

1. A Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Sisk at 7:06 p.m. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

ABSENT

Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley
Dale Zorn	John Fowler
Albert Potratz	Connie Velliquette
Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick
William Sisk	

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

2. Commissioner John Fowler led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Vickie Koczman, Deputy Clerk, Monroe County Board of Commissioners led the Opening Prayer.
4. Chairman Sisk prefaced the meeting by stating he did not include Sheriff Crutchfield's e-mail message regarding deputy lay-offs on the agenda because it was sent to the entire Board on April 8, 2010.

Motion by Commissioner Potratz to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, April 13, 2010, Regular Meeting as presented. Supported by Commissioner Fowler. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley
Dale Zorn	John Fowler
Albert Potratz	Connie Velliquette
Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick
William Sisk	

Motion carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, March 23, 2010, Regular Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Vice-Chairman Zorn.

Motion carried.

6. Resolutions , Special Tributes & Presentations –

Resolution Proclaiming April 11 – 17, 2010, As National Library Week Read:

WHEREAS, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy; and

WHEREAS, libraries serve as crucial technology hubs for people in need of free Web access, computer training and assistance in finding job resources; and

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims April 11 – 17, 2010, as National Library Week and encourages all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources.

Motion by Chairman Sisk to proclaim April 11 – 17, 2010, as National Library Week. Supported by Vice-Chairman Zorn. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
Dale Zorn  
Albert Potratz  
Floreine Mentel  
William Sisk

Jerry Oley  
John Fowler  
Connie Velliquette  
LaMar Frederick

Motion carried.

7. Resolution Proclaiming May As Motorcycle Awareness Month Read:

WHEREAS, the County of Monroe has many citizens who are concerned about motorcycle safety for touring, recreation and economical transportation; and

WHEREAS, May is the nationally recognized month motorcycles become more common on our streets; the need to be aware of their presence is of the utmost urgency; and

WHEREAS, an overwhelming number of car-motorcycle accidents could be avoided with due regard, respect and awareness of motorcycles on the streets and intersections of this County; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of motorcycle awareness as part of the driver education and motorcycle rider education programs would assist in promoting safe driving and motorcycle riding practices; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of our community and the citizens of the County of Monroe to note the increase in motorcycle traffic as we enter the warm weather months to enable the reduction of accidents and injuries involving motorcyclists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims May as Motorcycle Awareness Month in Monroe County and urge our citizens to be aware of motorcycles.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to proclaim May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Supported by Commissioner Oley. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley	
Dale Zorn	John Fowler	
Albert Potratz	Connie Velliquette	
Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick	
William Sisk		

Motion carried.

8. Resolution to Approve Ballot Proposal – Fairview Funding Proposal – 2010 August Primary Election Read:

I. Statements in Support of Resolution

THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF MONROE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATES:

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Monroe does agree to place a millage proposal on the ballot for the citizens of the County of Monroe to vote on whether or not they would be in favor of authorizing a new millage, to provide certain funding for the County Fairview transitional shelter and care facility for homeless people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this is a new millage and it is believed that there has been no previously authorized millage for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Monroe does agree to request a new millage for up to .20 mills, for 10 years from 2010 through 2019, both inclusive, to provide certain funding for the County Fairview transitional shelter and care facility for homeless people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Monroe has agreed to request the Monroe County Election Commission to approve of the millage proposal being placed on the ballot for the 2010 primary election to be held on August 3, 2010.

II. Resolution

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, that the Fairview Funding Proposal, the language for which is attached hereto, be placed on the primary election ballot to be voted upon by the electors in the County of Monroe on Tuesday, August 3, 2010; and it was further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and Ballot Proposal be submitted to the Monroe County Clerk for placement on the ballot; and it was further

RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Clerk and Monroe County Chairman, and the Monroe County Board of Commissioners Deputy Clerk, shall perform any and all things or matters as may be necessary or appropriate under the law to place the above stated proposition on the ballot as specified

Motion by Commissioner Mentel to adopt the Resolution to Approve Ballot Proposal – Fairview Funding Proposal – 2010 August Primary Election. Supported by Commissioner Frederick. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley	
Dale Zorn	John Fowler	
Albert Potratz	Connie Velliquette	
Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick	
William Sisk		

Motion carried.

