

1. A Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, July 27, 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	William Sisk
Dale Zorn	John Fowler	(excused)
Albert Potratz	Connie Velliquette	
Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick	

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

2. Commissioner Connie Velliquette led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Robin Miller, Deputy Clerk, Monroe County Board of Commissioners led the Opening Prayer.
4. Motion by Commissioner Lievens to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, July 27, 2010, Regular Meeting as amended. Supported by Commissioner Fowler. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

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

Motion carried.

5. Frank Arnold, newly appointed Judge of Probate stated he is looking forward to working with the Board and he has some “big shoes” to fill in replacing Judge Moskwa.
6. Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, July 13, 2010, Regular Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Potratz.

Motion carried.

7. Resolutions, Special Tributes & Presentations

Resolution Recognizing The Monroe County Preschool Health Fair To Be Held August 21, 2010, Read:

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Great Start Collaborative in conjunction with the Family Medical Center, Health Plan of Michigan, Monroe County Health Department, Monroe County Intermediate School District, Monroe County WIC, Monroe Family YMCA, United Way of Monroe County’s “Live United, Ride United” Motorcycle Run

and the National Kidney Foundation is sponsoring a Children's Preschool Health Fair at the MB&T Expo Center of August 21, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the health fair is a "one-stop" health fair for families with preschoolers, ages birth to five years old; and

WHEREAS, the services are free of charge to those without insurance and those with insurance where their provider does not pay for the necessary coverage that children need to enter preschool and kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, these services include vision and hearing screening, lead and hemoglobin testing, height & weight measurements, nutrition education, exercise tips for children, dental education and immunizations for preschoolers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 27th day of July, 2010, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners hereby supports and applauds the Children's Preschool Health Fair partners for recognizing the importance of the health of the children in our community.

Motion by Commissioner Velliquette to adopt the Resolution Recognizing the Monroe County Preschool Health Fair to be held August 21, 2010. Supported by Commissioner Fowler. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

8. Pure Michigan, Pure Monroe Resolution Read:

WHEREAS, if your idea of a great getaway is walking a sandy beach on the shores of a great lake¹; or

WHEREAS, if it's exploring the wonders of historic downtowns², homes³, battlefields⁴ and museums⁵, or

WHEREAS, perhaps you like to spend your mornings on the dew covered greens and fairways of immaculate links⁶, or

WHEREAS, perhaps then spend an evening on a vast inland sea catching your limit of walley and watching the sun go down over a green peninsula⁷, or

WHEREAS, if county fairs⁸, jazz festivals⁹, parades and farmers markets¹⁰ are your idea of fun, or

WHEREAS, maybe it's just quiet country back roads¹¹, cozy small town, pick-your-own farms¹² and picnics in a park¹³, or

WHEREAS, maybe you need to kick up some dust with drag racint¹⁴, jet skis, dirt bikes and go karts, or

WHEREAS, even if it's just a slow bike ride, a lazy day in a canoe¹⁵, or a riverside walk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that whether you live far away or right here in Monroe County, whether you're looking for a vacation or a "staycation", whether you like sunshine, shopping malls¹⁶, sporting goods¹⁷ or sweet corn¹⁸, there is something for everyone right here and nothing says Pure Michigan like the scenery, history, excitement, commerce and culture of Monroe County.¹⁹

¹ Sterling State Park: www.dnr.state.mi.us/parksandtrails/Details.aspx?id=497&type=SPRK
² Monroe County Chamber of Commerce: monroemi.usachamber.com/eBook/flash.html#24/Downtown Monroe: www.monroemainstreet.com/
³ www.historicmonroe.org/
⁴ River Raisin National Battlefield Park: www.riverraisinbattlefield.org/
⁵ Monroe County Historical Museum: www.co.monroe.mi.us/museum
⁶ For a list of Monroe golf courses; www.golfable.com/golfcourses/county/Monroe_County_MI
⁷ For a list of Monroe County charter fishing boats: www.michigan.org/Things-to-Do/Outdoors/Fishing/Default.aspx?city=G3323
⁸ Monroe County Fair – August 1 – August 7, 2010: www.monroecountyfair.com
⁹ River Raisin Jazz Festival – August 14 & 15, 2010: www.facebook.com/pages/River-Raisin-Jazz-Festival/135374987339
¹⁰ Monroe County Farmer's Market – 20 East Willow St. – Year-round, Sat 6am –noon; June 1-Oct 31, Tues 6am-noon, Dundee Farmer's Market 223 Tecumseh St. May – Oct Sat 8 am-1:00pm, Wed 4-7pm, Bedford Farmers Market – 9144 Lewis Ave., Temperance – June 6 – October 31 Sat 8am-noon
¹¹ Request a road map from the Monroe County Road Commission (734) 240-5102: www.mcrc-mi.org/
¹² www.pickyourown.org/migl.htm, Erie Orchards 235 Erie Road, Erie, Michigan 48133. (734) 848-4518 – www.erieorchards.com
¹³ Monroe County Parks: http://www.co.monroe.mi.us/government/departments_offices/parks_and_recreation/index.html
¹⁴ Milan Dragway: www.milandragway.com/
¹⁵ River Raisin Canoe Livery: www.riverraisincanoelivery.com/
¹⁶ Mall of Monroe, 2121 N. Monroe St. (734) 242-9150: www.frenchtownsquare.com/home/index.ch2, Horizon Outlet Mall, I-75 at LaPlaisance Road, Exit 11 (734) 241-4813: www.monroecountymi.net/Shopping/horizon_outlet_mail.htm
¹⁷ Cabela's 110 Cabela Blvd. East (at M-50 and US 23), Dundee, MI 48131, (734) 529-4700: www.cabelas.com
¹⁸ Smith Bros Farms (734) 848-4081 1472 MI State Road 151, Erie, MI 48166, Parran's Greenhouse & Farm Market -1144 W Front St, Monroe, MI 48161 (734) 384-8844 & 5351 Secor Road, Ida, MI 48140, (734) 269-3610
¹⁹ For more information see the Monroe County Convention and Tourism Bureau: www.monroeinfo.com/

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to adopt the Pure Michigan, Pure Monroe Resolution. Supported by Vice-Chairman Zorn. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

9. The following items were listed under Consent Agenda:

A. Finance Committee Report (07/13/10)

1. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Hire Two Additional Clerks For The District Court Clerk's Office For A Total Of Four Clerks To Be Hired From Outside The County.
2. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Have A Contingency Plan In Place Within 30 Days To Address The 2010 Budget Shortfall.

3. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Interview The Top Two Employee Benefits Counselor Point Earners (Daly Merritt And Kushner & Company) At The Next Finance Committee Meeting Scheduled For Tuesday, July 27, 2010.

B. Judiciary, Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Report (07/15/10)

1. The Judiciary, Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Accept The Indigent Defense Program Report.

C. Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Report (07/20/10)

1. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Fill A Vacant Employment & Training Case Manager Position Contingent Upon The Finance Department Confirming The Position Is 100% Funded From State And Federal Dollars Through The Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA).
2. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Fill A Vacant Correctional Officer Position Due To Resignation.
3. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Transfer A Correctional Officer To A Vacant Perimeter Security Position Due To Retirement And Back-Fill That Correctional Officer Position.

D. Finance Committee Report (07/27/10)

1. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Approve The 07/28/10 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report In The Amount Of \$499,006.58.
2. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Adopt The Resolution To Amend The 2010 Budget As Presented.
3. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Approve The 9-1-1 Surcharge Proposal Ballot Language For The November 2, 2010, General Election As Follows:

“To provide reasonable and necessary operational funding to continue Monroe County 9-1-1 emergency service:

Shall Monroe County assess to 9-1-1 service users located within Monroe County a surcharge of \$.99 (ninety-nine cents) per month on devices that can access 9-1-1 commencing July 1, 2011, exclusively to cover the operational costs of the 9-1-1 emergency service program and to be distributed as provided in the Monroe County 9-1-1 Emergency Service Plan as amended?”

Yes

No

E. Approval Of Non-Claims Against The County

1. Check Register Dated 07/16/10 In The Amount Of \$1,731,137.67.
2. Check Register Dated 07/23/10 In The Amount Of \$572,816.53.

Commissioner Oley requested item 9(D3) be pulled for discussion.

Motion by Commissioner Fowler to approve the Consent Agenda with item 9(D3) pulled to give the public an opportunity to address the proposed 9-1-1 surcharge ballot language. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

10. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Approve The 9-1-1 Surcharge Proposal Ballot Language For The November 2, 2010, General Election As Follows:

“To provide reasonable and necessary operational funding to continue Monroe County 9-1-1 emergency service:

Shall Monroe County assess to 9-1-1 service users located within Monroe County a surcharge of \$.99 (ninety-nine cents) per month on devices that can access 9-1-1 commencing July 1, 2011, exclusively to cover the operational costs of the 9-1-1 emergency service program and to be distributed as provided in the Monroe County 9-1-1 Emergency Service Plan as amended?”

Yes No

Motion by Commissioner Fowler to approve the 9-1-1 surcharge proposal ballot language for the November 2, 2010, General Election. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

11. Letter From Denise Brooks, Chairman, Monroe County Democratic Party Read Regarding The Appointment Of Alternates On The Monroe County Canvassing Board.

Motion by Commissioner Oley to confirm the appointment of Patrick Miller and Aleta Jackson as Democratic Party alternates on the Monroe County Canvassing Board. Supported by Commissioner Mentel.

Motion carried.

12. Letter From Chairman Sisk Read Requesting Consideration To Fill Three Impending Vacancies On The Monroe County Compensation Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Frederick to confirm the appointment of James Arnold, Michelle Dugan and James Petrangelo to the Monroe County Compensation Commission expiring July 31, 2016. Supported by Commissioner Lievens.

Motion carried.

13. Old Business –

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

No additional information to report.

- 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.

No additional information to report.

14. New Business –

Review Of Monroe County 9-1-1 District Board By-Laws.

Commissioner Lievens questioned whether a Board member can sit on the 9-1-1 District Board.

Matter referred to legal counsel.

15. Administrator's Report –

Royce Maniko, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer reported the following:

The Compensation Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 28, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., and yesterday, we had a visit from the National Park Service.

16. Members Time -

Commissioner Frederick spoke regarding his letter under Information in regards to the Regional Water Quality Board.

Commissioner Mentel reminded everyone that the fair is next week and 1812 art will be displayed at the Little Red Schoolhouse.

Commissioner Lievens spoke regarding the quality of our water; especially issues that we have had in Ottawa Lake. He stated water is an important building block to our local economy.

Vice-Chairman Zorn spoke regarding interviewing thirty-six 4-H queen candidates. He noted everyone was professional and he was impressed by the caliber of the youth in our 4-H program.

17. Motion by Commissioner Fowler to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette.

Motion carried.

18. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

William Sisk, Chairman

Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk