

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held an Organizational Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Monroe County Clerk, Annamarie Osment, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call by Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders, as follows:

PRESENT			ABSENT
David Hoffman	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout	
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.	
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	Henry Lievens	

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Clerk, Annamarie Osment led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer

V. ELECTION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

A. Election of Chairperson:

Clerk Annamarie Osment opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson.

Commissioner Lievens nominated Commissioner Brant for Chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

No other nominations were offered. Clerk Annamarie Osment closed the nominations for Chairperson.

Motion by Commissioner Richardville, supported by Commissioner Asper to elect Commissioner Mark Brant as Chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

Roll call vote by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout			
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.			
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried and Chairman Brant presided over the meeting from this point forward.

B. Election of Vice-Chairperson:

Chairman Brant asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Heinzerling nominated Commissioner Richardville for Vice-Chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

No further nominations were offered. Chairman Brant closed the nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to elect Commissioner Randy Richardville as Vice-Chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

Roll call by Deputy Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout			
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.			
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to approve the January 10, 2023 Organizational Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (12/20/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to approve the minutes as presented for the December 20, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Payment of Accounts Payable Current Claim Report

1. Payment of the 01/04/2023 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$317,484.15

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to confirm the Accounts Payable Current Claims payment as presented on the agenda for the date and amount listed.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout			
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.			
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

- 2. Payment of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 12/22/2022 in the amount of \$593,766.23
 - b. Check Register dated 12/29/2022 in the amount of \$125,992.92
 - c. Check Register dated 01/06/2023 in the amount of \$439,550.68

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to confirm the non-claims payments as presented on the agenda for the dates and amounts listed.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout			
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.			
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

B. Establish Date to Submit Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

Chairman Brant confirmed that any suggested amendments to the Board’s Bylaws should be provided to Legal Counsel by the second meeting in February (02/21/2023). Discussion commenced.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to establish the second meeting in February (02/21/2023) to provide any suggested amendments to the Board’s Bylaws to Legal Counsel.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout			
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.			
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens			

Motion carried.

C. Board Action:

1. Letter dated December 27, 2022 from Mark S. Braunlich, Chief Judge 38th Judicial Circuit Court requesting the appointment of Ms. Yvonne Gnaedinger to the Monroe County Jury Commission for a term of six (6) years commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2028.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and to approve the request to appoint Ms. Yvonne Gnaedinger to the Monroe County Jury Commission for a term of six (6) years commencing January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2028.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

2. Letter dated December 21, 2022 from Mr. Jesse Stanford, County Treasurer submitting the County Treasurer bond for 2023.

Chairman Brant read the information into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication and place on file along with the blanket fidelity bond from County Treasurer for 2023.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Erika Brodie-Frenchtown Township—She is still concerned about the 5G towers and the harm that she believes they are doing to the citizens in Monroe County. She brought information for the Commissioners to review. She wants the Board of Commissioners to raise awareness.
2. Cathy Hunley, Brest Bay-Discussed her lupus. Backs up Erika Brodie's claims. Very concerned with 5G towers in Monroe County.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS—

1. Listing of Board and Commission Meetings publicly posted and on County Website
2. Copies of any Tributes or Certificates issued since the December 20, 2022 meeting: None
3. Commissioner Hoffman said he has a contact at MDOT and they would be willing to give tours of the facilities here in the County. Might be good relationship building. Chairman Brant agreed.

XI. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Swartout—I want to the road crews did an excellent job during that high wind day.

Commissioner Asper—I would like to congratulate the Sheriff. We did very well on an audit regarding rape elimination in jails and prison. Our facility came out with flying colors; we are treating people humanely and that our facilities have been up to snuff so I really appreciate that.

Commissioner Hoffman—Thanks to everyone for coming out tonight. I'm wondering if we can look into the information that these ladies keep bringing to our attention.

Discussion commenced between Commissioner Asper, Commissioner Hoffman and Commissioner Brant regarding this subject of 5G Towers. Commissioner Asper volunteered to work with Ms. Brodie to take this to a higher level of government. Commissioner Richardville suggested they look at Public Act 110 of 2006. Commissioner Moore added that there is a Telecommunications bill of 2013 to look into as well with amendment issued by Patrick Colbeck.

Commissioner Moore—Congratulations to everyone that was re-elected. Looking forward to working with Commissioner Heinzerling.

Commissioner Lievens—Congratulations to the somewhat new Commissioner Vensel and the new Commissioner Heinzerling and all the re-elected members. Looking forward to 2023.

Commissioner Vensel—Congratulations to everyone and I look forward to serving during the coming year.

Commissioner Heinzerling—Thank you to everyone for being welcoming and I look forward to working with everyone.

Commissioner Richardville—Nothing to add that hasn't already been said.

Michael Bosanac, Administrator/CFO—Congratulations Mr. Chairman and Mr. Vice-Chairman. I look forward to working with you and accomplishing a lot in 2023

Commissioner Brant—Appreciate Judge Braunlich coming down to give the Oath of Office.

XII. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m. with no further business to conduct.