The following ballot language was approved - Shall the tax rate limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, be increased by a total levy of up to 0.20 mills (\$0.20 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation, as finally equalized), upon the taxable real and tangible personal property within the County of Monroe, Michigan, for a period of ten (10) years, from 2010 through 2019, both inclusive, for the purpose of providing funding for operating, equipping, furnishing, maintaining and/or upgrading the Monroe County Fairview program, to provide care and transitional shelter for people with disabilities who have become homeless? The estimated revenue for the first year of the levy, if approved and levied in its entirety, shall be \$1,118,179.00. YES  NO

9. Resolution In Support Of The County Of Monroe Transferring Ownership Of Parcels Associated With The River Raisin National Battlefield Park To The Port Of Monroe For The Sole Purpose Of Donating These Same Parcels To The United States Of America To Be Incorporated Into The River Raisin National Battlefield Park Read:

WHEREAS, the County of Monroe has long pursued the vision of acquiring, preserving, investigating and promoting the history of the River Raisin Battlefield - one of the most significant sites in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Congressman John D. Dingell worked tirelessly to incorporate the River Raisin Battlefield into the United States National Park System. Congressman Dingell led the multi-year effort to introduce National Park Service staff to the battlefield site and convinced them that a reclaimed industrial brownfield could be successfully transformed into a national battlefield park. Congressman Dingell's efforts were rewarded with the adoption of the River Raisin National Battlefield Act and the signing of the enabling legislation on March 29, 2009, by President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, the historically significant real estate designated for transfer to the United States of America is currently owned and controlled by the County of Monroe, the Monroe County Historical Society and the Port of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service officials have expressed their desire that all six parcels designated in Exhibit A be transferred and titled in the Port of Monroe and that all subsequent title work, surveys and environmental reports be titled in the Port of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the parcels currently owned by the County of Monroe to the Port of Monroe will facilitate a cohesive, orderly and logical donation of the River Raisin Battlefield property to the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners enthusiastically authorizes the donation of parcels four and five to the Port of Monroe with an equivalent stipulation that the donation of this property to the Port of Monroe is restricted exclusively for the ultimate donation to the United States of America for inclusion in the River Raisin National Battle Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to direct staff and legal counsel to prepare the necessary documents so the formal donation ceremony and celebration may be scheduled in June of 2010.

Motion By Chairman Sisk to Adopt the Resolution in Support of the County of Monroe Transferring Ownership of Parcels Associated with the River Raisin National Battlefield Park to the Port of Monroe for the Sole Purpose of Donating These Same Parcels to the United States of America to be Incorporated into the River Raisin National Battlefield Park. Supported by Vice-Chairman Zorn. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

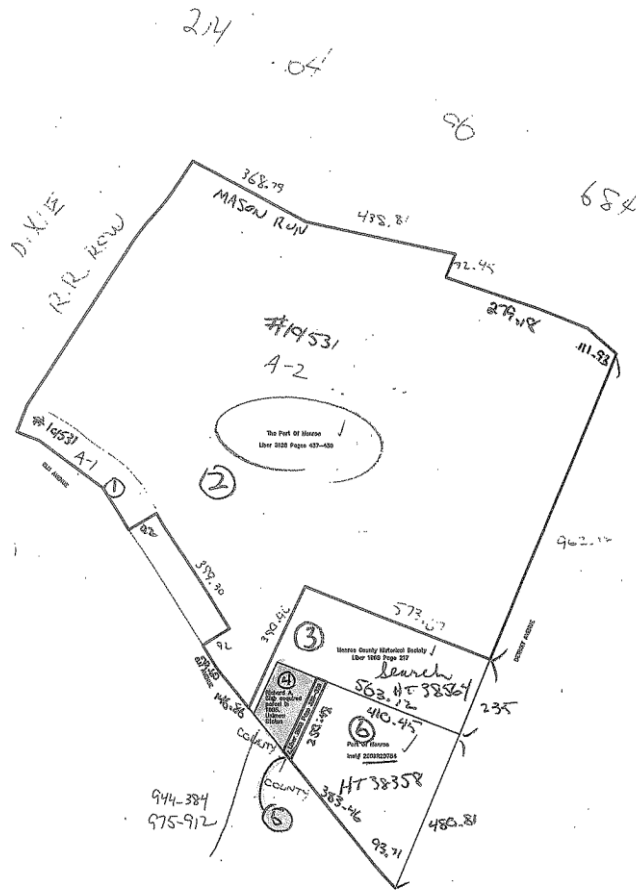
NAYS

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
Dale Zorn  
Albert Potratz  
Floreine Mentel  
William Sisk

Jerry Oley  
John Fowler  
Connie Velliquette  
LaMar Frederick

Motion carried.



10. The following items were listed on the Consent Agenda:

A. Monroe County Economic Development Corporation Report (03/09/10)

1. The Monroe County Economic Development Corporation Recommends To The Full Board To Appoint Barry Buschmann To Fill The Unexpired Term Of Michelle Dugan Expiring December 31, 2014.

B. Finance Committee Report (03/23/10)

1. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Adopt The 2011 Budget Calendar.

C. Finance Committee Report (04/13/10)

1. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Approve The 04/14/10 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report In The Amount Of \$422,317.19.

D. Approval Of Non-Claims Against The County

A. Check Register Dated 03/26/10 In The Amount Of \$228,709.69.

B. Check Register Dated 04/02/10 In The Amount Of \$475,984.50.

C. Check Register Dated 04/09/10 In The Amount Of \$1,733,173.47.

Motion by Commissioner Mentel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by Commissioner Frederick. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley	
Dale Zorn	John Fowler	
Albert Potratz	Connie Velliquette	
Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick	
William Sisk		

Motion carried.

11. Memorandum From Rebecca Head, Health Officer/Director, Monroe County Health Department Read Requesting Approval To Submit A Grant Application To The Michigan Community P2 Program For The Development Of A Local Climate Action Plan In The Amount Of \$50,000 With No County Match.

Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve the Health Department submitting a grant application to the Michigan Community P2 Program for the development of a Local Climate Action Plan in the amount of \$50,000 with the county's match being met through in kind contribution of staff time and dollars leveraged from the already awarded Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant. Supported by Vice-Chairman Zorn. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley	
Dale Zorn	John Fowler	
Albert Potratz	Connie Velliquette	
Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick	
William Sisk		

Motion carried.

12. Memorandum From Rebecca Head, Health Officer/Director, Monroe County Health Department Read Requesting Approval To Re-Appoint Members To The Monroe County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Mentel to confirm the appointment of members to the Monroe County Solid Waste Management Planning Committee. Supported by Commissioner Oley.

Motion carried.

13. Letter From Michael Woolford, Director, Monroe County Equalization Read Requesting Approval Of The 2010 Equalization Report.

Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the 2010 Equalization Report reflecting the County's equalized value as \$6,431,283,303. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
Dale Zorn  
Albert Potratz  
Floreine Mentel  
William Sisk

Jerry Oley  
John Fowler  
Connie Velliquette  
LaMar Frederick

Motion carried.

14. Consideration Of Approving The Employee Benefits Counselor RFP.

Michael Bosanac, Director, Purchasing/Facilities noted language was added to the RFP in regards to health care legislation and will be e-mailed to employee benefit counselor firms on April 14, 2010, with a remittal deadline of May 5, 2010. He also noted the agreement will be for a five-year period and contains a cancellation clause by either party.

Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Employee Benefits Counselor RFP as submitted. Supported by Commissioner Mentel. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

15. Old Business -

Consideration Of Offering A Retiree Health Care Buy-Out.

A questionnaire was distributed to all current employees asking them if they consider participating in a retiree health care buy-out program; to date, 12 employees reported they would take the buy-out.

Human Resources will give an updated report in two weeks.

16. Updated Report – Purchase Of Universal Time And 2010 Voluntary Early Retirement Program.

To date, 30 employees have opted to take advantage of the Voluntary Early Retirement Program; will have additional information in two weeks.

17. Updated Report - Amend The County's Purchasing Policy To Include Language That Will Benefit Local Businesses In The Purchasing Process And Include The Policy In Any County, Township Or Municipal Project That Uses The Bond Rating Of The County As Part Of Their Funding Mechanism.

Vice-Chairman Zorn stated the working group will meet early next week and will have a draft for the Board to review.

18. New Business

Commissioner Lievens questioned why the Sheriff's plan to prevent lay-offs was not on this evening's agenda.

Chairman Sisk noted the plan was e-mailed to the Monroe Evening News and Board members.

Vice-Chairman Zorn noted he expected a formal letter from the Sheriff.

Chairman Sisk stated he was disappointed that the Sheriff sent a letter to the Monroe Evening News and not the Board; the Board is the decision making body.

Commissioner Lievens suggested perhaps, the Sheriff, would bring his plan to the Board at the next meeting.

Major David Thompson stated the Sheriff has identified a funding mechanism to keep the deputies.

Commissioner Oley requested a copy of the plan.

Major Thompson noted he's waiting for additional information from the Finance Department.

Commissioner Lievens stated he would like the plan as soon as possible to give the Board enough time to review before it is made available to the "rest of the world."

19. Kay Sisung, Treasurer, reported the following regarding delinquent tax revolving status report:

1. Foreclosures – Unpaid 2007 Taxes  
87 parcels were foreclosed upon for unpaid 2007 taxes on March 31, 2010  
Were able to save the homes of 10 people by granting a financial hardship  
Started the work necessary to manage and prepare these properties for auction
  - Make an initial assessment visit to each property
  - Contact local units to gather zoning and assessment information
  - Arrange for clean-up where there is a health or safety concern
  - Have the properties secured
  - Market the properties to potential buyers
  - Gather data and prepare the properties for auction in early August
2. Forfeitures – Unpaid 2008 Taxes  
March 1, 2010, 1,741 parcels went into foreclosure  
1,373 parcels remain unpaid
  - Begin Title search and noticing requirements

3. 2008 Delinquent Tax Anticipation Notes  
Tax Note payment was made on April 1, 2010 - \$3,306,563  
Have enough money to make the October 1, 2010, payment
4. 2009 Delinquent Taxes  
7,289 parcels  
Delinquency totaled \$14,038,000  
March – collected 1,228 payments, totaling over \$2,600,000  
Over \$1,000,000 was for 2009 delinquent taxes  
7.08% - last year was 6.62%
5. Banking  
National City in our region, converted to PNC bank on April 12, 2010  
All account numbers have changed  
Electronic banking passwords, authorizations, reports and Wire and ACH templates must be re-created through PCN's website  
Account types, services and fees will have to be reviewed after the conversion is complete
6. Cash Flow  
The actual General Bank Account balance has been holding up a little better than the original forecasts. The disbursements have been below projections for the first three months in 2010

Ms. Sisung also presented a 2010 tax timeline:

June, 2009	2010 Budget preparation
December, 2009	2010 Budget finalized
April, 2010	Equalization Report setting 2010 values
May-July, 2010	2010 Summer tax bills are mailed
August, 2010	County starts to receive 2010 taxes
October, 2010	Apportionment Report for 2010 taxes
March, 2011	Unpaid 2010 taxes are returned delinquent
May, 2011	County Treasurer issues tax notes
June, 2011	General Fund receives the balance of 2010 tax levy

19. Citizens Time –

Chad Jagotka, Sheriff's Office urged the Board to come to a resolution to prevent lay-offs.

Chairman Sisk stated the Sheriff could have forwarded his plan to the Board and not the Monroe Evening News.

Major Thompson stated the plan was e-mailed to the Monroe Evening News, Royce Maniko and the Board on April 12, 2010.

Dave LaMontaine, Sheriff's Office stated the employees are in the middle and there is a need to resolve the problem.

Josh Meyers, Congressman Dingell's Office thanked the Board for adopting the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Resolution.

Jeanne Micka, City of Monroe thanked the Board for supporting the River Raisin National Battlefield Park and invited everyone to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Founders' Day celebration on May 8, 2010.

20. Announcements –

Commissioner Mentel announced last year, 1,500 people attended the Founder's Day celebration.

Jamie Dean, Solid Waste Coordinator invited everyone to attend an Earth Day celebration on April 24, 2010.

21. Administrator's Report –

Royce Maniko, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer urged everyone to return their census questionnaires.

22. Members Time -

Commissioner Frederick noted last year, funds were taken from the Retiree Health Care Fund to prevent lay-offs and urged the Board to look at areas where cost savings can be captured while completing the service priority matrix.

Commissioner Oley requested an updated Voluntary Early Retirement Program report at the next meeting; number of employees and financial impact as a tool to assist in addressing potential lay-offs.

Commissioner Potratz thanked Deputy Jagotka for addressing the Board; he spoke from his heart, noted sending the plan to the Monroe Evening News prior to the Board was "wrong" and stated he does not like being blind-sided.

Chairman Sisk urged the Board to remit their service priority matrix within the next two weeks.

23. Motion by Vice-Chairman Zorn to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner Mentel.

Motion carried.

24. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

William Sisk, Chairman

Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk