

1. A Regular Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, November 9, 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
Albert Potratz	Connie Velliquette	(excused)
Floreine Mentel	LaMar Frederick	John Fowler
William Sisk		(excused)

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

2. Chairman William Sisk led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Vickie Koczman, Deputy Clerk, Monroe County Board of Commissioners led the Opening Prayer.
4. Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, November 9, 2010, Regular Meeting as amended. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

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

Motion carried.

5. Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, October 26, 2010, Regular Meeting and waive the reading of the minutes. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette.

Motion carried.

6. Resolutions, Special Tributes & Presentations

Resolution Declaring November 14-20, 2010, As Homeless Awareness Week Read:

**WHEREAS**, every day, there are men, women and children in Monroe County who do not have a place they can call home; and

**WHEREAS**, the plight of the homeless is evident in our own community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe County Network on Homelessness and the Monroe County Ten-Year Planning Committee are committed to providing solutions and sheltering individuals and families who are homeless; and

**WHEREAS**, every year, public and private agencies observe Homeless Awareness Week to increase awareness and focus attention on the need of homeless individuals and families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners do hereby declare the week of November 14 – 20, 2010, as Homeless Awareness Week and encourage all citizens to recognize and support the efforts of service agencies working toward ending homelessness.

Motion by Commissioner Mentel to adopt the Resolution Declaring November 14 – 20, 2010, as Homeless Awareness Week. Supported by Commissioner Oley. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

7. The following items were listed under Consent Agenda:

A. Finance Committee Report (11/09/10)

1. The Finance Committee Recommends To The Full Board To Approve The 11/10/10 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report In The Amount Of \$614,688.36.

B. Approval Of Non-Claims Against The County

1. Check Register Dated 10/29/10 In The Amount Of \$3,650,796.02.
2. Check Register Dated 11/05/10 In The Amount Of \$764,880.74.

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

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

Motion carried.

8. Consideration Of Approving A Monroe County Network On Homelessness Certification Of Consistency For The 2010 HUD Homeless Prevention Funding Program.

Motion by Commissioner Mentel to approve executing a Monroe County Network on Homelessness Certification of Consistency for the 2010 HUD Homeless Prevention Funding Program. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
Albert Potratz  
Floreine Mentel  
William Sisk

Jerry Oley  
Connie Velliquette  
LaMar Frederick

Dale Zorn  
(excused)  
John Fowler  
(excused)

Motion carried.

9. Letter From Barbara Verran, Director, Employment & Training Regarding Re-Organization Plan With Funding From State And Federal Dollars Administered Through The Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA).

Commissioner Lievens questioned if Human Resources has reviewed the proposal plan.

Ms. Verran stated Royce Maniko, Administrator/Chief Financial Officer reviewed the plan.

Mr. Maniko stated he supports the organizational changes.

Motion by Commissioner Mentel to approve Employment & Training's re-organizational plan; grant a lateral move for Jeff McBee (Welfare Reform Coordinator) to fill Julie Montri's current job of Workforce Programs Coordinator, promote Stacey Goans (Employment Services Coordinator Rye 11) to Workforce Programs Coordinator Rye 12, promote Kris Henry (Case Manager Rye 7) to Employment Services Coordinator Rye 11 and post a Case Manager Rye 7 position internally with funding from State and Federal dollars administered through SEMCA provided Employment & Training does not seek outside candidates without the Board's approval. Supported by Commissioner Frederick. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

Henry Lievens  
Albert Potratz  
Floreine Mentel  
William Sisk

Jerry Oley  
Connie Velliquette  
LaMar Frederick

Dale Zorn  
(excused)  
John Fowler  
(excused)

Motion carried.

10. Letter From Micheal James, Administrator Of Youth Services Requesting Approval To Pursue A Juvenile Accountability Block Grant With A 10% County Match In The Amount Of \$2,037.

Mr. James noted Family Court has received funding in previous years and these funds will allow Family Court to purchase finger printing equipment; saving time by not having the juveniles go to the Sheriff's Office to be finger printed and to purchase drug testing equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Potratz to approve Family Court pursuing a Juvenile Accountability Block Grant with a 10% county match in the amount of \$2,037 with the matching funds appropriated from Family Court's budget. Supported by Commissioner Frederick. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Michael Bosanac, Director, Administrator Services announced there may be Municipal Risk avoidance funds available to purchase the equipment in lieu of a match. He noted he will contact MMRMA to discuss same.

11. Memorandum From Michael Bosanac, Director, Administrative Services Regarding Amendments To Policy 401 – Compensation, Policy 411 – Health Care Benefits, Policy 416 – Leaves of Absence, Policy 442 – Retirement, Policy 427 – Vacations And Policy 442 – Retiree Health Care Plan And Retiree Health Care Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Frederick to adopt the amendments to County Policy 401 – Compensation as presented. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

12. Motion by Commissioner Mentel to adopt the amendments to County Policy 411 – Compensation as presented. Supported by Commissioner Frederick. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

13. Motion by Commissioner Lievens to adopt the amendments to County Policy 416 – Leaves of Absence as presented. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

14. Motion by Commissioner Potratz to adopt the amendments to County Policy 442- Retirement as presented. Supported by Commissioner Mentel. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

15. Motion by Commissioner Lievens to adopt the amendments to County Policy 427 – Vacations as presented. Supported by Commissioner Potratz. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

16. Motion by Commissioner Frederick to adopt the amendments to County Policy 442 - Retiree Health Care Plan and Retiree Health Care Fund as presented. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

17. Information –

Chairman Sisk requested item #1 read for the record.

Letter From Sheriff Crutchfield, Chairman, 9-1-1 Board Read Regarding Hiring Mr. Alan Frank As The New Director Of The 9-1-1 Dispatch Center Commencing November 13, 2010.

Chairman Sisk stated he attended the 9-1-1 District Board meeting and was not given the opportunity to speak and no minutes were taken.

Philip Goldsmith, Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith stated according to the 9-1-1 District Board's by-laws, minutes are required for all committee and sub-committee meetings and since no minutes were taken, that is a violation of the by-laws and perhaps the Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Sisk spoke regarding the 9-1-1 District Board working collaboratively with the county by promoting from within the county and a \$5.2 million deficit would equal a minimum of 60 positions. He noted he is not questioning Mr. Frank's abilities, the 9-1-1 Board and Search Committee were convinced they chose the best candidate.

Chairman Sisk suggested the 9-1-1 District Board remit meeting minutes to be in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Lievens questioned if the revisions to the 9-1-1 District Board and Service Plan are in effect.

Mr. Goldsmith stated a Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2010, to gain citizen input on the proposed changes.

Commissioner Lievens questioned if the proposed changes will be in effect 30 days from being adopted.

Mr. Goldsmith noted the Board will vote on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and they would then be in effect. The 30 day effective date pertains to adopting an ordinance.

Robert Neely, 9-1-1 District Board member stated 30 applicants were received, those applicants were graded/evaluated/ranked, 11 applicants were then interviewed/ranked and the Search Committee then made their recommendation to the 9-1-1 District Board.

Johnny Cole stated the 9-1-1 District Board should have the authority to hire who is most qualified and spoke regarding wage adjustments for all county employees.

Chief Uhl, Dundee Township stated he attended the 9-1-1 District Board meeting as Chief Buckingham's alternate, he was disturbed with the meeting, no one was given an opportunity to speak until after the vote, one member didn't know who the applicant was and one member hadn't received any information on the candidate, the highest ranked candidate was not chosen; the highest ranked candidate turned down the offer and urged the Board to step back and re-evaluate the process. Chief Uhl stated there is no one more qualified than Jeremy Jennings, Assistant Director, Central Dispatch; he should be considered.

Commissioner Lievens questioned if it is required to have a citizens' time on an agenda.

Mr. Goldsmith stated according to the Open Meetings Act, it is required to have a citizens' time on an agenda.

Commissioner Lievens stated he is concerned no minutes were taken.

Mr. Goldsmith stated he is not sure how the meeting was conducted; posted as an open meeting, did the committee deliberate. He noted he does not have enough facts to give an opinion.

Commissioner Lievens stated all meetings should be posted and minutes should be taken.

Chief Nick Lucas, Summerfield Township stated the previous director worked for the county for three years and retired; the same thing could happen with hiring from the outside and questioned what Mr. Frank has been doing for the past 10 years.

Tammy Bleska, Clerk, Summerfield Township stated she was at the meeting and no one was given the opportunity to speak. She also stated Mr. Jennings is capable of running Central Dispatch and a 9-1-1 Authority Board member (Larry Rutledge, Supervisor, LaSalle Township) wanted to be on the Search Committee; however, he was told it would be a violation of the Open Meetings Act. Clerk Bleska questioned if the 9-1-1 Authority Board could go back and follow the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Sisk stated he would like to give the 9-1-1 Authority Board an opportunity to correct the violation.

Commissioner Lievens stated two fire chiefs and a township clerk stated they are in support of hiring Mr. Jennings as the director of Central Dispatch; he's a qualified candidate.

Calvin Schmidt, Monroe Township Fire Department questioned why the county would pay a new director when someone on staff is qualified to fill the position; Mr. Jennings was a dispatcher and promoted to assistant director.

Chief Larry Merkle, Monroe Township stated pushing Mr. Jennings to the side is not fair; he has over 18 years of experience.

Larry Rutledge, Supervisor, LaSalle Township and member, 9-1-1 Authority Board stated he has been on the board for 11 years, the vote was 4-3, he was asked to be on the Search Committee and then was told he was off the Search Committee because there were too many members or a quorum and people weren't given the opportunity to speak; he wasn't recognized.

Pat Burtch, Dundee Village Manager stated he was at the meeting, the public was not given an opportunity to speak prior to the vote, Mr. Jennings has the technical background, he went above and beyond his responsibilities during the tornado incident and suggested the 9-1-1 Authority Board go back and further discuss the issue, all committees and subcommittees must be posted and the process was not transparent.

Chairman Sisk suggested referring the appointment of Mr. Frank back to the 9-1-1 Authority Board to give them an opportunity to prepare minutes; citing the date and time of the meeting and who was present.

Commissioner Frederick stated it is easier to comply; the 9-1-1 Authority Board does not want to go down that road; there is a process to cure the deficiencies.

Motion by Commissioner Frederick to refer the appointment of Mr. Alan Frank back to the 9-1-1 Authority Board to give the Search Committee and Board an opportunity to prepare minutes as per the Open Meetings Act. Supported by Commissioner Lievens. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

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William Sisk  
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LaMar Frederick

Dale Zorn  
(excused)  
John Fowler  
(excused)  
Jerry Oley  
(excused)

Motion carried.

18. Old Business –

Review Of Public Act 175 Of 1927, Section 765.12(a) – Money Collected In Addition To Bail Or Bond Money; Disposition; Purpose.

Commissioner Lievens noted there is nothing to act upon this evening and stated the Sheriff's Office has not embraced collecting the additional funds.

Mr. Goldsmith stated if the Board adopts a policy, the Sheriff's Office would follow the policy. He noted adopting a policy may not be cost effective.

Commissioner Frederick suggested postponing further discussion for a later date.

Commissioner Lievens asked that this item be pulled from the agenda; he is opposed to new taxes, surcharges, etc.

19. Citizens Time –

Johnny Cole spoke regarding people making mistakes and taxpayers paying for mistakes.

Dean Hazel spoke regarding his pending litigation and stated he has one issue that needs to be addressed.

Prosecutor William P. Nichols stated he has never come across a case that was dismissed and the dismissal was appealed. He also stated the citation given to Mr. Hazel was dismissed in 2008, Mr. Hazel wants the deputy that gave him the citation charged with a criminal violation, allegation's were brought against a prosecuting attorney, so Mr. Goldsmith handled the case, Honorable Judge LaBeau will be making a decision on the appeal and Judge LaBeau could choose to have Mr. Hazel pay the county's attorney fees for the case.

Mr. Hazel stated he is pursuing the matter because Mr. Goldsmith's law firm is being paid more than it costs to fund one prosecutor. He stated he has difficulty with the amount of money that was spent.

Chairman Sisk stated it is Prosecutor Nichol's call and an appropriate call.

Mr. Hazel stated it may be his call however the Board should admonish him for spending money.

20. Administrator's Report –

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

8.2 tons of material has been recycled and urged everyone to look at the vegetation maps located in the chambers.

21. Citizens Time –

Commissioner Frederick stated he "loves" to hear the county is recycling and thanked our veterans for their service.

Commissioner Velliquette stated she appreciates what our veterans have given and urged everyone to look at the vegetation maps.

Commissioner Mentel urged everyone to remember our veterans'; November is the month to remember our native heritage and noted the maps are interesting.

Commissioner Potratz thanked our veterans and stated the 9-1-1 "situation" will be straightened out.

Commissioner Lievens requested an item be placed on the next agenda under New Business in reference to Board members having to wait one year to serve on a Board/Commission and thanked Mr. Hazel for taking a stand.

Chairman Sisk stated there may be a statute prohibiting Board members to wait one-year before they serve on a Board/Commission; staff to research.

22. Motion by Commissioner Mentel to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette.

Motion carried.

23. The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

William Sisk, Chairman

Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk