



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

November 9, 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

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 05:02 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, District 1 (South Haven, MI); Kurt Doroh, District 2; Richard Godfrey, District 3; Mike Chappell, District 4; Randall Peat, District 5; Donald Hanson, District 6 (Hamilton Township, MI); Paul Schincariol, District 7.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

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 Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

A. **10/26/2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

5. Public Comment

6. Administrative Affairs Committee

A. **2021 Emergency Management Performance Grants

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA53/11-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant renewal, and;

WHEREAS, this is an annual renewal for the grant that pays for a percentage of the emergency management position, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the annual Emergency Management Performance Grant and for the Board Chair to sign on the Board's behalf.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. ****Hazardous Mitigation Grant for HazMit Plan**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION AA54/11-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is for approval to move forward updating the County's multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the current plan expired in May of 2021 and needs to be updated, and;

WHEREAS, the plan is to have Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) apply for a Hazard Mitigation Sub-Grant in cooperation with the Michigan State Police to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The grant will cover 75% of the costs quoted at \$32,000, and;

WHEREAS, the grant would require a 25% local match by the county. The proposal is requesting \$32,000 in the grant funds with a local match requirement of \$10,350.00, for a total project cost of \$42,350. The local match can be partially or completely offset with labor hours by a county employee who works on this project with SWMPC, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the use of services of SWMPC, the application for the grant, the remaining 25% match of \$10,350.00.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

7. Finance Committee

A. Michigan Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant

FINANCE RESOLUTION F47/11-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is for approval to submit a CESF grant application to the Michigan State Police in the amount of \$150,000, and;

WHEREAS, the funding will assist Van Buren County Courts' ability to conduct business remotely in response to COVID-19, and;

WHEREAS, the CESF program will provide funding to assist eligible state departments, local units of government and tribes in preventing, preparing for and responding to coronavirus and is funded by the United States Department of Justice as appropriated by the CARES Act, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of the CESF grant application to the Michigan State Police in the amount of \$150,000.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. FY 20 CESF Extension Grant Agreement

FINANCE RESOLUTION F48/11-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is for approval of an amended agreement extending the FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant through 12/31/21, and;

WHEREAS, the original agreement award amount of \$265,179.96 was for the period 3/1/2020 through 9/30/2021, and;

WHEREAS, we are requesting \$7,481.00 to be extended through 12/31/2021, of which, \$6,758.16 is available for the courts, \$434.17 is available for the Prosecutor, and \$288.67 is available for the Sheriff, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of the FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant extension request through 12/31/2021, and for the Board Chair to file on the Board's behalf.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Randall Peat, Carried

C. Claims

CLAIMS RESOLUTION C11/11-9-2021

WHEREAS, claims in the amount of \$364,218.64 for October 2021 were submitted and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves total claims in the amount of \$364,218.64.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

D. FY 2020/2021 Credit Card Claims

FINANCE RESOLUTION F49/11-9-2021

WHEREAS, credit card claims in the amount of \$1,868,097.52 for Fiscal Year 2020 / 2021 were submitted and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves total credit card claims in the amount of \$1,868,097.52.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

8. Veterans Services Committee

A. **Relief Fund Proposal

VETERAN'S RESOLUTION V6/11-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to approve the assistance to a veteran's family dealing with financial hardship in the amount of \$5,034.00 from the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund, and;

WHEREAS, it was recommended to the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund Commission, as an alternative to having the family pay back the expenses due to our administrative oversight, that the family be approved for emergency relief assistance from the Veterans Relief Fund (millage), for the overage amount above the \$300 burial assistance cap, and;

WHEREAS, the SSRF Commission denied the request and suggested the matter go to the full BOC for review / authorization, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the assistance to a veteran's family dealing with financial hardship in the amount of \$5,034.00 from the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. **VFW Service Agreement for the Stand Down Event

VETERAN'S RESOLUTION V7/11-9-2021

WHEREAS, the request is to accept the VFW Service Agreement for the Stand Down event in the amount of \$1,000.00, and;

WHEREAS, the VFW provides two tables for the Van Buren County Veterans Services at the Stand Down event, along with 130 lunches for veteran attendees and cleaning services, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the VFW Service Agreement in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Stand Down event and the Board Chair's signature on the Board's behalf.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

9. Public Comment

10. Board Correspondence

A. Missaukee County Resolution

- B. Branch County Resolution
 - C. Muskegon County Resolution
 - D. Senior Services of Van Buren County
 - E. Jackson County Resolution
 - F. Oceana County Resolution
 - G. Dickinson County Resolution
- 11. Committee/Out-Board Assignments
 - 12. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 05:10 PM.

Richard Godfrey, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk