

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
 APRIL 5, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, April 5, 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	David Swartout	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.	
Dawn Asper	Sharon Hill	J. Henry Lievens	

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hoffman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (03/15/2022 Regular Meeting)

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

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. **ARPA Funds**

- Bob Queen, Exeter Township Supervisor—Would like to have the Commissioners postpone voting on the ARPA recommendations until other township supervisors can meet in person and discuss further with Chairman Mark Brant and Mr. Mike Bosanac, Administrator/CFO to review applications and funding.

- Dave Uhl, 350 W. Monroe St., Village of Dundee Manager—Has concerns and questions regarding ARPA recommendations.
- Joanna Uhl, 179 Main St., Dundee Township Supervisor—Pointed out a discrepancy of the Dundee Township local unit amount on the ARPA summary sheet and asked if that could be corrected. Agrees with Mr. Queen’s comments.
- Dave Reaume, 8000 Swan View Dr., Berlin Twp. Supervisor—Agrees with Mr. Queen’s comments. Discussed wastewater plant project.
- Al VanWashenova—Frenchtown Twp. Supervisor—Would like the Board to take a look at the ARPA fund recommendations.
- Aaron Goldsmith—LaSalle Twp. Supervisor—ARPA money any money that could assist with infrastructure in his township would be greatly appreciated.

2. **Monroe County Animal Control (MCAC)**

- Cole Beehn—809 Jerome St., Monroe—Former volunteer who wants an independent investigation of MCAC.
- Clark Main—9731 S. Dixie Hwy., Erie Twp.—Wants an independent investigation of MCAC.
- Steven Meyer—District 6—Wants an independent investigation of MCAC.
- Autumn Barnett—Monroe—Supportive of MCAC.
- James Drew, 1799 Cardston, Monroe—Positive experience with MCAC adoption.
- Tracy Blackwell, 609 Borgess Ave., Monroe—Attacked by a dog and Director Brett Raymo came and helped her and was very professional.
- Kimberly, 4690 Dewey Rd., Newport—Shelter volunteer who has had a positive experience with MCAC.
- Amanda Quick—Main St., Dundee—Outreach Coordinator, Monroe SPCA—Wants to know why Prosecutor won’t prosecute cases of cruelty. Questions the budget for MCAC.
- Olivia Nowak—Volunteer—Bad experience(s) at MCAC.
- Trina Stillwagon—7606 Geiger Rd, Temperance, President/GM of Monroe SPCA—Commends Sheriff Goodnough for the work he is doing for the MCAC.
- Nicole—693 Cole Rd., Monroe—Supportive of MCAC.
- Shaelynn Martin—602 Toledo Ave., Monroe—Volunteer for 8 months. Thankful for Sheriff Goodnough and Julie Massengill for the work they are doing for MCAC.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Resolution to Authorize Annual Setting of Surcharge Rate for Central Dispatch  
9-1-1

- a. Letter dated March 30, 2022 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, recommending approval of the Resolution to establish the surcharge at \$2.00 per line, per month.
- b. Letter dated March 29, 2022 from Ms. Donna Kuti, Director, Monroe County Central Dispatch providing recommendation from 911 District Authority Board for 2022-2023 911 Surcharge

Chairman Brant read the request into the record. Mr. Bosanac added that the surcharge will remain the same at least until the \$2,000,000 debt to the County is paid off.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the Resolution to establish the 2022-2023 Surcharge Rate for Central Dispatch 9-1-1 at \$2.00 per line, per month.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

- 1. Approval of the 04/06/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$605,091.99

Motion by Commissioner Hill, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the 04/06/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$605,091.99

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- 2. Letter dated March 31, 2022 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer recommending an amendment to Policy 302 Approval of Claims Against the County related to reinstating the provision to provide authority to approve claims during occurrences when the Board may not meet to timely act on the claims.

Mr. Bosanac explained that when the policy was update last year part of it was inadvertently deleted. This amendment is to add that deleted portion back in.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the amendment to Policy 302 Approval of Claims Against the County as submitted.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
  - a. Check Register dated 03/18/2022 in the amount of \$415,866.00
  - b. Check Register dated 03/25/2022 in the amount of \$480,995.84
  - c. Check Register dated 04/01/2022 in the amount of \$1,453,513.01

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

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated March 30, 2022 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Community Planning & Engagement Director requesting a letter of interest and support from the Monroe County Board of Commissioners for the Detroit-Toledo-Columbus corridor passenger rail project.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request for a letter of interest and support from the Monroe County Board of Commissioners for the Detroit-Toledo-Columbus corridor passenger rail project and authorize the Chairman to sign the accompanying letter.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

2. Letter dated March 29, 2022 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Community Planning & Engagement Director submitting a Summary of a Farmland/Open Space review/recommendation from the County Planner for an application to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation program (part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act) for property in Bedford Township.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hill to accept the communication along with the Summary of Farmland review/recommendation for an application to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation program for property in Bedford Township, place on file and approve the recommendation of the County Planner.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

3. Letter dated April 5, 2022 from Mr. Michael Woolford, Equalization Director submitting the 2022 Monroe County Equalization Report with an equalized value of \$8,333,540,304.

Mr. Woolford explained the 2022 Monroe County Equalization Report.

Click [here](#) for 2022 Equalization Report.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication and approve the 2022 Monroe County Equalization Report as submitted and authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign Form L-4037 and Form L-4024 and transmit the same to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

4. Letter dated March 31, 2022 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer regarding the Government Finance Officers Association Award of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020.

Mr. Bosanac discussed that the County has been awarded this 25 out of 27 years and 21 consecutive years.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore, to accept the communication and place the certificate and accompanying documents on file.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

5. Letter dated March 31, 2022 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer providing a recommendation on appropriating American Rescue Plan Act funding within eligible expenditure categories.

Mr. Bosanac presented a PowerPoint to the Board summarizing the recommendations.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication and approve the package of recommended appropriations for each expenditure category of the American Rescue Plan Act to each applicant organization subject to confirmation of the applicant's match funding as applicable and execution of a sub-recipient agreement and authorized the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to manage the overall program on behalf of the County.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None
- XIII. OLD BUSINESS—None
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None
- XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None
- XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

## XVIII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Jondro—Great job on the GFOA award. Want to make sure we go ahead and talk to the municipalities that wanted to discuss the ARPA recommendations further. I'm sure the Sheriff will do a great job with Animal Control.

Commissioner Moore—Thank you to everyone for being here tonight. Thank you to Mike and his team for the GFOA award. Navigating that type of funding (ARPA) through local units of municipalities is not an easy thing to do. Compromise has happened and not everyone is happy. I do appreciate that we are in a county that wants to make sure everyone in the county benefits. We are adjacent to a county that wants to take its ARPA funds and spend it on a building because the Chairman of the Board of that county owns the land next to it. Thank you Sheriff Goodnough for keeping us in the loop on the happenings at Animal Control. I'm sure he will get it taken care of and I know Chairman Brant is on top of it too.

Commissioner Swartout—Great presentations tonight.

Commissioner Hoffman— I want to say I wish we had more money and I appreciate all the supervisors who came out to speak to us tonight. We just can't find more money. I appreciate everyone coming out and being respectful when speaking for the animals. I know everyone loves their puppies/kittens, dogs/cats. I know the Sheriff is going to a great job to straighten everything out at Animal Control.

Commissioner Hill-I echo my fellow Commissioners.

Commissioner Lievens—Regarding the ARPA funds, this came to us in an organized, well thought out and conceived plan. The teams of the 5 groups reads like a who's who from the county which gave me complete confidence in the recommendations. We are spreading it out to the four corners of the county rather than just one spot. I think the 2 uninterrupted decades of achievement of the GFOA award is commendable to our CFO and the team which makes this county so awesome. Excited about the rail project and I'd like to get it passed. I hope everyone takes advantage of the open door policy of the Sheriff regarding Animal Control.

Commissioner Asper—I would especially thank Sue and Crystal under the leadership of Mike Bosanac for all that they do. It's huge what they do on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and they make us look good. For those talking about our fur babies, we have look at the department heads for budgets and I have every confidence that the Sheriff will work all that out. I really liked the fact that last year at the County Fair there were days that you could go to the Animal Control and pay less money to adopt a pet. Creative ideas come out of the various people in the community and I do know Monroe County is very creative in creating solutions. I really thank you for coming out and expressing yourselves so respectfully.

Commissioner Richardville—Thank you to the people that came to talk about Animal Control because I know it's not easy to stand up in front of a microphone. I gather there are concerns whether they are being listened to. Feel free to email us about these issues. I can feel the passion that you have. Supervisors that we have in Monroe County are pretty incredible. There are people who are really hurting by this pandemic. We need to get that money out on the streets. Mr. Bosanac, thanks for all

of the work that you did on the ARPA recommendations. We will take the \$10,000,000 one at a time. I know there was some disappointment about the ARPA recommendations.

Mr. Bosanac—Passed

Commissioner Brant—Passed

XIX. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. with no further business to conduct.

Submitted by:

*Lisa E. Sanders*

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Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

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