

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 MAY 17, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, May 17, 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 (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)	David Swartout		

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Brant 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 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (05/03/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes as presented for the May 3, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION

1. Resolution recognizing May 26, 2022 as Prescription Drug Abuse & Red Med Box Awareness and Education Day.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Moore to adopt the Resolution recognizing May 26, 2022 as Prescription Drug Abuse & Red Med Box Awareness and Education Day as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

2. Resolution Opposing Michigan Senate Bill #597-598 regarding Mental Health Services in Michigan.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to adopt the Resolution Opposing Michigan Senate Bill #597-598 regarding Mental Health Services in Michigan.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

3. Update from Ms. Stacey Goans, Director, Monroe MichiganWorks! Office regarding proposed rule from U. S. Employment and Training Administration. Ms. Goans explained the Department of Labor's Notice of 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. The proposal would reverse a February 2020 Final Rule allowing States maximum flexibility in staffing to provide ES services.

Ms. Goans will prepare a Resolution for the Board of Commissioners to adopt at a future meeting.

4. Sheriff Goodnough spoke about some of the changes that have been made to Animal Control in the past few weeks.
 - Installed a TV to continuously display the pets available for adoption rather than a 3-ring binder. Improve efficiency and reduce annual cost by \$300 to \$400.
 - Changes to the outdoor Darrian Young Memorial dog runs.
 - Re-activate the secondary air handler unit to improve air circulation in the kennel area.
 - Removed all kennels in row B (history of failing state inspections). Seeking bids to design new permanent block kennels, which will include two isolation kennels.
 - Removed all barriers from the lobby/employee work areas which will allow customers and staff to interact rather than waiting for the employee to approach the counter from their workstation. Much more customer friendly environment.
 - Implement the new pet processing program similar to the CAD system in the jail. The new process improves the quality of data collection, which in the end improves the safety, and care of each pet.
 - Continue to build our partnership with Monroe County ISD i.e., additional staffing to help with social media posting and adoptions.
 - Future goals involve restructuring our staffing model to include a part time vet tech, additional veterinary services, vaccination for all pets at the shelter, 3-year license options.

Additionally, Sheriff Goodnough spoke about the new recruits that will be starting at the Sheriff's Office and about the recruiting process in general. With the new recruiting methods and the new contract, more people are interested in working for the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 05/18/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$1,038,152.29.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the 05/18/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$1,038,152.29.

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 05/06/2022 in the amount of \$252,465.26
 - b. Check Register dated 05/13/2022 in the amount of \$885,339.81

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Moore 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				

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated May 9, 2022 from Chief Deputy Chad Zeunen, Sheriff's Office requesting approval to accept the FY2022 Marine Safety grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$18,500 which will reimburse 100% of eligible expenses not to exceed the grant award amount.

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 acceptance of the FY2022 Marine Safety grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$18,500.

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.

- Letter dated May 9, 2022 from Chief Deputy Chad Zeunen, Sheriff's Office requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to help fund Justice Training Grant programs in FY2023 in the amount of \$18,029 with a minimum 25% match of \$6,015. The match would be funded from the Sheriff's Office 2023 budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to submit the grant application to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to help fund Justice Training programs in the amount of \$18,029 with a minimum 25% match of \$6,015. Further, to request the match amount be included in the Sheriff's Office 2023 budget.

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.

- Letter dated May 10, 2022 from Hon. Michael Brown, Presiding Judge, Monroe County Veterans Treatment Court, regarding the submission of the Court's grant application to the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 grant funding of the Veterans Treatment Court in an amount of \$73,019, and requesting a local contribution of \$250 for payroll processing costs not covered by the grant. An additional appropriation of \$62.50 would be required in 2022, with the balance of \$187.50 to be included in the 2023 budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept and place the communication on file regarding a grant application to the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 grant funding of the Veterans Treatment Court in an amount of \$73,019, and local contribution of \$250 for payroll processing costs not covered by the grant. Further, authorize a transfer from the District Court 2022 budget of \$62.50 to the Veterans Court to fund the payroll processing costs in 2022 and authorize funding \$187.50 in the 2023 budget.

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.

- Letter dated May 12, 2022 from Mr. Brandon Roof, Monroe County Mental Health Recovery Court Coordinator, 1st First District Court, regarding submission of the Court's grant application to the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 funding of the Mental Health Recovery Court in the amount of \$173,458, with a local contribution of \$200 to provide for payroll processing costs that cannot be provided by the grant. An additional appropriation of \$50 would be required in 2022, with the balance of \$150 to be included in the 2023 budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept and place the communication on file regarding a grant application to the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 funding of the Mental Health Recovery Court in the amount of \$173,458, with a local contribution of \$200 to provide for payroll processing costs that cannot be provided by the grant. Further, authorize a transfer from the District Court 2022 budget of \$50 to the Mental Health Court to fund payroll processing costs in 2022 and authorize funding \$150 in the 2023 budget.

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.

- Letter dated May 12, 2022 from Hon. Mark Braunlich, Chief Judge, 38th Judicial Circuit Court, regarding submission of the Court's planning grant application in the amount of \$114,352 to

the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 to fund planning efforts of the Monroe Intensive Drug Addiction Supervision program (MIDAS) to establish a Drug Court in Monroe County with a local contribution of \$51 to provide for payroll processing costs that cannot be provided by the grant. An additional appropriation of \$13 in 2022 would be required, with the balance of \$38 to be included in the 2023 budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Lievens to accept and place the communication on file regarding a grant application to the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 funding a planning grant in the amount of \$114,352 to the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 to fund the planning of the Monroe Intensive Drug Addiction Supervision program (MIDAS) for establishing a Drug Court in Monroe County with a local contribution of \$51 to provide for payroll processing costs that cannot be provided by the grant. Further, authorize a transfer of \$13 from the Circuit Court 2022 budget to the Monroe Intensive Drug Addiction Supervision program to fund payroll processing costs in 2022 and authorize funding \$38 in the 2023 budget.

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.

6. Letter dated May 2, 2022 from Ms. Kim Comerzan, Health Officer, Monroe County Public Health Department requesting approval to accept the Local Health Department Staff Wellbeing Grant in the amount of \$4,000 from the Michigan Association of Local Public Health (MALPH). There is no local match of the grant for the program.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the acceptance of the Local Health Department Staff Wellbeing Grant of \$4,000 from the Michigan Association of Local Public Health (MALPH) with no matching funds required.

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.

7. Letter dated May 5, 2022 from Mr. Chris Westover, Environmental Health Director requesting approval to accept a grant for a Scrap Tire Clean-Up program in the amount of \$12,000 from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). There is no match requirement for this grant.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Jondro to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to accept a grant for a Scrap Tire Clean-Up program in the amount of \$12,000 from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) with no matching funds required.

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.

8. Letter dated May 11, 2022 from Mr. Robert Neely, Chairman, Monroe County Retiree Health Care Trust Board recommending reappointments of Ms. Sue Maier and Mr. Bob Neely each to 3-year terms of office commencing August 1, 2022 and ending July 31, 2025.

A. RHC Current Roster

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the recommendation to reappoint Ms. Sue Maier and Mr. Bob Neely, each to 3-year terms of office commencing August 1, 2022 and ending July 31, 2025.

Voice vote taken. 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 the Sheriff's department for being so aggressive with these grants. I know they come every year but if we don't apply, we don't get anything.

Commissioner Swartout—Echo Commissioner Hoffman. Thank you to the Sheriff for giving us all the updates.

Commissioner Lievens—Pass

Commissioner Moore—Went on test run and did some camping at Sterling State Park that is a real jewel in our county. I noticed a dock that was broken and a couple other things that needed to be addressed so I sent an email to Dan at the DNR and he responded. Hopefully, we will get some attention and get some things fixed. Lucky to have a State Park like that with all the nature and trails.

Commissioner Jondro—I echo all of my fellow Commissioners. Great job on Animal Control updates. Great to see all of the future Sheriff's Office employees coming on board.

Commissioner Asper—We're the best. What can I say? With everybody who coordinates everything, I couldn't ask for a better county to work for.

Commissioner Richardville—Pass

Commissioner Brant—Pass

Commissioner Hill—Excused

Mr. Bosanac—Excused

XIX. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:44 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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