

1. A Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Sisk at 7:00 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 Floreine Mentel led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Vickie Koczman, Deputy Clerk, Monroe County Board of Commissioners led the Opening Prayer.
4. Motion by Commissioner Lievens to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, June 8, 2010, Regular Meeting as amended. 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.

5. Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, May 25, 2010, Regular Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette.

Motion carried.

6. Resolutions, Special Tributes & Presentations

Introduction Of Matt Shane, MSU Extension District 12 Coordinator (Monroe, Lenawee, Washtenaw, Hillsdale, Jackson And Livingston.)

Chairman Sisk offered the Board's assistance during Mr. Shane's transition effective July 1, 2010.

7. Jeff Boudrie, GIS Specialist showed a power point presentation depicting the tornado damage to Dundee and Estral Beach.
8. Resolution Requesting The Governor To Proclaim A State Of Disaster Exists In Monroe County Read:

On June 6, 2010, pursuant to Section 10 of 1976 PA 390 as amended, the Chair of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners declared a State of Emergency exists in Monroe County due to a severe weather event that caused two separate tornado touchdowns, resulting in widespread severe damage to private and public infrastructure and public safety has been severely impacted. The response and recovery aspects of the Monroe County Emergency Plan have been activated and local resources have been utilized to the fullest extent possible. Local resources are not sufficient to cope with the situation.

WHEREAS, the occurrence of two confirmed tornado touchdowns on June 6, 2010 with maximum sustained winds of 135 miles per hour, has resulted in widespread damage and infrastructure failures within several jurisdictions located within the County of Monroe; and

WHEREAS, this severe weather event caused power outages to approximately 16,000 homes in Monroe County, and virtually eliminated the entire utility power infrastructure in the Village of Dundee; and

WHEREAS, to date approximately 15% of the Village of Dundee's general fund budget has been expended in response to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the unavailability of power has hampered rescue and recovery efforts, with a significant amount of storm debris potentially impacting life safety and health; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather events now pose the potential threat of additional infrastructure damage and personal injury due to hazardous downed power lines, broken utility poles and unsafe storm debris; and

WHEREAS, uprooted trees have exposed municipal water mains, opening them up to possible damage and/or groundwater infiltration; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to respond to the disaster; and

WHEREAS, Monroe County has submitted preliminary damage estimates to the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 8th day of June, 2010, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests, on behalf of its citizens, that Governor Jennifer M. Granholm declare a State of Emergency or a State of Disaster exists therein and that consideration be given, if conditions warrant, to petition the President of the United States for assistance provided by Public Law 93-288, as amended. In support of this request, we have submitted specific damage assessment data through

the proper channels, and will continue to provide damage updates as additional impacts are discovered.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Honorable Carl M. Levin, Honorable Debbie Stabenow, Honorable John D. Dingell, Honorable Randy Richardville, Honorable Kathy Angerer and Honorable Kate Ebli.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to adopt the Resolution Requesting the Governor to Proclaim a State of Disaster Exists in Monroe County. Supported by Vice-Chairman Dale W. Zorn. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley
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William Sisk	

Motion carried.

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

A. Finance Committee Report (05/25/10)

1. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Transfer The Balance Of The Self-Help Road Fund In The Amount Of \$47,468.43 To The General Fund Contingency Account.

B. Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Report (06/01/10)

1. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Waive The 60-Day Moratorium To Allow The Web Master (Peggy Tyniw) To Work Part-Time From July 1, 2010, Through December 31, 2010, Not To Exceed 500 Hours At Her Current Salary Rate Of \$29.65, With The Understanding That Her Salary Is Paid Through A Portion Of Generated Revenue From Outside Sources.

2. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Advertise For Any Vacant Sheriff's Office Nurse Positions Due To Internal Transfers Of Nurses From The Health Department, Consider Hiring Licensed Practical Nurses If Possible And Have The Human Resources Department Work With The Unions And Sheriff's Office To Assure They Are In Compliance With Employee Contracts.

3. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Consider Hiring One Correctional Sergeant Position And One Correctional Officer Position Due To Retirement.

4. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Consider Waiving The 60-Day Moratorium To Allow The Board Of Commissioner's Deputy Clerk To Work Part-Time Effective July 1, 2010, Through December 31, 2010, Not To Exceed 500 Hours At Her Current Rate Of \$21.53 With Input From The Board Chairman And The County Clerk As To How The Office Will Be Covered When The Deputy Clerk Is Not In The Office.

C. Finance Committee Report (06/08/10)

- A. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Approve The 06/09/10 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report In The Amount Of \$311,166.96.

D. Approval Of Non-Claims Against The County

1. Check Register Dated 05/28/10 In The Amount Of \$629,534.43.
2. Check Register Dated 06/04/10 In The Amount Of \$7,458,428.69.

Chairman Sisk pulled items 9(B3) and 9(B4); the Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee did not make a recommendation to the full Board.

Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve the Consent Agenda with items 9(B3) and 9(B4) pulled for discussion. Supported by Commissioner Fowler. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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NAYS

ABSENT

Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley
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Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick
William Sisk	

Motion carried.

10. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Consider Hiring One Correctional Sergeant Position And One Correctional Officer Position Due To Retirement.

Major David Thompson stated it was realized after the Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee that there is a need of one additional correctional officer to backfill the correctional officer that will be promoted to correctional sergeant.

Commissioner Frederick stated he understands the need to fill a correctional officer position that will be promoted to correctional sergeant and he understands the need to fill a vacant correctional officer, however, he does not understand the need to hire an additional correctional officer.

Major Thompson stated there is a need to backfill the vacant correctional officer.

Major Thompson stated there is need to maintain “strength” in the dorm and jail. He noted there is a 1:7 ratio (one staff per seven inmates).

Commissioner Oley questioned if there is a Department of Corrections ratio guideline.

Major Thompson stated there is only a “good management practice.”

Commissioner Lievens stated he is surprised there is no mention of a ratio guideline in the ICE contract.

Commissioner Frederick noted he will not support filling two correctional officers.

Jan Ford stated the inmates need supervision; staff is at risk and noted the number of inmates have increased at the dorm.

Vice-Chairman Zorn stated at this juncture, we have a \$1.5 million deficit in 2010.

Chairman Sisk stated we won’t realize the savings from the Voluntary Early Retirement Program until June 30, 2010.

Major Thompson stated if the positions are not filled, the Sheriff may have to authorize overtime.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to authorize the Sheriff’s Office to fill one correctional officer sergeant position and one correctional officer position due to retirement. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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William Sisk		

Motion carried.

11. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Consider Waiving The 60-Day Moratorium To Allow The Board Of Commissioner’s Deputy Clerk To Work Part-Time Effective July 1, 2010, Through December 31, 2010, Not To Exceed 500 Hours At Her Current Rate Of \$21.53 With Input From The Board Chairman And The County Clerk As To How The Office Will Be Covered When The Deputy Clerk Is Not In The Office.

Chairman Sisk stated he can support the Deputy Clerk going to part-time until the end of 2010. He stated he has no idea what 2011 will bring. He noted the recommendation is consistent with what the Board has done with other departments. He also noted Mr. Maniko and the Deputy Clerk can work out her schedule.

Commissioner Lievens stated the position is needed.

Commissioner Oley stated other employees have been given more than a six month extension and suggested revisited extending part-time to the Deputy Clerk during the 2011 budget process.

Commissioners spoke regarding the importance of the position.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to waive the 60-day moratorium to allow the Board of Commissioner's Deputy Clerk to work part-time effective July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, not to exceed 500 hours at her current rate of \$21.53 and consider extending the part-time status for 2011 during the budget process. Supported by Commissioner Oley. 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.

12. Memorandum From Major David Thompson Read Requesting Approval To Submit A Three Year COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant Application To The COPS Office To Hire Four Deputy Sheriffs (Re-hire Three Laid-Off Officers And Hire One New Officer) And Retain Those Positions For A Period Of One Year Following The Conclusion Of Grant Funding.

Vice-Chairman Zorn questioned if Board approval will be sought if the grant is awarded.

