

1. A Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, August 23, 2011, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Frederick at 7:00 p.m. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

David Hoffman  
Stephen Bell  
Daniel Donahue  
William Sisk

Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
(excused)  
Jerry Oley  
(excused)

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

2. Commissioner O'Neill led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Vickie Koczman, Deputy Clerk, Monroe County Board of Commissioners led the Opening Prayer.
4. Motion by Commissioner Bell to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, August 23, 2011, Regular Meeting as amended. Supported by Commissioner Donahue. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

David Hoffman  
Stephen Bell  
Daniel Donahue  
William Sisk

NAY

Mary O'Neill  
Jason Sheppard  
LaMar Frederick

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
(excused)  
Jerry Oley  
(excused)

Motion carried.

5. Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, August 9, 2011, Regular Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Sheppard.

Motion carried.

6. Resolutions, Special Tributes & Presentations

Presentation by Wayne Blank, President, Vets Inc.

Mr. Blank noted Vets Inc., has four service officers and asked the county to consider having Vets Inc., provide services to our veterans for half the price and without benefits. He noted Vets Inc., is better equipped and is willing to provide services for one year.

Chairman Frederick stated he will forward Mr. Blank's information to the members.

7. Historical Museum Sustainability Plan.

John Gibney, Director, Historical Museum noted the plan was submitted on time.

Chairman Frederick questioned why they would seek 2 mills or \$1.2 million; that amount of money is operating with more than bare bones.

Commissioner Sheppard stated the Historical Commission was given one year of funding through PA 88, PA 88 may not be viable next year, PA 88 is tax without representation, has not seen the list of businesses that they have reached out to nor has he seen a list of the inventory.

Mr. Gibney stated no one on the committee considered PA 88 until the Board discussed it at one of their meetings.

Commissioner Sheppard stated there should have been a proactive plan and a millage/tax is crazy to him.

Commissioner O'Neill stated she received telephone calls from people that were willing to help out and were turned away, the "plan" is short of a plan, people are having a tough time with implementing PA 88 and finding a way to take care of business without implementing a tax without representation.

Commissioner Donahue stated he does not want to see the museum closed, the Historical Commission and Historical Society both have a love for the museum, he is concerned that they could not work together to find a solution, he is opposed to PA 88 for one more year, however, he is not opposed to funding the museum for the first quarter of 2012 from the General Fund.

Commissioner Bell stated he was a history teacher, would like to see the museum remain open, there are deputies off the street and lives at stake; the well is dry, resource sharing has to happen, personalities have gotten in the way and it's time to get along.

Vice-Chairman Sisk stated the Board has to face difficult decisions, they have spent the last 6-8 weeks discussing the plan, applauds utilizing PA 88 funds in 2011, urged the Board to "shoot down" PA 88 for 2012, supports the museum, battlefield; it would be a travesty to close the museum at this time, the Vice-Chairman oversees the budget and urged the Board to have faith in him to find \$313,000 to keep the museum open.

Chairman Frederick stated he met twice with both groups, participants were cordial, however, they found no common ground, combining resources makes sense and the Historical Commission and Historical Society members are still fighting over information.

Chairman Frederick questioned if the Board would like to impose the provision of PA 88 for another year.

Motion by Commissioner Donahue not to impose the provisions of PA 88 for the museum for another year. Supported by Commissioner Sheppard. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

8. Chairman Frederick granted Vice-Chairman Sisk permission to investigate opportunities for the museum to remain open for the remainder of 2011 and perhaps seeking a millage or appropriating funds from the General Fund for 2012.

Chairman Frederick requested the museum collection be inventoried and video graphed.

Matt Switlik, former Museum Director noted the Historical Museum has the best records of any museum in Michigan and the entire inventory is not on a digital database.

Chairman Frederick stated there are provisions contained in an agreement between the Historical Commission and Historical Society dated in 1967 that gives him heartburn.

Chairman Frederick noted Vice-Chairman Sisk's plan to keep the museum open will be placed on the next agenda and stated the Board is interested in maintaining the museum.

9. The following items were listed under Consent Agenda:

- A. Finance Committee Report (08/09/11)

1. The Finance Committee recommends to the full board to refer the expansion of the Health Department's dental services proposal for Medicaid eligible children and adults back to staff for a recommendation.
2. The Finance Committee recommends to the full board to fund one additional Corrections Officer Supervisor position as an alternative to

appropriating additional overtime funds to the Sheriff's Office. The Supervisor will serve as a float between the main jail and the inmate dormitory; with General Fund portion funded by deferring the necessary amount from the transfer out to the inmate dormitory and the dorm portion covered by the \$48,855 outlined in the 2011 Corrections Officer Operations Overtime memo dated August 8, 2011. Also, authorize backfilling a Corrections Officer position if vacated due to promotion to Correction Officer Supervisor. If there are any qualified deputy's currently on layoff, they be given preferential treatment for the Corrections Officer position.

3. The Finance Committee recommends to the full board to adjust the Sheriff's Office budget to correct the current overtime budget deficits by deferring the transfer out to the inmate dormitory facility and appropriating those funds (\$150,789) to the main jail's overtime cost center.

B. Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee Report (08/16/11)

1. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee recommends to the full board to create two additional Public Health Nurse positions on the tier two scale up to step five based on prior years experience with 100% funding from Medicaid through generated service fees.
2. The Personnel Services/Human Resources Committee recommends to the full board to fill a vacant full-time Veteran's Affairs Director, grade 9 position on the tier two scale up to step five based on prior years experience. If an internal candidate is not found, approve Human Resources to go outside to hire. Funding is in the Veteran's Affairs's 2011 millage budget. On an interim basis, authorize a retiree/former Veteran's Affairs employee (Patricia Littrell) to fill the position up to 20 hours per week (Grade 9, step 1; tier one scale - \$17.22 per hour – County Policy 401, Section 2.9 – Retired Employees) to assist veterans and their families.

C. Approval of Non-Claims Against the County:

1. Check Register dated 08/12/11 in the amount of \$1,174,478.97.
2. Check Register dated 08/19/11 in the amount of \$623,933.61.

Motion by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by Vice-Chairman Sisk. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

10. Memorandum from Major David Thompson, Administrative Major and Sergeant Timothy Garbo, Training and Grants Coordinator read requesting approval to submit the 2012 Application for Justice Training Grant Funds – Regional Training Plan 2012 in the amount of \$61,898.50 to the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (June 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012) with no local cash match.

Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve the Sheriff's Office submitting the 2012 application for Justice Training Grant Funds – Regional Training Plan in the amount of \$58,298.50 with no local match requirement. Supported by Vice-Chairman Sisk. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

11. Memorandum from Major David Thompson, Administrative Major and Sergeant Timothy Garbo, Training and Grants Coordinator read requesting approval to submit a grant application to the Office of Highway Safety Planning for the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program for FY 2012 (October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, with the state's total allocation in the amount of \$155,970.00 and the county's match in the amount of \$244,894.00.

Motion by Commissioner Sheppard to approve the Sheriff's Office submitting a grant application to the Office of Highway Safety Planning for the Secondary Road Patrol (three positions) with the states allocation in the amount of \$155,970.00 with the county's match in the amount of \$244,894.00 from the Sheriff's Office budget. Supported by Commissioner Hoffman. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Major Thompson noted the funds from the state will be utilized prior to the county's portion.

12. Discussion of proposed MSU Extension Memorandum of Agreement and outcome of retaining Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator position.

Chairman Frederick stated he spoke with staff and three spaces were found at the Health Department. He also stated the agreement is forthcoming and the Natural Resources Educator is still looking for support from various agencies. A presentation will be given at the next meeting along with recommendations.

13. Old Business –

Employee cell phone and social internet usage – referred to staff; creating policy.

Chairman Frederick noted the policies will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

14. Identify office space for MSU Educator – referred to staff.

Task completed.

15. Citizens Time –

Jan Jay, Exeter Township spoke regarding contacting the Department of Justice for not meeting the ADA minimum requirement.

Jon Svoboda, President, Buster Foundation questioned if any Board member would like to assist him.

Chairman Frederick stated he met with Sheriff Crutchfield and Sheriff Crutchfield has declined discussing the animal rescue case in public forum, he will deliver the prepared questions to Sheriff Crutchfield and Prosecutor Nichols, the Board cannot tell them how to run their offices, the Board is required to fund their offices at the minimum service level and he will ask the Sheriff again if he would be willing to meet with Mr. Svoboda.

Mr. Svoboda stated he will provide a document authored by legal counsel in regards to liability.

Mike Stillwater stated banning firearms is not in line with state statute.

Trina Stillwagon, Monroe SPCA stated she has made over 80 calls to the Sheriff over the past nine years, she is not asking the Board to fight battles, however, they are asking to meet with the Sheriff.

Chairman Frederick reiterated he will ask the Sheriff to meet with Mr. Svoboda and Ms. Stillwagon and suggested two Board members also attend that meeting.

Commissioner Sheppard volunteered to attend the meeting.

Joanne Dixon, Garden City stated Sheriff Crutchfield is not following Michigan statute; animals are not being properly cared for.

Jan Jay, Exeter Township questioned why the Board will not give Ms. Stillwagon a letter of support and stated security cameras have not worked in six months and being prepared to open pocketbooks relative to ADA requirements.

Deacon John Little, Commerce Township spoke regarding the value of the museum and stated people see the value in the museum and will approve a millage.

Margaret Svoboda, Ypsilanti stated the Buster Foundation wants custody of the dogs until the end of the appeal process; they deserve a quality of life while they are alive.

Jeanne Micka, City of Monroe spoke regarding saving the museum.

16. Members Time –

Commissioner Donahue stated he supports the museum and if they need assistance in seeking a millage, i.e., going door-to-door, he will help.

Commissioner Oley questioned if someone could look at the cost of replacing the front door with an electronic door; this would be a small cost to address those with disabilities.

Commissioner Sheppard spoke regarding the Historical Commission and Historical Society members not working together.

Chairman Frederick spoke regarding sending a letter to the road commission addressing changes that need to be done; he will draft a letter and get input from the Board prior to sending.

Chairman Frederick thanked those in support of the museum for attending and the Board being responsible for the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. He noted if push comes to shove, putting deputies on the road would be number one in most instances.

17. Motion by Commissioner Hoffman to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner O'Neill.

Motion carried.

18. The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.



R. LaMar Frederick, Chairman



Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk