

1. A Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Frederick at 7:00 p.m. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

Henry Lievens  
David Hoffman  
Stephen Bell  
Daniel Donahue

William Sisk  
Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

ABSENT

Jerry Oley  
(excused)

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

2. Commissioner Mary O'Neill led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Chairman Frederick offered a Moment of Silence in honor of the victims of the plane crash on March 29, 2011, at Munson Park; Mr. Randy Howell, Mr. Nathan Brahier and Mr. Jeremy Tate.
4. Motion by Commissioner Donahue to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Regular Meeting as amended. Supported by Commissioner Bell. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

Henry Lievens  
David Hoffman  
Stephen Bell  
Daniel Donahue

NAY

William Sisk  
Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

ABSENT

Jerry Oley  
(excused)

Motion carried.

5. Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, March 22, 2011, Regular Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Sheppard.

Motion carried.

6. Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to approve the Minutes for the Thursday, March 31, 2011, Special Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Hoffman.

Motion carried.

7. Resolutions, Special Tributes & Presentations –

Resolution honoring First Lieutenant Mary Kapp for her exemplary service to our community read:



*Resolution Honoring  
Michigan State Police  
Lieutenant Mary Kapp*

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Mary Kapp has served as Commander of the Michigan State Police Monroe Post since December 2003 and served as a Sergeant for seven years during the 1990's; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Monroe County has benefited from Lieutenant Kapp's knowledge, experience and talents in the law enforcement profession; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Kapp has volunteered her services in other capacities in our community such as Habitat for Humanity and Leadership Monroe; and

WHEREAS, her leadership qualities and dedication to her profession have made her a valuable asset to the Michigan State Police; and

WHEREAS, her talents will now be applied to the agency's gaming section that polices the Detroit casinos; and


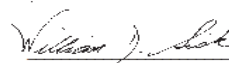
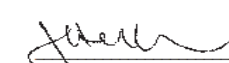
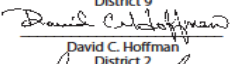
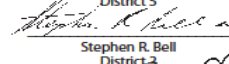
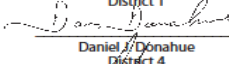
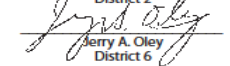
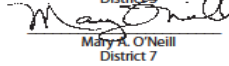
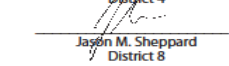
WHEREAS, members of her post as well as other law enforcement agencies in the area, have expressed a high regard for Lieutenant Kapp's professional and personal talents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 12th day of April, 2011, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners hereby honors Lieutenant Mary Kapp in appreciation for her exemplary service to this community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we are pleased that Lieutenant Kapp intends to remain living in Monroe County as she begins her new assignment and wish her continued success in the next chapter in her distinguished career.

Resolution Offered By Chairman R. LaMar Frederick

Resolution Supported By Vice-Chairman William D. Sisk

 R. LaMar Frederick, Chairman District 9	 William D. Sisk, Vice-Chairman District 5	 J. Henry Lievens District 1
 David C. Hoffman District 2	 Stephen R. Bell District 2	 Daniel J. Donahue District 4
 Jerry A. Oley District 6	 Mary A. O'Neill District 7	 Jason M. Sheppard District 8



Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAY

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
David Hoffman  
Stephen Bell  
Daniel Donahue

William Sisk  
Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

Jerry Oley  
(excused)

Motion carried.

8. Resolution in support of the countywide educational technology millage renewal read:



**RESOLUTION**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTYWIDE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY MILLAGE RENEWAL**

WHEREAS, Monroe County voters passed an educational technology millage in June of 1997 and renewed the millage in June of 2001 and May of 2006; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County public school districts have requested that the Board of Education of the Monroe County Intermediate School District hold an election on May 3, 2011, for voters to consider renewing the educational technology millage; and

WHEREAS, the funds generated by the renewal would continue to provide for the educational technology needs of Monroe public school students; and

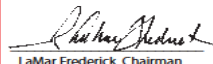
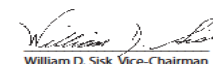
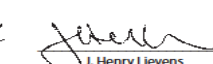
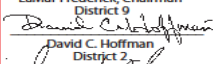
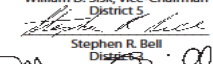
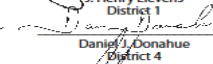
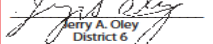
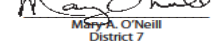
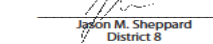
WHEREAS, because of the educational technology millage, Monroe County local districts continue to develop technology plans which imbed technology into the curriculum at all levels, provide continuing professional development opportunities for teachers to meet the needs of students and ensure that Monroe County public school students are exposed to emerging technologies necessary to compete and excel in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, as a Monroe County agency providing services to the public schools of Monroe County, we recognize the need for Monroe County public school students to be provided with a strong educational technology foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 12th Day of April, 2011, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the May 3, 2011, Monroe County Educational Technology Millage Renewal which will ensure educational opportunities for Monroe County students and provide professional development for Monroe County educators in technology and technology related services.

Resolution Offered by Chairman R. LaMar Frederick

Resolution Supported by Vice-Chairman William D. Sisk

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Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAY

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
David Hoffman  
Stephen Bell  
Daniel Donahue

William Sisk  
Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

Jerry Oley  
(excused)

Motion carried.

9. Resolution proclaiming May, 2011, as prom and graduation safety month read:



**RESOLUTION  
PROCLAIMING MAY, 2011, AS PROM AND GRADUATION SAFETY MONTH**

WHEREAS, statistics provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration show that 1,840 youth were killed in alcohol related traffic fatalities in 2007 and among 15-20 year-old drivers involved in fatal crashes, 31% of the drivers who were killed had been drinking; and

WHEREAS, the potential for danger for young people to be involved in alcohol related crashes escalates during the summer months; and

WHEREAS, 2009 - 2010 data provided by the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MIPHY) shows that 67.4% of Monroe County 11th graders surveyed reported use of alcohol sometime in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, one item Michigan parents report that they believe that it is okay to have high school graduation or prom parties with alcohol if there is a parent present; and

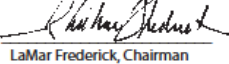
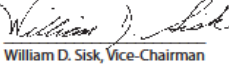
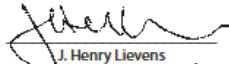
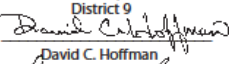
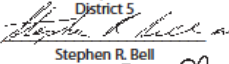
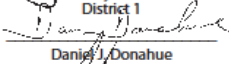
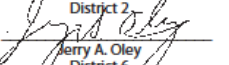
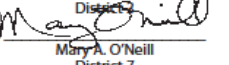
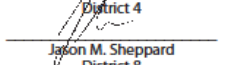
WHEREAS, the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition, a collaborative prevention initiative, funded by a Drug Free Communities grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, is committed to fighting drunk driving and underage drinking and has planned a series of projects aimed at educating students, parents, teachers and other community members about the dangers and consequences of underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Council has been established to coordinate SADD Chapters with twelve Monroe County High Schools to empower students to become champions of prevention amongst their peers; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Intermediate School District and area high schools have partnered with the Monroe County Substance Abuse Coalition to bring this important message to teens and their parents throughout Monroe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 12th Day of April, 2011, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim May, 2011, as Prom and Graduation Safety Month in Monroe County.

Resolution Offered by Chairman R. LaMar Frederick  
Resolution Supported by Vice-Chairman William D. Sisk

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Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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William Sisk  
Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

Jerry Oley  
(excused)

Motion carried.

10. Presentation of Historical Museum's advertising/marketing plan.

John Gibney, Director, Historical Museum stated he spoke with peers within the community, billboard and magazine companies and through the process of elimination an advertising/marketing plan was constructed.

Ads will be placed in the Monroe Evening News, Monroe Evening News Cover Story and Bedford NOW for a cost of \$4,940 a year or \$95.00 per week.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to approve the Historical Museum's advertising/marketing plan. Supported by Commissioner Lievens. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	William Sisk	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Mary O'Neill	(excused)
Stephen Bell	Jason Sheppard	
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

11. Presentation by Scott Viciano, Ventower™, Wind Turbine Tower Fabricator and Supplier located at the Port of Monroe.

Mr. Viciano noted Ventower™ has been at the Port of Monroe for three years, wind power is a clean way of generating electricity, Ventower™ manufactures the towers and expects 150 jobs will be created.

12. The following items were listed under Consent Agenda:

- A. Monroe Community Mental Health Authority Report (03/01/11)

1. The Monroe Community Mental Health Membership Screening Committee recommends to the full board to re-appoint Mary O'Neill, Bill Mattson and Gloria Rafko; terms expiring March 31, 2014.

