

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. Chairman Mark Brant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders, as follows:

PRESENT			ABSENT
David Hoffman	George Jondro	Greg Moore, Jr.	Sharon Hill
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens	
Dawn Asper	David Swartout		

A quorum being present, the Board proceeded to conduct business.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Jondro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Chairman Brant asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Gerald Welch, former President of Monroe County Community College, who passed away recently.

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the March 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (02/15/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to approve the minutes as presented for the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Dr. Kojo Quartey, City of Monroe, President of Monroe County Community College commented on the success of the Michigan Reconnect tuition-free program at Monroe County Community College.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION—None

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 03/02/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$248,693.03

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Jondro to accept the 03/02/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$248,693.03.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	Greg Moore, Jr.		Sharon Hill	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 02/18/2022 in the amount of \$658,453.15
 - b. Check Register dated 02/25/2022 in the amount of \$119,133.22

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	Greg Moore, Jr.		Sharon Hill	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	David Swartout				

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated February 17, 2022 from Hon. Mark S. Braunlich, Chief Judge, 38th Judicial Circuit Court, requesting approval of allocation of funding for a visiting judge to assist with the Circuit Court docket while a sitting judge is out on medical leave effective February 22, 2022. The amount requested is \$350 per day/5 days a week plus mileage.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve on a contingent basis providing an additional appropriation to the Circuit Court 2022 budget subject to the adopted budget not being able cover the additional costs associated with a visiting judge and at a future meeting the Board would act on an additional appropriation with an amount provided by the Court and Chief Financial Officer.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	Greg Moore, Jr.		Sharon Hill	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

2. Letter dated February 23, 2022 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, Monroe County Treasurer requesting approval of the transfer of foreclosed property in the Village of South Rockwood to the Monroe County Land Bank Authority, as allowed by the General Property Tax Act MCL 211.78m(7)(a), to facilitate efforts for economic development.

Mr. Stanford explained the request.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Lievens to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the resolution and authorize the Chairman to execute the resolution approving the Monroe County Treasurer’s transfer of foreclosed property in the Village of South Rockwood to the Monroe County Land Bank Authority, as allowed by the General Property Tax Act MCL 211.78m (7)(a), to facilitate efforts for economic development.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	Greg Moore, Jr.		Sharon Hill	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

- XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—To receive comments on a grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for the development of the Monroe Loop Trail Project.

a. Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Resolution of Authorization

Chairman Brant opened the Public Hearing at 6:13 p.m.

No Public Comments were made and the Clerk had not received any emails, written correspondence, voicemails or other correspondence with regard to the grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) for the development of the Monroe Loop Trail Project.

Chairman Brant asked if there were any comments from the Commissioners and they had none.

Chairman Brant closed the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Jondro to approve the Resolution and authorize the Chairman to execute the resolution on behalf of the County and apply for the grant.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	Greg Moore, Jr.		Sharon Hill	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	David Swartout				

Motion carried.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. CLOSED SESSION—

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to go into Closed Session to discuss and consider the purchase of real estate.

Roll Call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	Greg Moore, Jr.		Sharon Hill	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	J. Henry Lievens			
Dawn Asper	David Swartout				

Motion carried. Closed Session commenced at 6:17 p.m.

Open Session commenced again at 7:06 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to authorize the Count Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to pursue due diligence in accordance with the discussion that was held in Closed Session with regard to the purchase of real estate.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

XVIII. MEMBERS TIME (held at 6:15, just prior to Closed Session)

Commissioner Swartout—We had some good presentations tonight and congratulations to the college.

All other Commissioners passed. Commissioner Hill was excused.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with no further business to conduct.