

1. A Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Frederick at 7:00 p.m. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

PRESENT

ABSENT

Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Jason Sheppard
Stephen Bell	Mary O’Neill
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick
William Sisk	

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

2. Commissioner Sheppard led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Vickie Koczman, Deputy Clerk, Monroe County Board of Commissioners led the Opening Prayer.
4. Motion by Commissioner Donahue to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, September 27, 2011, Regular Meeting as amended. Supported by Commissioner Bell. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAY

ABSENT

Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley
David Hoffman	Jason Sheppard
Stephen Bell	Mary O’Neill
Daniel Donahue	LaMar Frederick
William Sisk	

Motion carried.

5. Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, September 13, 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 Tuesday, September 20, 2011, Special Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Hoffman.

Motion carried.

7. Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to approve the Minutes for the Friday, September 23, 2011, Special Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner O’Neill.

Motion carried.

8. Resolutions, Special Tributes & Presentations

Resolution declaring October as United Way Month in Monroe County read:

WHEREAS, the United Way of Monroe County is launching its annual campaign drive with the theme “GIVE, ADVOCATE, VOLUNTEER and LIVE UNITED;” and

WHEREAS, state health and human service partner agencies receive funds from the United Way of Monroe County, which, in turn, provides services to nearly three out of ten residents in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, volunteers donate their time and energy to help raise the funds necessary to make the United Way of Monroe County a success for all the citizens of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the United Way can provide funding to many local organizations, which provide desperately needed services to the citizens of Monroe County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this 27th day of September, 2011, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners hereby urges all citizens of Monroe County to donate their time and resources to support the annual United Way Campaign and thereby maintain the continuation of vital services to those in need.

Motion by Chairman Frederick to adopt the resolution declaring October as United Way Month in Monroe County. Supported by Vice-Chairman Sisk. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES	NAY	ABSENT
Henry Lievens	Jerry Oley	
David Hoffman	Jason Sheppard	
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Motion carried.

9. The following items were listed under Consent Agenda:

A. Finance Committee Report (09/28/11)

1. The Finance Committee recommends to the full board to approve the 09/28/11 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$601,971.73.

B. Approval of Non-Claims Against the County:

1. Check Register dated 09/16/11 in the amount of \$6,683,585.68.
2. Check Register dated 09/23/11 in the amount of \$1,359,542.65.

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

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

Motion carried.

10. Consideration of adopting a resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,500,000 Monroe County sewage disposal system refunding bonds (Charter Township of Berlin System), Series 2011 (limited tax general obligation.)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to adopt a resolution authorizing not to exceed \$1,500,000 Monroe County sewage disposal system refunding bonds (Charter Township of Berlin System), Series 2011 (limited tax general obligation.) Supported by Commissioner Bell. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

11. Consideration of adopting a resolution authorizing not to exceed \$3,000,000 Monroe County water supply system refunding bonds (Charter Township of Frenchtown System), Series 2011 (limited tax general obligation.)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens to adopt a resolution authorizing not to exceed \$3,000,000 Monroe County water supply system refunding bonds (Charter Township of Frenchtown System), Series 2011 (limited tax general obligation.) Supported by Commissioner Donahue. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

12. Memorandum from Sergeant Timothy Garbo read requesting approval to accept an Office of Highway Safety Planning grant in the amount of \$60,000 for seatbelts/impaired driving enforcement with no county match.

Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve the Sheriff's Office accepting an Office of Highway Safety Planning grant in the amount of \$60,000 for seatbelts/impaired driving enforcement with no county match. Supported by Commissioner Lievens. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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Motion carried.

13. Discussion of applying for grants to operate the museum.

Royce Maniko, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer reported the Planning Department is preparing two grant applications; both grants require a 50/50 match.

Chairman Frederick stated the Board will need to determine if they want to submit the applications.

14. Old Business –

A. Proposed changes to the Solid Waste Hauler Licensing and Waste Generator Fee Ordinance and Solid Waste Funding Resolution – referred to Physical Resources Committee.

B. Electronic monitoring and video arraignment program – referred to Judiciary, Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee agenda. Committee met on September 20, 2011. Staff to invite Sheriff Crutchfield and Chief Judges to a meeting to discuss video arraignment and invited Judge Vitale to give an updated report on the pilot video courtroom program in December of 2011.

Commissioner Oley reported Sheriff Crutchfield and Chief Judges are in support and have interest in the program.

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

Mr. Maniko reported the Task Force is scheduled to meet, will forward the draft policy to Human Resources and then to the Board for approval.

- D. 2012 – 2016 Monroe County Capital Improvements Program Update – referred to Physical Resources Committee.
- E. Consideration of amending Section 14 of County Policy 448 – Courthouse Facility Security Screening to include the Prosecuting Attorney and Board of Commissioners – referred to Judiciary, Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee.
- F. Historical Museum Sustainability Plan – millage/2012 operation
- G. Proposed MSU Extension Memorandum of Agreement and outcome of retaining Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator position.

Harbor Light has expressed an interest in the building. The Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator position will be terminated on November 1, 2011; however he received a grant from the soybean group. The county's portion for the position is \$35,000.

Motion by Vice-Chairman Sisk to negotiate with Mr. Ned Burkey and bring back recommendations. Supported by Commissioner Lievens.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Donahue questioned if MSU would partner with the County to fund the position.

Chairman Frederick noted he has been told by MSU that the position is being terminated and he does not want to lose institutional memory.

Commissioner Hoffman stated Mr. Burkey is valuable to the County.

Chairman Frederick stated there are other groups besides the soybean group that may assist in funding the position.

- H. Discussion of Retiree Health Care Board

Retaining Dykema Gossett to revise the Retiree Health Care documents as presented by labor counsel. To be placed on the October 25, 2011, agenda.

- I. Discussion of scheduling a meeting to prioritize Kushner & Company's employee benefit recommendations.

Recommendations will be addressed in Closed Session.

- J. Monroe County Land Bank

The process has not moved forward; Treasurer is opposed to a Board member sitting on the committee.

15. Citizens Time –

Joanne Dixon, Garden City questioned why the animal videos cannot be presented.

Chairman Frederick stated legal counsel told him he doesn't have to show the video; members watched them individually.

Ms. Dixon stated refusing medical care for the animals is not part of the case and noted she will be seeking legal advice.

Trina Stillwagon, Temperance questioned why the animal videos cannot be presented and stated she wants the Board to become involved.

Dean Hazel, Monroe spoke regarding the Board adopting a resolution "to get these financial issues on track."

Chairman Frederick asked Mr. Hazel to submit the resolution and he would review same.

16. Members Time –

Commissioner Bell spoke regarding his interest in protecting and fixing our roads and remitting a questionnaire to each municipality asking them to identify which roads they would like to see fixed if money becomes available.

Commissioner Donahue thanked Commissioner Bell for being the driving force and stated he asked the Road Commission to do a traffic study; 65% of the county's roads are in disrepair.

17. Motion by Commissioner Bell to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining. Supported by Commissioner Lievens. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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Motion carried.

18. Motion by Commissioner Lievens to go back into open session. Supported by Commissioner Sheppard.

Motion carried.

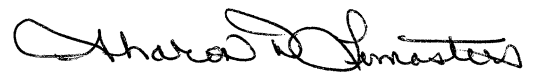
19. Motion by Commissioner Donahue to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner Sheppard.

Motion carried.

20. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



R. LaMar Frederick, Chairman



Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk