



MINUTES

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners Human Services Committee

**Board of Commissioners' Room
County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor
200 Grand River Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060**

January 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening/Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Beedon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Greg McConnell, Jorja Baldwin, Jeff Bohm, Duke Dunn, Dave Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche and Lisa Baldwin

Commissioners Absent: None

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Jeff Bohm, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to add the Health Department Discussion to the agenda as the first item under New Business. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

3. Citizens to be Heard

- Letter from Dr. Annette Mercatante was read into the record.
- Letter from Kevin Miller was read into the record.
- Comments in support of Dr. Mercatante read into the record from Ruth Habalewsky.
- Comments in support of Dr. Mercatante read into the record from Susan Amato.
- Neil Bryan - opposed to mask mandate.
- Carolyn Richards - opposed to mask mandate.
- Suzy Lustre - yielded time.
- Kim Hortep - opposed to mask mandate.
- Nicole DeGerske - opposed to mask mandate.
- Tonia Hudson - yielded time.

- Kim VanBaak - opposed to mask mandate.
- Lindsay Chopp - opposed to mask mandate.
- Cortnie Palmateer - yielded time.
- Lincoln Brasfield - opposed to mask mandate.
- Mary Powell - opposed to mask mandate.
- Victor Powell - yielded time.
- Geneva Bivens - opposed to mask mandate, FOIA responses.
- Brenda Gilbert - yielded time.
- Melissa Garcia - opposed to mask mandate.
- Nicole Bender - yielded time.
- Lily Teed - opposed to mask mandate.
- Jennifer Teed - opposed to mask mandate.
- Adam Thureau - opposed to mask mandate.
- Jeff Quaine - yielded time.
- Randi McCracken - opposed to mask mandate.
- Christine Hollen - yielded time.
- Kelly Van Singel - opposed to mask mandate.
- Adam Blair - yielded time.
- Asher Pitts - opposed to mask mandate.
- Jamie Meier - opposed to mask mandate.
- Mike McClelland - opposed to mask mandate.
- Mark Bowersox - yielded time.
- Marcy McClelland - opposed to mask mandate.
- Cheryl Bowersox - yielded time.
- Shawn Treadaway - opposed to mask mandate.
- Christine Quandt - yielded time.
- Jessica Holcomb - yielded time.
- Larry McClelland - opposed to mask mandate.
- Trisha Jones - opposed to mask mandate.
- Amanda Spears - yielded time.
- Mary Conlan - yielded time.
- Elizabeth Ely - opposed to mask mandate.
- Lauren Martin - opposed to mask mandate.
- Carey Fuller - opposed to mask mandate.
- Andrea Gilbeau - yielded time.
- Stephanie Caughel - opposed to mask mandate.
- Raina Tillotson - opposed to mask mandate.
- Douglas Goff - opposed to mask mandate.
- Larry VanBeek - yielded time.
- Pam Binsfeld - opposed to mask mandate.
- Marie Hussein - yielded time.
- Nazih Hussein - opposed to mask mandate.
- Christine Weston - opposed to mask mandate.
- Tim Keller - opposed to mask mandate.
- Lisa Keller - yielded time.
- Dawn Schaefer - opposed to mask mandate.
- Julie Wessel - opposed to mask mandate.
- Jim Wessel - yielded time.
- Jessica Schulte - yielded time.
- Kylie Utash - yielded time.
- Aleena Goff - opposed to mask mandate.
- Lindsey Thureau - opposed to mask mandate.
- Dan Kriesch - opposed to mask mandate.

4. Updates

A. St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs - 2021 Year End Report

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Duke Dunn, to receive and file the Veteran's Affairs' 2021 Year End Report. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

5. Conceptual Initiatives

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. Health Department Discussion

Commissioner Rushing discussed the authority of the Board regarding the position and the public health order. He discussed the time frame required to fill the position and to receive approval from the State of Michigan. He discussed the time line for possible recommendations from the Committee back to the Board of Commissioners, being February or March. The Committee will consist of Dave Rushing, Dave Vandenbossche, Lisa Beedon, Karry Hepting and Gary Fletcher.

Much discussion continued about the options the Committee will review. Administrator/Controller Hepting discussed the process of appointing the position.

A poll was conducted regarding mask mandate.

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Duke Dunn, to move as a Committee of the Whole (for final action) to start a Committee to review the St. Clair County Health Director's. Carried - Roll Call Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

B. 2022 Service Provider Agreement – Blue Water Safe Horizons

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by David Rushing, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Blue Water Safe Horizons for senior citizen millage services for a term on 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$46,779. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

C. 2022 Service Provider Agreement – Council on Aging

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with the Council on Aging, Inc. for senior citizen millage services for a term of 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$4,117,204. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

D. 2022 Service Provider Agreement – Hunter Hospitality House

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Hunter Hospitality House, Inc. for senior citizens millage services for a term of 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$10,800. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

E. 2022 Service Provider Agreement – Housing Matters Inc.

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Duke Dunn, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Housing Matters for senior citizens millage services for a term of 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$14,900. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

F. 2022 Service Provider Agreement – Lakeshore Legal Aid

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by David Rushing, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with Lakeshore Legal Aid for senior citizen millage services for a term of 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$346,658. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

G. 2022 Service Provider Agreement – Port Huron Housing Commission

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with the Port Huron Housing Commission for senior citizen millage services for a term of 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$17,115. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

H. 2022 Service Provider Agreement – Public Guardian's Office

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the agreement with the St. Clair County Public Guardian's Office for senior citizen millage services for a term of 01/01/2022 through 12/31/2022 in an amount not to exceed \$84,387. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

8. Other Human Services Matters

None

9. Information Only

A. HD December Points of Interest

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Greg McConnell, to receive and file item 9A as information only. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

10. Receive and File Packets

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

11. Adjournment

Moved by David Rushing, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to adjourn at 9:49 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 7-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

Committee Chair: Lisa Beedon

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