

MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Monroe County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Meeting in the City of Monroe on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. 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
Mark Brant	Randy Richardville	Greg Moore, Jr.	David Hoffman
Dawn Asper	David Vensel	J. Henry Lievens	
Jay Heinzerling	David Swartout		

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vensel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. OPENING PRAYER

Deputy Clerk, Lisa Sanders led the Opening Prayer.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to approve the March 7, 2023 Regular Meeting Agenda as amended by Chairman Brant to have the second Public Comment time occur before the Closed Session.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (02/21/2023 Regular Meeting)

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Swartout to approve the minutes as presented for the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting and waive the reading thereof.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

VIII. RESOLUTIONS, SPECIAL TRIBUTES & PRESENTATION—

1. Resolution of Consent to the Appointment of Interim Secretary/Clerk and Assistant Secretary/Deputy Clerk for the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Monroe, Michigan

- a. Letter dated February 28, 2023 from Mr. Greg Stewart, Chairman, Monroe County Road Commissioners requesting the Resolution of Consent

- b. Resolution Requesting Consent of the County Board of Commissioners for Appointment of Secretary/Clerk & Assistant Secretary/Deputy Clerk adopted by Monroe County Board of Road Commissioners

Chairman Brant read the request into the record. Discussion commenced.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to approve the adoption of the Resolution of Consent to the Appointment of Interim Secretary/Clerk and Assistant Secretary/Deputy Clerk for the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Monroe, Michigan

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

IX. FINANCE MATTERS

- 1. Approval of the 03/08/2023 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report in the amount of \$328,996.94

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to accept the 03/08/2023 Accounts Payable Current Claims Report for \$328,996.94 and approve the Claims for the date and amount listed.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried

X. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Non-Claims
 - a. Check Register dated 02/24/2023 in the amount of \$323,162.13
 - b. Check Register dated 03/03/2023 in the amount of \$388,175.03

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

Motion carried.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Action:

1. Letter dated February 27, 2023 from Judge Cheryl Lohmeyer, Chief Probate Judge, requesting to confirm submission of a Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant (CPLR) from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to financially support families and children to ensure quality legal services during child welfare proceedings. The funding is based on the title IV-E penetration rate formula that is determined by the MDHHS that has not been determined yet for FY2024.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Moore to accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request to confirm submission of a Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant (CPLR) from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for an amount that has not yet been determined with no matching funds required.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XII. PUBLIC HEARINGS—None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Revisions and updates to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners By-Laws and Rules of Procedure.

Chairman Brant read the request into the record.

Motion by Commissioner Lievens, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to approve the Monroe County Board of Commissioners By-Laws and Rules of Procedure as presented and adopt the accompanying Resolution.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

2. Plan of Implementation-National Opioid Settlement.

Chairman Brant explained that this item was tabled from the last meeting for further thought and input and nothing has changed since the presentation on February 21, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Swartout to accept and place on file the Plan of Implementation-National Opioid Settlement, presented at the February 21, 2023 meeting and authorize the Administrator/Chief Financial Officer to manage the plan.

Discussion commenced.

Commissioner Heinzerling added that he made the motion because he thought that the Board could have a progress report in 3-6 months. Commissioner Vensel would like to see the same.

Chairman Brant asked both the maker and support of the motion if they would accept a friendly amendment to the motion to include a presentation in 6 months, of the progress of this program. Both the maker and support agreed.

Discussion continued.

Roll call by Clerk as follows:

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

Motion carried.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS—None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT—None

XVI. CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session to discuss pending litigation in the matter of Mayer v. County of Monroe.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Swartout to go into Closed Session. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Closed session commenced at 6:32 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Swartout, supported by Commissioner Heinzerling to come out of Closed Session. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Heinzerling, supported by Commissioner Asper to follow the advice of Legal Counsel in the matter of Mayer v. County of Monroe. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

XVII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Copies of any Tributes or Certificates issued since the February 21, 2023 meeting:
None

XVIII. MEMBERS TIME

Commissioner Asper—She has information regarding Sex Education in schools. She is concerned that Sex Education has gone in the wrong direction.

Commissioner Moore—Watched a video that showed the V.I.P.E.R. Task Force take down two men.

Commissioner Richardville—Coalition formed to identify gaps in Mental Health services in Monroe County. CMH is working with the community to identify gaps. CMH hired a \$500/hour (up to \$1 million) consultant to assist the CFO at CMH. It's important to monitor the money for the "Air Traffic Controller" to CMH from the Opioid Plan. There is a hiring problem at CMH. He supports the Opioid Settlement Plan but not the details.

Commissioner Brant—He has received applications for the openings on the CMH Board. He plans to share the packet with the Board of Commissioners. He may have Mr. Bosanac, Ms. Armstrong and Ms. Comerzan look them over. Hopes the appointments that are made help the CMH Board get new footing. It sounds like there are issues out there, as Commissioner Richardville has brought up.

All other Commissioners and Ms. Armstrong passed on making comments. Commissioner Hoffman was excused.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT— Chairman Brant adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. with no further business to conduct.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lisa E. Sanders

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Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Monroe County Board of Commissioners