

1. A Special Meeting of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners was held in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, December 21, 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. Motion by Commissioner Mentel to approve the Agenda for the Tuesday, December 21, 2010, Special Meeting as presented. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. 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.

3. The following items were listed under Consent Agenda:

A. Approval Of Non-Claims Against The County

1. Check Register Dated 12/17/10 In The Amount Of \$420,968.63.

Motion by Commissioner Frederick to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Supported by Commissioner Mentel. 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.

4. Letter From Sandie Pierce, Chairperson, Every 9<sup>th</sup> American Committee Read Requesting Approval To Place A New Millage On The Ballot In May Of 2011 (2/10 Of

A Mill - Twenty Cents Per \$1,000 Of SEV) With The Sole And Exclusive Purpose Of Providing Funds For Services For Senior Citizen Residents Of Monroe County, Age 60 And Above, For A Period Of Nine Years.

Ms. Pierce explained the purpose for the request is to keep the current funding level to meet the needs of senior citizens. She suggested pulling the request and not voting on the issue this evening.

5. Public Hearings –

Public Hearing To Consider Proposed 2011 – 2012 Monroe County Annual Line Item Budget.

Chairman Sisk declared the Public Hearing open for public comment at 7:08 p.m.

Mark Worrell, City of Monroe spoke regarding imposing taxes, government having to make cuts, utilizing reserves, retiree health care fund, employee contracts and legacy costs.

No other comments were made.

Chairman Sisk declared the Public Hearing closed for public comment at 7:16 p.m.

6. Public Hearing To Consider A Millage Of 0.06 Of A Mill Pursuant To Public Act 88 Of 1913 (MCL 46.161) To Promote Agricultural, Industrial And Tourist Advantages Of Monroe County; Specifically The Tourism Industry Associated With Local History Through Operations Of The Monroe County Historical Commission To Be Levied In 2011 For Use In Calendar 2011.

Chairman Sisk declared the Public Hearing open for public comment at 7:17 p.m.

Ken Jaworski urged the Board not to pass the millage.

Richard Micka stated he supports the millage and passing the millage is appropriate.

No other comments were made.

Chairman Sisk declared the Public Hearing closed for public comment at 7:21 p.m.

7. New Business –

Adoption Of The 2011 – 2012 General Appropriations Act Budget Resolution And Annual Line Item Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Frederick to adopt the 2011 – 2012 General Appropriations Act Budget Resolution and annual line item budget. Supported by Commissioner Potratz. 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.

8. Consideration Of Adopting A Resolution Approving A Millage Of 0.06 Of A Mill Pursuant To Public Act 88 Of 1913 (MCL 46.161) To Promote Agricultural, Industrial And Tourist Advantages Of Monroe County; Specifically The Tourism Industry Associated With Local History Through Operations Of The Monroe County Historical Commission To Be Levied In 2011 For Use In Calendar 2011.

Motion by Commissioner Mentel to adopt a resolution approving a millage Of 0.06 of a mill pursuant to public act 88 of 1913 (MCL 46.161) to promote agricultural, industrial and tourist advantages of Monroe County; specifically the tourism industry associated with local history through operations of the Monroe County Historical Commission to be levied *only* in 2011 for use in calendar 2011. Supported by Commissioner Velliquette. Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYES

NAYS

ABSENT

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

Motion carried.

9. Memorandum From Sergeant Timothy Garbo Read Requesting Approval To Submit A FY 2011 Michigan Department Of Natural Resources Marine Safety Program Grant Application In The Amount Of \$52,351.00 Or Up To 75% Of Actual Expenditures Incurred For Wages And Benefits And Contracted Services, Supplies And Materials.

Sergeant Garbo explained that the grant is for up to 75% of the actual expenditures and there is a 25% match which is included in the Sheriffs' Office 2011 budget.

Commissioner Frederick stated he has a problem with the 25% match and suggested looking closely at the possibility of utilizing drug forfeiture funds for the match.

Commissioner Potratz stated the marine division has saved several lives and he will support the submission of the grant.

Motion by Commissioner Oley to approve the Sheriff's Office submitting a FY 2011 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Marine Safety Program grant application in the amount of \$52,351.00 or up to 75% of actual expenditures incurred for wages and benefits and contracted services, supplies and materials with the county's 25% match

from the Sheriff's Office 2011 budget. Supported by Commissioner Lievens. 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.

10. Citizens Time –

Michael Brown, President, Prosecutor's Association thanked the Board for accepting their proposal to prevent lay-offs and thanked Mr. Lockwood for his role in "making it happen."

11. Chairman Sisk spoke regarding five members leaving the Board and the number of meetings that each member has attended this year.

12. Members Time –

Commissioner Frederick stated this is a "bittersweet" moment; he will miss his colleagues and their professionalism.

Commissioner Velliquette stated it was an honor to serve the citizens, wished Commissioner Mentel a "happy" retirement, wished the new Board luck and stated Vice-Chairman Zorn will do well in Lansing.

Commissioner Fowler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and wished Vice-Chairman Zorn the best of luck in Lansing.

Commissioner Oley stated he has learned a lot from everyone and is looking forward to working with the new members.

Commissioner Mentel stated it has been a joy to be on the Board for 14 years and making citizens lives better. She wished the new Board luck and spoke regarding tourism, museum, extension and human service agencies being important.

Commissioner Potratz stated he will miss everyone and noted serving on the Board was a great experience.

Commissioner Lievens stated he is going to miss the "team."

Vice-Chairman Zorn spoke regarding his experiences on the Board for the past 20 years and thanked his family for their support. He stated difficult decisions had to be made over the years. He noted he voted for the museum millage as Monroe County and Michigan need to be re-invented. He stated if members of the Board are here to make Monroe County a better place, they are here for the right reason.

Chairman Sisk thanked the Board for selecting him as Chairman for the past four years and wished everyone well. He spoke regarding the Board's professionalism, working together as a team and each member having an impact on our community.

13. Motion by Vice-Chairman Zorn to adjourn. Supported by Commissioner Mentel.

Motion carried.

14. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

William Sisk, Chairman

Sharon D. Lemasters, Monroe County Clerk