

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. Chairman Mark Brant 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	George Jondro	J. Henry Lievens	Randy Richardville (Excused)
Mark Brant	David Swartout		Sharon Hill (Excused)
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.		

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Swartout led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Chairman Brant asked for a moment of silence in honor of Sheriff Dale Malone who passed away last week.

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Jondro to approve the February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (01/18/2022 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes as presented for the January 18, 2022 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Vince Burkey—5950 Edgewood Blvd., Monroe, commented that he is having problems with getting his prescriptions paid for or filled from the beginning of the year, with the new Humana Insurance that the county provides for the retirees.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION—None

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

1. Approval of the 02/02/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$805,956.94
2. Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the 02/02/2022 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$805,956.94

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	J. Henry Lievens		Randy Richardville	
Mark Brant	David Swartout			Sharon Hill	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.				

Motion carried.

X. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 01/21/2022 in the amount of \$1,886,949.14
 - b. Check Register dated 01/28/2022 in the amount of \$479,245.63

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Jondro to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated January 26, 2022 from Mr. Michael Roehrig, Prosecuting Attorney requesting approval to accept a grant from the Michigan State Police for the 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program in the amount of \$52,557.36 continuing the current grant that expired on December 31, 2021 to provide for temporary staffing needs in the Prosecutor’s Office. The County contribution will be up to \$23,469.00 depending on timing of filling the position, and covers fringes not allowed by the grant. The County contribution amount will be funded from the Prosecuting Attorney’s unspent wage and fringe line item amounts within the 2022 budget.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to accept the Michigan State Police 2022 CESF grant in the amount of \$52,557.36 to provide for temporary staffing needs in the Prosecutor’s Office with a contribution from the County up to \$23,469.00 for unallowed fringes, with funding from the Prosecuting Attorney’s unspent wage and fringe line item amounts in the 2022 budget.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	J. Henry Lievens		Randy Richardville	
Mark Brant	David Swartout			Sharon Hill	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.				

Motion carried.

- Letter dated January 24, 2022 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Community Planning & Engagement Director requesting to apply for a grant from the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) Fund in the amount of \$20,000. The grant amount will support the manufacture and installation of wayfinding signs for the Monroe County Cornerstone Bicycle Route. There are no matching funds required with the grant.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for a grant from the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw (DALMAC) Fund in the amount of \$20,000 with no matching funds required.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	J. Henry Lievens		Randy Richardville	
Mark Brant	David Swartout			Sharon Hill	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.				

Motion carried.

- Letter dated January 24, 2022 from Mr. Jeff McBee, Community Planning & Engagement Director requesting to apply for a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund in the amount of \$50,000. The grant amount will support the manufacture and installation of wayfinding signs for the Monroe County Cornerstone Bicycle Route. There are no matching funds required with the grant.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Jondro, supported by Commissioner Hoffman to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to apply for a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Fund in the amount of \$50,000 with no matching funds required.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	J. Henry Lievens		Randy Richardville	
Mark Brant	David Swartout			Sharon Hill	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.				

Motion carried.

- Letter dated January 25, 2022 from Chief Deputy David Buchko, Monroe County Sheriff's Office requesting approval to submit the FY2022 First Responder Training and Recruitment Grant application to the State of Michigan in the amount of \$95,088. The grant amount will be used to create a recruiting video, digital marketing campaign, recruiting posters and flyers, and assist with pre-employment testing costs. The grant period is February 15, 2022 through September 30, 2022. There is no match required for this grant.

Chief Deputy Buchko explained the grant and answered questions. This grant is specific to the Sheriff's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Hoffman, supported by Commissioner Asper to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to submit the FY2022 First Responder Training and Recruitment Grant application to the State of Michigan in the amount of \$95,088 with no matching funds required.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

AYE			NAY	EXCUSED	ABSTAIN
David Hoffman	George Jondro	J. Henry Lievens		Randy Richardville	
Mark Brant	David Swartout			Sharon Hill	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.				

Motion carried.

- Letter dated January 27, 2022 from Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Acting Administrator/Chief Financial Officer submitting the audit engagement letter dated January 26, 2022 from auditor Rehmann, for professional services to be performed on the audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Ms. Armstrong explained the letter and the 6 points in the engagement letter.

Motion by Commissioner Asper, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept the communication and place it on file.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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David Hoffman	George Jondro	J. Henry Lievens		Randy Richardville	
Mark Brant	David Swartout			Sharon Hill	
Dawn Asper	Greg Moore, Jr.				

Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS--None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—

1. Vince Burkey commented that he has gone to Human Resources with his issue and that he is not the only retiree having this problem.

XVI. ANNOUNCEMENTS—None

XVII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Hoffman—Thank you to the retirees who did come in. Aundrea Armstrong is working on it the insurance issues. Drive smooth and safe with this storm coming in.

Commissioner Jondro—Thank you to the retirees who came out tonight. I know Vince is working with Aundrea Armstrong to get things straightened out. Asked Ms. Armstrong if she would send out a Post 65 retirement memo to the Post 65 retirees. Ms. Armstrong commenced discussion regarding prescription drug approvals and how prior authorizations can happen each year. Some things are not under our control, however, we **are** working through it. Some of the issues are due to Medicare. If a retiree is having a problem they need to call HR and they will help the retiree work through it. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Lievens—Pass

Commissioner Moore—Empathize with Vince and I hope the problem gets straightened out for him and for our retirees. Any people who get calls for the weather event needs to have patience with the Road Commission because they have a plan for plowing and sometimes they wait before sending trucks out.

Commissioner Asper—For the most part you have to have your doctor and pharmacist advocate for you with prescriptions and insurance. With formulary, watch the copays. I don't think the problem is with Humana; I think most of the issues are with Medicare.

Commissioner Swartout—Medical billing and coding can prompt wrong procedure codes and the customer is the one who suffers.

Ms. Aundrea Armstrong, Acting Administrator/CFO—Thank you to the Board. This is the last day up in this seat.

Commissioner Brant—Thank you to Aundrea for participating the last few weeks. If we do get this weather event, everyone please be careful.

XII. ADJOURNMENT—Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m. with no further business to conduct.