Major Thompson stated he would bring back the grant award to the Board.

Major Thompson stated should the grant be awarded, the Sheriff's Office would hire three laid-off deputies and one new deputy.

Vice-Chairman Zorn questioned what salary level the laid-off deputies would be paid.

Major Thompson stated he believes they would be paid at the entry level.

Frank Spreeman, Director, Human Resources noted laid-off deputies have a one year recall and they could be re-hired at the step they were at when they were laid-off.

Major Thompson stated he would review the employee contract and if there is an additional cost, he will have the figures.

Commissioner Frederick questioned if the grant application includes the names of the deputies.

Major Thompson stated names are not included in the grant application.

Commissioner Mentel questioned what would happen if the county is not in the position to fund the fourth year.

Major Thompson stated if the county cannot afford to fund the positions in the fourth year, the county can request a waiver.

Commissioner Lievens stated the challenge is whether the county will be in the position to accept the grant.

Major Thompson stated we will know if the grant application was accepted by September 30, 2010. He noted approximately 500 awards will be given and over 6,000 agencies will apply for the grant.

Commissioner Oley stated the fourth year will cost the county approximately \$400,000.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to approve the Sheriff's Office submitting a three year COPS Hiring Recovery Program Grant application to the COPS Office to hire four Deputy Sheriffs (re-hire three laid off officers and one new officer and retain those positions for a period of one year following the conclusion of grant funding with the understanding that should the application be awarded, the Sheriff's Office shall come back to the Board to consider accepting the grant. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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Motion carried.

13. Old Business –

A. Consideration Of Offering A Retiree Health Care Buy-Out

Nothing additional to report.

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

Worksheet was distributed denoting a calculation of savings to the General Fund by employee, taking advantage of the Voluntary Early Retirement Program as of June 8, 2010. Chairman Sisk noted the savings denoted on the spreadsheet is not a reality; will probably capture one-half of the savings.

- C. 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 reported the Working Group will meet next week.

14. New Business –

Chairman Lievens stated the Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee will meet every other Tuesday.

15. Citizens Time –

Josh Meyers, Congressman Dingell's Office stated Congressman Dingell supports the Sheriff's Office applying for the COPS grant and urged the Board to return the grant award quickly if they choose not to accept the award and stated Congressman Dingell's office is at the county's disposal to assist with the tornado damage.

Commissioner Lievens stated having Mr. Myers at the meeting is like having the Congressman in attendance.

Sam Freimark, Frenchtown Charter Township stated he has been working in Dundee for the past two days and spoke about being prepared should another catastrophe occur.

16. Administrator's Report –

Royce Maniko, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer spoke regarding the following:

Attended the International Wildlife Dinner, working with legal for the 1812 Battlefield land transfer and will be meeting with Congressman Dingell and others in Washington, DC to discuss transportation, healthcare, Green Energy, etc., and expects the County to "pass" the FERMI graded drill.

17. Members Time -

Commissioner Frederick questioned what will be done with the Indigent Defense Report.

Mr. Maniko noted the Judiciary Committee will review the report.

Commissioner Frederick stated while out of town, he met with an Emmitt County Deputy who is "low man" at 22 years.

Commissioner Velliquette announced Samaria Days will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010, the Bedford Senior Center will sell strawberry desserts from 10-2 and stated TMACOG's Membership Meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2010, at the Monroe County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Lievens spoke regarding the process to volunteer for disasters. Anyone in need of assistance can call the Salvation Army @ 734-241-0400 or the Red Cross @ 734-289-1481.

Vice-Chairman Zorn stated he arrived in Dundee at 2:30 a.m., to assist with the tornado damage and noted Dundee has a lot to be proud of; they have big hearts.

Chairman Sisk apologized to Jan Ford for not acknowledging her at a previous meeting and spoke regarding the Board not being updated about the tornado damage to Dundee and Fermi II.

Commissioner Lievens stated Dundee sent people on their way to prevent looting.

18. Motion by Commissioner Mentel to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner Fowler.

Motion carried.

19. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

William Sisk, Chairman

Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk