

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 OCTOBER 18, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, October 18, 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	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens	

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lievens 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 Lievens to approve the October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (10/04/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes as presented for the October 4, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Katybeth Davis, Monroe Township, Candidate for Michigan Senate, District 16—She discussed the President James Monroe statue and the fact that he was a slave owner and believes the statue should not be in front of the Monroe County Courthouse. She discussed racism, lack of diversity, equity & inclusion that she feels is present in Monroe County. She commented that Oaks of Righteousness offers complete wrap around services including a

grocery store and day care. She would like the Board of Commissioners to be aware and wants to know what Monroe County is doing with regard to diversity, equity & inclusion.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION--None

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 10/19/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$913,354.17

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the 10/05/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$913,354.17.

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	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

2. Revenues, expenditures and cash balance report for 3rd quarter ending September 30, 2022.

Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer, explained the reports.

No action was required for this item.

3. Update on status and development of 2023 Budget from Mr. Michael Bosanac, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Bosanac showed a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the most recent update on the status and development of the 2023 Budget. He also discussed the 2023 Goals to Budget data.

[Link](#) to PowerPoint presentation.

[Link](#) to 2023 Goals to Budget

No action was required for this item.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 10/07/2022 in the amount of \$357,041.50
 - b. Check Register dated 10/14/2022 in the amount of \$1,515,575.45

Chairman Brant read the dates and amounts into the record.

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated October 18, 2022 from Ms. Holly Flint, Community Corrections Coordinator requesting approval to accept a grant award and approve the contract from the State of Michigan Department of Corrections in the amount of \$318,435 for the Monroe County Community Corrections for the FY2023. This grant requires a County match of \$97,653, which will be included in the 2023 budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Moore, supported by Commissioner Lievens, to accept the communication, place it on file and approve/not approve the request to accept a grant award and approve the contract from the State of Michigan Department of Corrections in the amount of \$318,435 for the Monroe County Community Corrections for the FY2023 with a County match of \$97,653, which will be included in the 2023 budget.

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	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

2. Letter from Judge Michael Brown, Chief Judge, 1st District Court requesting approval to accept a grant award from the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 funding of the Mental Health Recovery Court in the amount of \$167,100, with a local contribution of \$285 to provide for payroll processing costs that cannot be provided by the grant. An additional appropriation of \$71 would be required in 2022, with the balance of \$214 to be included in the 2023 budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Asper, to accept and place the communication on file and approve/not approve acceptance of the grant award from the State Court Administrative Office for FY2023 funding of the Mental Health Recovery Court in the amount of \$167,100, with a local contribution of \$285 to provide for payroll processing costs that cannot be provided by the grant. Further, authorize the County Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to provide an additional appropriation of funds of \$71 to the Mental Health Court to fund payroll processing costs in 2022 and authorize funding \$214 in the 2023 budget.

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	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS—None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Joe Bellino, State of Michigan Representative, was asked to speak. He said there is still a lot of money available in Lansing and it's probably close to \$7 million. Thanked Michael Bosanac for all his hard work in keeping Monroe County in such great shape financially. Commissioner Lievens asked about the possibility of some of that money coming to Monroe County to add a Sobriety Court.
2. Cole Beehn, City of Monroe, discussed the lack of diversity in the county, hopes that it can change, and wants the Board of Commissioners to be aware.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Copies of any Tributes or Certificates issued since October 4, 2022 meeting: Special Tribute to Luna Pier's Volunteer Fire Department as it Celebrates its 75-year Anniversary. Commissioner Swartout announced that the Tribute was well received.
- b. Commissioner Asper announced that Thursday, October 20, 2022, Berlin Charter Township Historical Society is having an event to celebrate the 83-year history of the Berlin Charter Township Fire Department. The event is being held at the South Rockwood Community Center from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- c. Commissioner Moore announced that the TMACOG meeting was pushed back

XVIII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Moore—He commended a young boy in the audience on his manners and the fact that he was attending a government meeting.

Commissioner Hoffman—Commended the Museum Board for the great job on the Octobernight event that was held last weekend. They continue to do a great job.

Commissioner Jondro—Pass

Commissioner Vensel—Appreciates all the support he has received while he has been Commissioner.

Commissioner Asper—Commented to Katybeth Davis and Cole Beehn that if they ever want to talk to her about some of the items that they brought up during Public Comment she is happy to do so.

Commissioner Lievens—Would like to be recognized for his sense of humor and for being a beekeeper in addition to being an attorney and politician. He wants to successfully champion a Sobriety Court in Monroe County. The repercussions for drunk driving under Michigan law are severe. A Sobriety Court would give people the tools for sober success. Pointed out the civility between both state senate candidates sitting cordially next to one another.

Commissioner Swartout—Pass

Commissioner Richardville—Reminded everyone of the Candidate Forums being held on October 19th and 20th at Monroe County Community College.

Mr. Bosanac—Pass

Commissioner Brant—Pass

XIX. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m. with no further business to conduct.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa E. Sanders

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Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant

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