an expressed interest and is requesting more time.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

9. Finance Committee

A. Budget Adjustments

Ryan Post presented the necessary budget adjustments.

Motion to approve the monthly adjustments as requested to maintain a balanced

budget and to allow the Finance Department and Administrator to make necessary adjustments for the fiscal year end.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Randall Peat, Carried

Discussion regarding a payout for Veteran's Burial Fees that was made in error and what fund it can be taken out of without requiring the family to pay back the funds.

Motion to communicate to the family of the deceased veteran that they will not be required to pay back the funds to the County and that their continued cooperation in the matter is appreciated.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Randall Peat, Carried.

B. Sheriff's Department Items To Be Auctioned

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff's Department auction item list to be placed on Bidergy.

Motion by Donald Hanson, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

C. VHF Fire/EMS Radio System Upgrade Project - Equipment, install, programming phase.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase, installaton and programming phase of the VHF Fire/EMS Radio project to avoid a cost increase on radio equipment.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

D. Foster Swift - New Covert Generating Invoice

Motion to approve payment to Foster Swift for legal services relative to the New Covert Generating litigation in the amount of \$31,919.48

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Randall Peat, Carried

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

No: Donald Hanson

10. Labor, Negotiations and Contracts Committee

11. Public Transit Committee

A. MDOT Contract 2017-0136 P12 - Replacement Buses

Laurie Schlipp is requesting approval for the MDOT Contract for two replacement buses with 80% Federal and 20% State grants.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, MDOT Contract 2017-136P12 for funding in the amount of \$203,158.00 for two replacement buses.

Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

12. Veterans Services Committee

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 04:12 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk