

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, June 7, 2022. Chairman Mark Brant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Deputy Clerk, Robin Miller, as follows:

Present:

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

Absent:

George Jondro

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lievens led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Vickie Koczman, former Board Administrative Assistant. Deputy Clerk, Robin Miller led the Opening Prayer

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the June 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (05/17/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Asper to approve the minutes as presented for the May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

William Bruck, Trustee at Monroe County Community College spoke. Mr. Bruck wanted to inform the Commissioners of a program at the College called the 25+ reconnect program which allows for persons who are 25 years or older, who do not have a degree, to obtain a degree or skill certificate with the State paying for same.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Resolution in opposition to Proposed Rulemaking on Wagner-Peyser Act Staffing (Docket No. ETA-2022-0003) which would require States, with no exceptions, to use State merit staff to provide Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) services.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Asper, to adopt the Resolution in opposition to Proposed Rulemaking on Wagner-Peyser Act Staffing (Docket No. ETA-2022-0003) which would require States, with no exceptions, to use State merit staff to provide Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) services

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

2. Overview of Opioid litigation settlements to date involving the County of Monroe by E. Powell Miller, Miller Law Firm.

Mr. Miller advised that the opioid litigation, which was originally viewed as a longshot, now has an historic settlement. After costs, fees, etc approximately \$22.8 billion nationwide will be paid over 18 years. Michigan has the toughest laws regarding these types of suits and the state will receive \$776 million with the counties to share 50% of that amount. Since Monroe County was a leader in this lawsuit, we will receive a 16% increase. Also, because of this lawsuit, opioid manufacturing has decreased and they are also policing this better.

3. Presentation was given by Paul LaMarre III, Director of the Port of Monroe, regarding Port investments in infrastructure and cargo handling equipment. He spoke to the history of the Port, the building of the port and how far the Port has come from its beginnings. We are now looking to upgrade to allow cargo to arrive in Monroe County and pass through to the rust belt of the nation. The County's \$1.7 million of investments in infrastructure and cargo handling equipment would have a great impact on the economy of Monroe County and provide new jobs. A request was made to look into investing in this upgrade.

Mr. Bosanac will prepare a recommendation for action on the Board's next meeting agenda .

4. Tim Lake spoke on the Ford Packaging Plant which is coming to Monroe County. This will create 600 new jobs. Mr. Lake also commented on the Port of Monroe presentation. An investment in the Port of Monroe will create so much economic activity for the County. The investment is minor compared to the results.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 06/08/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$661,425.75.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Hill, to accept the 06/08/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$661,425.75.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. Letter dated June 1, 2022 from Ms. Susan Maier, Director of Fiscal Services, outlining steps to resolve a year-end 2021 fund deficit in the Indigent Defense Fund 259 by authorizing a transfer of \$49,300 from the Fund's 2022 budgeted amount into the fund to close the 2021 deficit.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore, to accept the communication, place it on file, and approve the recommendation as presented to resolve the year-end 2021 deficit in the Indigent Defense Fund 259.

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

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 05/20/2022 in the amount of \$1,180,637.76
 - b. Check Register dated 05/27/2022 in the amount of \$2,059,536.32
 - c. Check Register dated 06/03/2022 in the amount of \$333,381.30

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

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated May 31, 2022 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Director, Community Planning & Engagement, recommending the Board accept the following grants for the Michigan Cornerstone Bicycle Route signage project:
 - \$20,000 from the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw Fund (DALMAC)
 - \$50,000 from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund

The DALMAC grant does not require any financial matching amount from the County. The Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan requires a 1 for 1 match to the grant.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Lievens, to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the acceptance of the grant awards from the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw Fund and the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund in the amount of \$20,000 and \$50,000 respectively with no financial match to the DALMAC grant and a 1 to 1 financial match to the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan grant.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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Motion carried.

2. Letter dated June 1, 2022 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, submitting request to confirm grant application for Fiscal Year 2022 Operation Stonegarden in the total amount of \$609,220 with a local financial match of \$1,490 with funding the local match from the Sheriff's Office budget.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hill, to accept the communication, place it on file and confirm and approve the request to submit the FY2022 Operation Stonegarden grant application in the amount of \$609,220 with a local financial match of \$1,940 to be funded from the Sheriff's Office budget.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
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Motion carried.

3. Letter dated June 1, 2022 from Mr. Brett Raymo, Director, Animal Control Division, Sheriff's Office requesting approval to submit two (2) grant applications to the organization Two Seven Oh! in the amount of \$5,000 each with no matching financial amount. One grant would provide funding for spay and neutering of stray dogs and the second grant would be used to purchase equipment including dog houses, sun shades and other supplies.

Motion by Commissioner Hill, supported by Commissioner Swartout, to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for two (2) grants in the

amount of \$5,000 each for supplies and equipment as written, with no matching financial amount.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

4. Letter dated June 1, 2022 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Community Planning & Engagement Director, submitting a Summary of a Farmland/Open Space review/recommendation from the County Planner and to approve the application to the Farmland and Open Space Preservation program (part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act) for property in London Township.

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

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

5. Letter dated May 31, 2022 from Mr. Robert Neely, Chairman, Monroe County Retiree Health Care Trust Board, recommending the appointment of Mr. Steve Goodman to fill the unexpired term ending July 31, 2024 on the Monroe County Retiree Health Care Trust Board.

- RHC Current Roster

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper, to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation to appoint Mr. Steve Goodman to the unexpired term of office ending July 31, 2024 to the Monroe County Retiree Health Care Trust Board.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

6. Letter dated June 2, 2022 from Monroe County Chief Judges advising the Courts will be closed on June 20, 2022 to observe Juneteenth Freedom day and employees will be off on a paid holiday.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Lievens, to accept the communication and place it on file.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

7. Letter dated June 3, 2022 from Mr. Mark Brant, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, presenting the 2021 year performance evaluation results of the Board for the County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer Michael Bosanac.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Asper, to accept and place on file the communication and evaluation results of Michael Bosanac as County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer for 2021.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>EXCUSED</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
David Hoffman		George Jondro	
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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 Hoffman—Would like to thank Paul LaMarre and Tim Lake for all their work on the Port.

Commissioner Swartout—Great Presentations. Great to see how far the Port has come and thanks to law enforcement for getting the bank robber.

Commissioner Lievens—Condolences to the Koczman family.

Commissioner Moore—Kudos to Mike Bosanac and the legal team for the great outcome with the opiod litigation. Thanks to Paul LaMarre, love your passion for your work and loves what they are doing.

Commissioner Jondro—Absent

Commissioner Asper—Echo everything that's been said. Congratulations to Relay for Life, they made their goal before the event opened. Get kids into Vacation Bible School this summer.

Commissioner Richardville—Thanks for the presentations. Thanks to Tim Lake, acknowledged the Mayor and City Manager for being present. The partnership is noticeable.

Commissioner Brant—Thanks for the presentations. Excellent information.

Commissioner Hill—Pass

Mr. Bosanac—It's a pleasure to work with the Board. Worked with many boards in the past. We are at an exciting time in our community. Would like to acknowledge Powell Miller and the legal team for the excellent work on the opiod litigation, they did an exceptional job. Thanks to Paul LaMarre for the port presentation.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m. with no further business to conduct.

Submitted by:

Robin M. Miller
Chief Deputy Clerk
Monroe County Clerk's Office