MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

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

October 26, 2021 3:00 PM

Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Call to Order

   The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Richard Godfrey, Chairman of the Board. Present in person: Doroh, Godfrey, Chappell, Peat and Schincariol. Present remotely: Patterson-Gladney (South Haven, MI) and Hanson (Hamilton Township, MI).

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

3. Approval of Agenda

   Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
   Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

   A. 10/12/2021 COW Meeting Minutes

   Motion to approve the October 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole minutes as presented.
   Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

5. Public Comment

6. Presentation

   A. Global Eagle Company (GECBTS) - eLearning Training Courses

   Kyle Allington, Global Eagle Company, gave an overview of what they offer in eLearning training courses for employees. This item will be sent to Administrative Affairs Committee.

   B. Palisades Decommissioning Update

   Project Director John Faul presented the monthly Palisades Decommissioning update.

7. Administrative Affairs Committee

   A. 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grants

   Lt. Bob Kirk is requesting approval for the FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant Renewal. This annual grant pays for a percentage of the emergency management position.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant Renewal and authorize the Board Chair to sign on the Board's behalf.
Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. Hazardous Mitigation Grant for HazMit Plan update

Lt. Bob Kirk is seeking approval to move forward with applying for a Hazardous Mitigation Grant to assist in the costs of a HazMit Plan Update. It would be beneficial for Southwest Michigan Planning Commission to apply for the grant on behalf of the county. The grant is a 25% county match.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, to use the services of Southwest Michigan Planning Commission to apply for the Hazardous Mitigation Grant, approve the 25% match, and authorize the Board Chair to sign on the Board's behalf.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

8. Buildings & Grounds Committee

9. Finance Committee

A. Foster Swift Invoice for New Covert Generating

Motion to approve payment to Foster Swift in the amount of $1,547 for New Covert Generating litigation.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Randall Peat, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations and Contracts Committee

A. IT Generalist II - Salary Exception

IT Director Charles Norton is requesting a salary exception for the IT Department Generalist II position due to experience. The annual salary at that step is $50,680.50.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the salary exception for the IT Department Generalist II position at 27C, the one year step.
Motion by Randall Peat, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

11. Public Transit Committee

12. Veterans Services Committee

A. Relief Fund Proposal

An overpayment was made for a burial expense from the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund and the family is unable to reimburse the county due to financial hardship. The difference can be covered by the Veterans Relief Fund.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, to use funds from the Veterans Relief Fund to cover the overpayment of $5,034 from the Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund due to the financial hardship of the family.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. VFW Service Agreement for the Stand Down Event

Request to approve the VFW Service Agreement for the Stand Down Event.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the VFW Service Agreement for the Stand Down event and authorize payment in the amount of $1,000.
Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Donald Hanson, Carried

13. Public Comment

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 03:54 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk