



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

February 8, 2022 2:00 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

Administrative Affairs Committee Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
Committee members present: Commissioner Gail Patterson-Gladney (Chair), Commissioner Paul Schincariol, Commissioner Richard Godfrey (standing in for Commissioner Randy Peat)

Others in attendance: County Administrator Frank Hardester, Commissioner Don Hanson, Commissioner Mike Chappell, Commissioner Kurt Doroh, Chris Sharrer with DCS Technologies,
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
None
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Commissioner Schincariol; Supported by Commissioner Godfrey; Motion: Carried.
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **1/11/2022 Administrative Affairs Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the 1/11/2022 Administrative Affairs Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Paul Schincariol; Supported by Commissioner Godfrey; Motion: Carried.
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **Broadband Consulting**
Administrator Hardester introduced Chris Scharrer of DCS Technology Design and how his company could help with broadband consulting. Chris Scharrer presented DCS Technology and the Rural Broadband Internet Survey Project Proposal which would include mapping of the broadband throughout Van Buren County. Discussion ensued.

DCS Technology has not created a proposal for the costs. Their estimated timeline to have the mapping completed is approximately July 5, 2022.
7. **Agenda Items**
 - A. **Senior Services of Van Buren County**

Diane Rigozzi presented her proposal to create a countywide millage for Senior Services. The main objective would be to allow the voters on a countywide level to make the decision about the services that would be available through the program. The millage request will be .50 mil to include real and personal tax for an 8-year term. Discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the request for a countywide millage and move this item to the 2/22/2022 COW and 3/8/2022 BOC including the ballot language by Commissioner Patterson-Gladney; Supported by Commissioner Schincariol; Motion: Did Not Carry.

B. Re-Appointment of Mike Toth to the Economic Development Corporation
Administrator Hardester presented the request to re-appoint Mike Toth to the Economic Development Corporation with a 6-year term to expire on 2/13/2028.

Motion to re-appoint Mike Toth to the Economic Development Corporation with a 6-year term to expire on 2/13/2028 and to expedite this item to today's COW and BOC by Commissioner Godfrey; Supported by Commissioner Schincariol; Motion: Carried.

C. Admin Corrections Sergeant

Jim Charon presented his request to change a correction officer position to an Administrative Correction Sergeant position. This would be a budget increase of about \$14,000 to GL account 101.0-351.00.

Motion to approve the creation of the Administrative Correction Sergeant position and move this to the 2/22/2022 COW and the 3/8/2022 BOC by Commissioner Godfrey; Supported by Commissioner Schincariol; Motion: Carried.

D. Appointment of Jan Petersen to Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Administrator Hardester presented the request to appoint Jan Petersen to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for a two-year term to expire on 12/31/2023.

Motion to approve the appointment of Jan Petersen to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and to expedite the request to today's COW and BOC by Commissioner Schincariol; Supported by Commissioner Godfrey; Motion: Carried.

E. Re-appointment of Matt Newton to Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Administrator Hardester presented the request to re-appoint Matt Newton to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for a two-year term to expire on 12/31/2023.

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Matt Newton to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and to expedite the request to today's COW and BOC by Commissioner Schincariol; Supported by Commissioner Godfrey; Motion: Carried.

F. Re-appointment of Sandra Hanson to Southwest Michigan Planning Commission

Administrator Hardester presented the request to re-appoint Sandra Hanson to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission for a two-year term to expire on 12/31/2023.

Motion to approve the re-appointment of Sandra Hanson to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission and to expedite the request to today's COW and BOC by Commissioner Schincariol; Supported by Commissioner Godfrey; Motion: Carried.

8. Public Comment

Anne Brown from the Senior Services questioned Commissioner Godfrey's vote being by proxy for Commissioner Peat.

9. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Schincariol; Supported by Commissioner Godfrey; Motion: Carried.

Meeting adjourned: 3:17 PM