

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, February 15, 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 Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the February 15, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda with changes made by Chairman Brant to hold the Road Commissioner interviews immediately after approval of the 02/01/2022 minutes.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (02/01/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes as presented for the February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Wayne Blank, 5019 Skylark Dr., Monroe—commented on the Veterans Advisory (sic) Committee and what he thinks they need to be doing for veterans in Monroe County. He believes that they could be doing more. He believes there are grants that the Veterans Affairs Committee could be applying for. He brought Aaron Ricketts of Lenawee County who talked about grants that the Veterans Affairs Committee might be able to take advantage of.

2. Marcia Ashley, 756 Portsmouth, Put-in-Bay, Ohio—commented on the new Humana insurance for retirees and how she believes there are a lot of problems with it.
3. Vince Burkey, 5950 Edgewood, Monroe—reiterated his concerns from the last meeting and doesn't like the way Human insurance is handling his prescription drug coverage.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION—

1. Presentation by Sheriff Troy Goodnough of the Sheriff's Office 2021 Annual Report which summarized the hard work and dedication of the men and women of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office who serve the citizens of Monroe County.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 02/16/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$392,978.25

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Jondro to accept the 02/16/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$392,978.25

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 February 4, 2022 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, County Treasurer enclosing the Fortieth (40th) Annual Report of moneys on deposit in the Monroe County Probate Court Escheat Account.

Mr. Stanford explained the report.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the Treasurer's 40th Annual Report of moneys on deposit in the Monroe County Probate Court Escheat Account and place on file as a permanent record.

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 February 8, 2022 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, Monroe County Treasurer transmitting the Cash and Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2021.

Mr. Stanford explained the report.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Hill to accept and place on file the December 31, 2021 Cash and Investment Report from the Monroe County Treasurer.

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 02/04/2022 in the amount of \$404,637.15
 - b. Check Register dated 02/11/2022 in the amount of \$1,719,643.60

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

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated February 2, 2022, from Chief Deputy David Buchko, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, requesting approval to apply for the Fiscal Year 2022 Marine Safety Grant to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount up to \$53,898.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for the Fiscal Year 2022 Marine Safety Grant in the amount up to \$53,898 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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 February 10, 2022 from Honorable Jack Vitale, Chief Judge, 1st Judicial District Court requesting the appointment of Mr. John E. Luchansky, Jr. as an attorney magistrate for the 1st District Court. This position is part of the 1st District Court’s Reorganization Plan which was approved on December 7, 2021.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hill to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to appoint Mr. John E. Luchansky, Jr. as an attorney magistrate for the 1st District Court.

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 February 15, 2022 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer recommending authorization for the Chairman to execute local unit supplemental law enforcement agreements with the Charter Townships of Frenchtown and Monroe increasing the number of contract Sheriff Deputies from 4 to 8 and 1 to 2 in the respective townships and to make the necessary 2022 General Fund budget amendment based on the starting time of each Sheriff Deputy in the local unit contract.

Mr. Bosanac explained the request and responded to questions by Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Hill to approve the request to execute the contracts for supplemental law enforcement with Frenchtown and Monroe Townships and authorize the required 2022 General Fund budget amendment based on the starting time of each Deputy Sheriff in the local unit contract.

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—

Interviews for Road Commissioner were conducted immediately after the approval of the 02/01/2022 Minutes action. Interview of applicants for one (1) appointment to the Monroe County Board of Road Commissioners to fill the unexpired six (6) year term of office (1/1/2019 thru 12/31/2024).

- a. Applicants:
 - i. Jason Ruhlig
 - ii. Paul Iacoangeli
 - iii. Jeff Hensley
 - iv. James Jacobs
- b. Vacancy posting and Road Commissioner job description/qualifications
- c. Applicant Packets for each Applicant

Each candidate had the opportunity to make an opening statement and a closing statement. Chairman Brant asked one question of each candidate and asked the Board if they had any further questions or comments after each candidate interview.

After the interviews were concluded, the Commissioners voted for his/her choice on paper ballots. The ballots were given to Deputy Clerk Sanders by Chairman Brant. Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer read the votes into the record while the Deputy Clerk tallied them on a spreadsheet that was shown on the projector screen. Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer verified the accuracy of the tally sheet after each ballot was read into the record.

Results are as follows:

Commissioner/Applicant	Jason Ruhlig	Paul Iacoangeli	Jeff Hensley	Jim Jacobs	Sum
Dist. #1 David Hoffman				X	
Dist. #2 Mark Brant				X	
Dist. #3 Dawn Asper	X				
Dist. #4 George Jondro	X				
Dist. #5 Randy Richardville				X	
Dist. #6 Sharon Hill				X	
Dist. #7 David Swartout				X	
Dist. #8 Greg Moore, Jr.				X	

Dist. #9 Henry Lievens				x	
Totals:	2	0	0	7	9

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, seconded by Commissioner Moore to appoint Mr. James Jacobs to fill the unexpired six (6) year term of office (1/1/2019 thru 12/31/2024).

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.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Vince Burkey wants to be grandfathered in for prescription medications that he is already taking and thinks that he should never have to get pre-approval for medications.

XVI. CLOSED SESSION—

Closed Session to discuss litigation in the matter of Graves v. Malone, Monroe County Sheriff, et al.

Motion by Commissioner Richardville, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to go into closed session to discuss litigation in the matter of Graves v. Malone, Monroe County Sheriff, et al.

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. Closed session commenced at 7:13 p.m. and ended at 7:42 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the recommendation of counsel from Closed Session.

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			
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Motion carried.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

XVIII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Moore—Welcome back Mike (Bosanac). Thanks for the report Sheriff Goodnough.

Commissioner Swartout—Welcome back Michael. Great report Sheriff Goodnough.

Commissioner Hoffman—Thank you Mike on getting better. Thanks to the guys who came in for the Road Commissioner interviews. We need to look into programs for veterans and we need to take care of our retirees.

Commissioner Hill—Thank you to Aundrea (Armstrong) for standing in for Mike. Commented on the new roundabout on LaPlaisance Road and that the lighting is not good at Hull Road. (Chairman Brant told her it's either MDOT or the Road Commission that handles this). Also, she has had calls about the lights from the Fireworks store at Otter Creek and that they are blinding. (This is Commissioner Swartout's district or she can contact the supervisor in LaSalle Township).

Commissioner Lievens—Pass

Commissioner Asper—Welcome back Mike. Thank you Aundrea (Armstrong) for filling in for Mike. Sheriff Goodnough you bring programs and think outside of the box which makes Monroe County look outstanding.

Commissioner Jondro—Welcome back Mike. Great report Sheriff. We need to look into the health insurance for the retirees and see if any adjustments can be made.

Commissioner Richardville—Welcome back Mike. Aundrea and Sue did a great job filling in while you were gone. Great report Sheriff Goodnough. We might take it for granted that we had 4 candidates to interview for Road Commissioner. We were impressed by all four and it was a tougher decision than it might have appeared.

Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/CFO—Thank you to Ms. Armstrong and the rest of the team for covering while I was gone. I appreciate the warm comments from the Board. With regard to the gentleman who spoke about the Veterans Affairs, we have a Veterans Millage but it's for indigent veterans and it can only be used for that. An annual report presentation can be given to keep you updated on programs and services offered through the Veterans Affairs. We are happy to look at other options/programs that might be available. We employ a Certified Veterans Service Officer which gives us access to state and federal programs. We are happy to look at what those grants are that were talked about in Public Comment. My recollection is that there are a lot of strings attached to them. The veterans that we are serving are not necessarily asking us to fund the things that these grants may fund. Veterans Affairs has a Board that meets regularly. We fund the services that under the Act that we are

required to fund. What Wayne is involved in is other programming that we don't fund. Discussion commenced.

Commissioner Brant—Congratulations Sheriff Goodnough on an excellent first year.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. with no further business to conduct.