

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 3, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, May 3, 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 Richardville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Lievens to approve the May 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (04/05/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hill to approve the minutes as presented for the April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Special Tribute: Recognizing the 2021-2022 Dundee High School Boys Wrestling Champions. Chairman Brant read the Special Tribute into the record. Commissioner David Hoffman presented the Tribute to Coach Roberts.

2. Special Tribute: Recognizing Coach Tim Roberts on his retirement from his distinguished career as coach of the Dundee High School Boys Wrestling Team. Chairman Brant read the Special Tribute into the record. Commissioner David Hoffman presented the Tribute to Coach Roberts.

Many photos were taken with the Wrestling Team and the Commissioners.

3. Presentation by Ms. Stacey Goans and Ms. Sandie Pierce of Human Services Collaborative Network's (HSCN) 2021 Annual Report. Ms. Goans spoke to the Board of Commissioners and encouraged them to review the copy of the Annual Report that was passed out to each of them to see what a difference the HSCN has and will continue to make in the community.
4. Presentation by Mr. Jeff McBee, Director, Community Planning & Engagement, of Commission on Aging's 2021 Annual Report. [Link](#) to Annual Report. Mr. McBee presented a PowerPoint which highlighted the Commission on Aging's 2021 Annual Report. Over 7300 Monroe County residents, age 60 and over, received services funded by the Senior Millage in 2021. While the total number of seniors receiving millage funded services continued to decrease in 2021, service levels remained high as the senior population continues to increase.
5. Presentation by Mr. Rob Kull, Veterans Affairs Coordinator of Veterans Affairs' 2021 Annual Report. [Link](#) to Annual Report. Mr. Kull presented a PowerPoint which highlighted the Monroe County Veterans Affairs 2021 Annual Report and the services that the Monroe County Veterans Affairs Office provides to the veterans in Monroe County.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 05/04/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$442,345.47.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Jondro to accept the 05/04/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$442,345.47.

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 April 28, 2022 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, Monroe County Treasurer transmitting the Cash and Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2022.

Mr. Stanford explained the report and that interest rates are on the rise.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept and place on file the March 31, 2022 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 the 04/20/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$1,258,785.12

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the 04/20/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$1,258,785.12.

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. Approval of Non-Claims
  - a. Check Register dated 04/08/2022 in the amount of \$432,180.99
  - b. Check Register dated 04/15/2022 in the amount of \$534,388.93
  - c. Check Register dated 04/22/2022 in the amount of \$254,645.42
  - d. Check Register dated 04/29/2022 in the amount of \$1,517,234.07

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Hill to approve the Non-Claims for the dates and amounts 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 May 3, 2022 from Ms. Holly Flint, Community Corrections Coordinator requesting approval to submit application for the 2023 Community Corrections Grant in the amount of \$316,050 with a County match of approximately \$122,815 subject to final grant approval. The County match is included in the 2022 budget for the period October 1-December 31, 2022. The balance of the state fiscal year match January 1-September 30, 2023 will be included in the 2023 County budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve submitting the application for the fiscal year 2023 Community Corrections grant in the amount of \$316,050 with County matching funds of \$122,815 included in 2022 and 2023 County budgets subject to final grant award.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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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 April 26, 2022 from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer submitting the Fiscal Year 2023 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission compliance plan, cost analysis and grant application in the total amount of \$1,076,424 with the County's local share match cost match amount of \$217,687 for a total program cost of \$1,294,111. The County match is included in the 2022 budget for the period October 1-December 31, 2022. The balance of the state fiscal year match January 1-September 30, 2023 will be included in the 2023 County budget.

[Link](#) to Fiscal Year 2023 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Compliance Plan

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication and confirm the grant application submission of state grant funding in the amount of \$1,076,424 and the County's local share cost of \$217,687 for fiscal year 2023 for a total program cost of \$1,294,111. The County local match amount is included in 2022 budget and will be included in the 2023 County budget subject to final grant award.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated April 26, 2022 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Director, Monroe County Community Planning & Engagement Department, providing the Commission on Aging’s recommendation on millage rates for the Senior Millage.

Mr. McBee explained the Senior Millage rates.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication and place on file and approve the recommendation on millage rates for the Senior Millage.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

- Letter dated April 26, 2022 from Mr. Michael Woolford, Equalization Director submitting the 2022 County Millage Rates for summer and winter tax bills and recommending the Board’s approval of the rates.

Mr. Woolford explained the County Millage rates.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the 2022 County Millage Rates as submitted and authorize the Chairman to sign the Michigan Treasury Form L-4029:

County General	4.7952	Summer Tax Bill
Senior Citizen	.5280	Winter Tax Bill
Fairview	.1250	Winter Tax Bill
Museum	.1000	Winter Tax Bill
Veterans	.0020	Winter Tax Bill

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Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—

1. Commissioner Hoffman and Commissioner Jondro would like the township Supervisors to be able to meet with Mr. Bosanac to further discuss the distribution of ARPA funds per their request. Discussion commenced.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—

1. Discussion of Resolution Opposing SB597-598 and whether to vote on it tonight or put it on the May 17<sup>th</sup> Agenda. It's regarding privatizing mental health care. Commissioner Richardville said he can speak to it further at the next Agenda meeting.
2. Chairman Brant announced that a Certificate Proclaiming April 30, 2022 National Therapy Animal Day in Monroe County was authorized and given to the group.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

1. Commissioner Moore commented that he attended the TMACOG General Assembly meeting and that he part of the county caucus. He was the only one in the caucus from Michigan and there was good information shared amongst the group.
2. Commissioner Asper commented that the Sheriff recently received an award and thanked him for always making Monroe County look good.

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Asper—This Sunday is Mother's Day. She read a segment out of Proverbs 31, 25-31 talking about women.

Commissioner Jondro—Thank you everyone for all the good reports. It was good recognizing the Dundee Team. Jeff McBee great report as always. He saves us money and does a good job. I had the opportunity to be at the Veterans Affairs meeting and they do a fantastic job and go out of their way for our veterans. They (veterans) get what they need and the Veterans Affairs Board follows through. I also got to meet with Mr. McBee to see how the Commission on Aging works. Our senior citizens are fortunate to have you out there working for them.

Commissioner Moore—Agree with Commissioner Jondro. The Commission on Aging is a well-oiled machine. Very fiscally efficient at the COA. They squeeze a lot out of those vendors.

Commissioner Lievens—Pass

Commissioner Hill—I went out to the Animal Control a couple times since the last meeting and I was impressed. I know we heard a lot of bad comments. Animal Control had an adoption day on Saturday and quite a few dogs got adopted. They are bathing and grooming them and I was very impressed. Stalls were all clean.

Commissioner Swartout—I agree with Commissioner Hill. I also stopped at Animal Control and everybody was taking care of everything.

Commissioner Hoffman—Echo my fellow Commissioners and all the reports were great. Everybody does a great job for this community. That's why we have such a great community. Thanks everybody for the support you gave me for my wrestling team.

Commissioner Richardville—Pass

Mr. Bosanac—Miller Powell from the Miller Law Firm will be here on June 7 to discuss the Opioid Litigation Settlement in open session. Kim Comerzan gave a report on Covid which I included in my Administrator's report.

Commissioner Brant—Want to highlight a couple things from Mr. Bosanac's Administrator's report: New Evidence Truck for Sheriff's Office, Heritage Trail funding, new tourism website and Ritter property acquired and needs some work to make it marketable. He encouraged all the Commissioners to read the Administrator's report thoroughly because it provides a lot of good information.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 7:10 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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