- B. Finance Committee Report (03/22/11)

1. The Finance Committee recommends to the full board to authorize the following transfers (\$122,891.54) from the General Fund Contingency Account to address the preliminary 2010 year-end deficits:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Deficit Amount</u>
101	26700	Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 46,352.18
101	26760	Drug Prosecution Unit	\$ 924.73
101	35140	Community Corrections	\$ 6,153.02
General Fund Total			\$ 53,429.93
215		Friend of the Court	\$ 63,535.61
290		Social Services	\$ 1,900.60
291		Fairview	\$ 4,025.40
Other Funds Total			\$ 69,461.61

- C. Retiree Health Care Board Report (03/28/11)
1. The Retiree Health Care Board recommends to the full board to approve the pension system's legal counsel preparing an RFP for an investment consultant.
- D. Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Report (04/06/11)
1. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee recommends to the full board to adjust central dispatch's assistant director's salary grade from a grade 12 to grade 13, step 3, retroactive to January 1, 2011, an annual increase of \$2,932.80. The position was evaluated as a grade 13 in 2009 by William O. Rye and due to extenuating circumstances related to the financial outlook in 2009 as well as the budget forecast for 2010, the board chose not to act upon adjusting the wage step at that time; and  
  
Approved an adjustment for the assistant director at the director's wage (rye 16, step 1) from January 1, 2011 to March 7, 2011, the amount of adjustment \$2,016.00.  
  
Funding for the adjustments is contained in central dispatch's 2011 budget.
  2. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee recommends to the full board to adjust the wage of central dispatch's director from a grade 16, step 1 to a grade 16, step 3, retroactive to March 7, 2011, an annual increase of \$3,477.76. Policy 401 contains a provision allowing the board to grant an experienced candidate up to four years (step 5). During the hiring process, the tier 2 wage scale was implemented and no request was made at the time of hire to consider his experience and move him to a higher step on the wage scale. Funding for the adjustment is contained in central dispatch's 2011 budget.
- E. The Finance Committee recommends to the full board to approve the 04/13/11 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$494,539.77.
- F. Approval of Non-Claims Against the County:
1. Check Register dated 03/24/11 in the amount of \$1,422,397.73.
  2. Check Register dated 03/31/11 in the amount of \$1,089,716.63.
  3. Check Register dated 04/07/11 in the amount of \$1,066,175.77.

Chairman Frederick pulled item B(1).

Motion by Commissioner Donahue to approve the Consent Agenda with item B(1) pulled for clarification. Supported by Commissioner Bell. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAY

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
David Hoffman  
Stephen Bell  
Daniel Donahue

William Sisk  
Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

Jerry Oley  
(excused)

Motion carried.

13. Finance Committee Report (03/22/11)

The Finance Committee recommends to the full board to authorize the following transfers (\$122,891.54) from the General Fund Contingency Account to address the preliminary 2010 year-end deficits:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Deficit Amount</u>
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Other Funds Total			\$ 69,461.61

Michael Bosanac, Director, Administrative Services noted a change in the deficit amounts as follows:

There is an additional \$332.41 to be transferred to the Friend of the Court due to frozen sick time pay-out for an employee for a total of \$63,868.02 and a grand total of \$123,223.95 to be transferred from the General Fund Contingency Account.

Motion by Commissioner Bell to transfer \$123,223.95 from the General Fund Contingency Account to address the preliminary 2010 year-end deficits for the Prosecuting Attorney (\$46,352.18), Drug Prosecution Unit (\$924.73), Community Corrections (\$6,153.02), Friend of the Court (\$63,868.02), Social Services (\$1,900.60) and Fairview (\$4,025.40) with Fairview reimbursing the General Fund Contingency Account in the amount of \$4,025.40 from millage revenue. Supported by Commissioner Donahue. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAY

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
David Hoffman  
Stephen Bell  
Daniel Donahue

William Sisk  
Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

Jerry Oley  
(excused)

Motion carried.

14. Consideration of adopting a resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2010 taxes, not to exceed \$10,000,000.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to adopt a resolution to borrow against anticipated delinquent 2010 taxes, not to exceed \$10,000,000. Supported by Commissioner Sheppard. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	William Sisk	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Mary O'Neill	(excused)
Stephen Bell	Jason Sheppard	
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

15. Consideration of adopting a resolution to authorize payment to county treasurer's office in connection with general obligation limited tax notes, series 2011, not to exceed \$10,000,000.

Motion by Commissioner Sheppard to adopt a resolution to authorize payment to county treasurer's office in connection with general obligation limited tax notes, series 2011, not to exceed \$10,000,000. Supported by Commissioner Hoffman. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	William Sisk	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Mary O'Neill	(excused)
Stephen Bell	Jason Sheppard	
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

16. Letter From Michael Woolford, Equalization Director read requesting approval of the 2011 Equalization Report.

Motion by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the 2011 Equalization Report reflecting the 2011 equalized value as \$6,210,299,964. Supported by Commissioner Bell. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	William Sisk	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Mary O'Neill	(excused)
Stephen Bell	Jason Sheppard	
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

17. Consideration of adopting Commission of Aging's 2011 eligibility guidelines for emergency fuel and prescription assistance.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to adopt Commission on Aging's 2011 eligibility guidelines for emergency fuel and prescription assistance. Supported by Commissioner Bell. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	William Sisk	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Mary O'Neill	(excused)
Stephen Bell	Jason Sheppard	
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

18. Consideration of approving amendments to the Monroe County Commission on Aging's by-laws, procedure and rules of order.

Chairman Frederick noted the public must be given the opportunity to address an agenda item at the time of discussion and if the Board receives complaints that they are not being allowed to do so, the issue will be addressed further.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to approve the proposed amendments to the Monroe County Commission on Aging's by-laws, procedure and rules of order. Supported by Commissioner Bell. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	William Sisk	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Mary O'Neill	(excused)
Stephen Bell	Jason Sheppard	
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

19. Letter from Alan Frank, Director, Central Dispatch read requesting approval to hire a vacant communications specialist (dispatcher) position.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to approve filling a vacant communications specialist (dispatcher) position and consider hiring a laid-off deputy to fill the position prior to advertising. Supported by Commissioner Hoffman. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	William Sisk	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Mary O'Neill	(excused)
Stephen Bell	Jason Sheppard	
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

20. Memorandum from Major David Thompson, Administrative Major read requesting approval to fill three vacant correctional officer positions due to retirement and resignations.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to approve filling three vacant correction officer positions with *only* laid-off deputies and if laid-off deputies do not apply for the positions, Major Thompson must come before the Personnel Services Committee for further consideration. Supported by Commissioner Bell. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	William Sisk	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Mary O'Neill	(excused)
Stephen Bell	Jason Sheppard	
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick	

Motion carried.

21. Discussion of Monroe County Health Department Director position.

Commissioner Lievens voiced Commissioner Oley's concerns; Health Officer may need to utilize 1,000 hours prior to the accreditation process being completed.

Chairman Frederick stated it was assumed that the 1,000 hours equaled 40 hours per week; there was a communication gap. He also stated he sent a letter to the state asking them if they had a problem with the Health Officer's schedule.

22. Old Business –

Discussion of Blue Cross Blue Shield administrative fees/ASC access fees.

Michael Bosanac noted he, Chairman Frederick, Vice-Chairman Sisk, Commissioner Lievens and Blue Cross Blue Shield met on Thursday, April 7, 2011, and heard Blue Cross's position on the matter. Monroe County's contracts were reviewed and Blue Cross offered a verbal proposal to resolve differences. Staff asked Blue Cross to confirm their proposal in writing. He noted the Board could opt to engage in the firms' assistance, do nothing or re-negotiate with Blue Cross.

Commissioner Bell stated it is evident Blue Cross defrauded the county and suggested "dumping" them.

Chairman Frederick noted a jury determined Blue Cross did not defraud anyone and successes are going to be appealed.

Commissioner Lievens suggested referring the matter to staff and bringing Ms. Favaro back to give an update on cases. He noted the clock is ticking; there is a May 21, 2011 deadline.

Chairman Frederick stated the matter will be placed on the next agenda for the Board to decide what they would like to do.

Commissioner Bell questioned if we received quotes from other providers.

Commissioner Lievens stated it has to be bid.

Commissioner Donahue suggested Kushner & Company be a part of the process if the Board opts to seek bids.

23. Citizens Time –

Chad Jacoda spoke regarding being laid-off and union representation not telling him the truth.

Commissioner Sheppard spoke regarding the importance of re-hiring laid-off deputies.

Chairman Frederick stated other departments have had to lay-off employees.

Commissioner Bell spoke regarding dialogue he's had with past and present Sheriff's Office employees in an effort to find money to bring back laid-off deputies.

Dean Hazel, Kim Hooper, John Kay, Doug Leach and Jeff Hooper spoke regarding laid-off deputies.

24. Members Time –

Commissioner Sheppard spoke regarding everyone coming to an agreement and thanked everyone for attending.

Commissioner O'Neill stated the Sheriff is an elected official and the Board has no authority to "run" his department.

Commissioner Bell noted he appreciates citizens being involved.

Vice-Chairman Sisk stated he encourages a compromising approach.

Chairman Frederick stated he and former Commissioner Zorn developed a priority list and law enforcement was the top priority. He noted due to the economy, there were no other alternatives but to lay off employees. He also noted he could be until 2018 until we see a difference.

Chairman Frederick stated the 2012 budget process has begun and stated some of the structural changes are starting to bear fruit and complimented employees for bringing the structural changes to fruition.

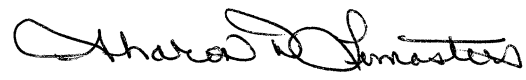
25. Motion by Commissioner Sheppard to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner Hoffman.

Motion carried.

26. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.



R. LaMar Frederick, Chairman



Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk