

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners



**Board of Commissioners' Room – 2nd Floor
200 Grand River Avenue
Port Huron MI 48060
November 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Agenda Item 1 – Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Hearing and Roll Call

Chairperson Jeff Bohm called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Chairperson Bohm opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2022 General Fund Budget. He asked three (3) times if there were any citizens to be heard and there were none. Jennifer Posey, Clerk of the meeting, called roll and the following commissioners were present: Greg McConnell, Jorja Baldwin, Duke Dunn, David Rushing, David Vandenbossche and Jeff Bohm. Commissioner Lisa Beedon was absent.

Agenda Item 3 – Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

None

Agenda Item 4-Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin to approve agenda. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 5– Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to go into Closed Session to discuss the Opioid Litigation. Motion passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent. G. Fletcher explained nature of the class action litigation.

Agenda Item 6 - Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

It was moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve and file the minutes of the **10-21-21** Commission Meeting. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 7 – Proclamations:

It was moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to approve the proclamation recognizing Jim McGuire’s Years of Services. Motion passed by a voice vote.

It was moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the Proclamation Congratulating Mark White as the 2020 State of Michigan Professional Emergency Manager of the Year. Motion passed by a voice vote. Commissioner Baldwin read the proclamation and presented it to Mark White.

Agenda Item 8 - Consent Agenda:

It was moved by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner McConnell, to approve items 8A through 8E on the Consent Agenda. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 9 - Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Vandenbossche: Algonac Fire, along with nearly every other emergency response agency in the community, responded to a fire at a local senior community living center. All residents were safely evacuated and Algonac Lion’s club took the lead to find appropriate shelter for the residents. A special thank you and kudos to all the agencies for a quick and comprehensive response to a devastating situation.

Rushing: He’s spoken with various townships about the community projects and the availability of the ARPA funds.

Dunn: None.

McConnell: None.

Baldwin: None.

Bohm: Attended Detroit Economic Club presentation by DTE President who discussed the future of the grid and natural gas as the preferred source of future power. Commissioner Bohm also attended a public forum for the new plant to answer questions and concerns about the “start-up” process and noise concerns.

Agenda Item 10 - Citizens Wishing to Address the Board:

Linda Loureiro, Port Huron MI: citizen's rights, informed consent and vaccine experimentation

Dr. Timothy Parker, Columbus MI: Unconstitutional measures

Pam Binsfeld, Marysville MI: Read Dr. Seuss' Yertle the Turtle and expects elected officials to uphold the constitution. Jessica Holcomb, St. Clair MI, yielded her time to Ms. Binsfeld.

Elizabeth Ely, Port Huron MI: Federal funds vs. constitutional rights, opposes the language in resolution that states "subject to the law".

Agenda Item 11 - Unfinished Business:

None

Agenda Item 12 – New Business**Agenda Item 12A: Approval of County Disbursements – October 2021**

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the July 2021 County Disbursements in the amount of \$27,544,836.75. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12B: Survey and Remonumentation 2022 Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the Survey & Remonumentation 2022 Grant Application as presented. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 12C: FY2021 MDHHS Contract with Probate Court

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to approve and open for discussion the MDHHS 2021 contract with Probate Court. Following discussion, the motion to approve was rescinded by both Commissioners McConnell and Dunn. Commissioner McConnell pointed out that the agreement was for the term of Oct 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. He also stated that the 2022 agreement has already come before the Board for approval and inquired as to why last year's agreement is now just coming before them. Administrator Hepting advised that the Court Administrator signed and submitted the agreement to the state of Michigan in September 2020, but that the Administrator/Controller's office was not provided a copy, nor aware that it was already submitted. When asked about funding for this agreement, Administrator Hepting advised that the department does not have funds and is trending over-budget in the current year. It was moved by Commissioner Rushing,

supported by Commissioner Dunn, to table this agenda item to the December 2nd Judiciary/Public Safety Committee and to request that the Court Administrator attend in order to discuss further. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12D: Resolution 2021-22 Designating 2022 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds As Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to adopt Resolution 2021-22 Designating 2022 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds as Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 12E: Antenna Site Lease Extension Between Regional Education Service Authority (RESA) and St. Clair County

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approved the Antenna Site Lease Extension Between Regional Education Service Authority (RESA) and St. Clair County for a term of 01/01/22 through 12/31/31 in the amount of \$12,000. Motion approved by a roll call vote: 5-0; 1-McConnell Abstained; 1-Beedon Absent.

Agenda Item 12F: FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Agreement

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to approve the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Agreement as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12G: FY 2022 Hybrid DWI/Drug Court Grant Agreement

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the FY 2022 Hybrid DWI/Drug Court Grant Agreement as presented. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 12H: FY2022 Blue Water DRP LLC Subcontract with mental Health Court Program

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the FY22 Blue Water DRP LLC Subcontract with the Mental Health Program for a term of 10/1/21 through 09/30/22 in the amount not to exceed \$32,000. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12I: FY2022 Huron House Subcontract with Mental Health Court Program

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the FY22 Huron House Subcontract with Mental Health Court Program for a term of 10/1/21 through 09/30/22 in the amount not to exceed \$12,000. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12J: FY2022 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Contract and Revised Budget

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to approve the FY22 Michigan Health Court Grant Program Contract and Revised Budget as presented. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 12K: St. Clair County Recovery High School Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the St. Clair County Recovery High School (RHS) Grant Application as presented. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 12L: Resolution 2021-21 Annual County at Large Drain Assessments for 2021

Moved by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to adopt Resolution 2021-21 approving the annual County-at-Large Drain Assessments in the amount of \$547,537.40. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12M: 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12N: Air Industrial Park NON Aviation Vacant Lot 63 – Rights of First Offer and Refusal – Innovated Machining Solutions LLC

Moved by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve Air Industrial Park NON Aviation Vacant Lot 63 Rights of First Offer and Refusal to Innovated Machining Solutions LLC as presented. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent. Chairperson Bohm congratulated Kathy Reaume, Airport Director, on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for her many years of dedicated service. Katherine Fiore was presented and introduced to the Board as the next Airport Director.

Agenda Item 12O: Air Industrial Park NON Aviation Vacant Lot 64 – Agreement for Purchase Innovated Machining Solutions LLC

Moved by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the Air Industrial Park NON Aviation Vacant Lot 64 Agreement for Purchase with Innovated Machining Solutions LLC in the amount of \$20,000. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12P: Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Application as presented. Passed by voice vote: 5-1 (Vandenbossche); 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12Q: Marine City Highway Corridor Study Contract Approval

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve contracting with Wade Trim to carry out the Marine City Highway Corridor Study for a term expiring 12/31/22 and the not to exceed amount of \$144,635. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent. Commissioner Bohm process and importance of the Marine City Highway expansion and corridor study.

Agenda Item 12R: Landfill 2021 Materials Supply Contracts

Moved by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve Landfill Materials Supply Requests agreements with:

- Asphalt Trucks Inc. for the term 12/1/21 through 11/30/22 in the amount not to exceed \$306,300;
- SA Torello for the term 12/1/21 through 11/30/22 in the amount not to exceed \$222,000;
- JADC dba Dani's Transport for the term 12/1/21 through 11/30/22 in the amount not to exceed \$348,890. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12S: Private Hanger Parcel T-22 Ground Lease Termination

Moved by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve termination of the Private Hanger Parcel T-22 Ground Lease with Steve and Claire Bacsikin as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12T: 2022 Pension and Retiree Health Care Contribution Rates

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to approve the 2022 Pension and Retiree Health Care Contribution Rates as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12U: American Rescue Plan Act Funds – Proposals

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act proposals as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

The Administrator/Controller recommended proposal includes \$3,500,000 of the ARPA funds be applied toward the 2020 lost revenue and a reserve of \$1,036,458 for departmental project. Commissioner Bohm advised that the intention is to give each Commissioner \$500,000 for eligible projects in their respective districts and to leverage matching funds for district projects. Following much discussion on various community proposals, it was recommended that each Commissioner submit proposed projects to Administration in order to verify eligibility and to plan accordingly for contract approvals and reimbursements.

Agenda Item 12V: Toledo Elevator Contract Approval

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to approve the contract renewal with Toledo Elevator for preventive maintenance and testing at Administration, Main Library, Port Huron Courthouse, Heath Department and Intervention Center buildings for a term of 01/01/22 through 12/31/23 in the amount of \$40,224. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12W: Health Department Manning Table Changes (Reclassifications)

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner McConnell, to approve the Health Department Manning Table Changes to re-classify three adolescent social worker positions to adolescent mental health therapists as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12X: Resolution 2021-20 -- Adoption of the 2022 General Fund Budget

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve Resolution 2021-20 adopting the 2022 General Fund Budget as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12Y: FY2022 Letter of Agreement with Region 10 PIHP for RSAT Prevention Services for Inmates

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve FY 2022 Letter of Agreement with Region 10 PIHP for RSAT Prevention Services for Inmates as presented for a term of 10/01/21 through 09/30/22. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12Z: 2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant Extension

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve 2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program Grant Extension as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12AA: FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant – American Rescue Plan Act Agreement

Moved by Commissioner McConnell, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve FY 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) – American Rescue Plan Act Agreement as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12AB: Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority – Renewal for 2022

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) Renewal for a term of 01/01/22 through 12/31/22 in the amount of \$851,502. Passed by a roll call vote: 6-0; 1-absent.

Agenda Item 12AC: 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Management Supplemental Funding Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to approve the 2022 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant Application as presented. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 13 – Administrators Report

1. Final Pricing for the Revised Bond (Item 12-D) will be available in December.
2. Bond Rating was reaffirmed at AA.
3. Meeting with Police Chiefs and the Medical Examiner regarding death scene investigations. A proposed contract with Michigan Forensics will be coming to the Board in December.
4. Ron Marsh, Building & Grounds Superintendent, will be retiring 12/31/21.
5. Contract negotiations are going well and 3 out of the 4 have tentative agreements.
6. Friends of the St. Clair River will be wrapping up Phase I of the Gypsy Moth Program and will have final reports in early December. There will be a presentation at the December 2, 2021 Environmental/Public Works meeting to discuss progress to date and a proposal for Phase II.

Motion by Commissioner Dunn, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to accept the Administrator's report. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 14 – Miscellaneous Business: Commissioner Bohm discussed the City of Marine City's DNR Trust Fund application for the Marina and advised that with additional information, the scoring increased for that project.

Agenda Item 15 – Receive and File Packets:

Moved by Commissioner Vandebossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to receive and file packets that were sent to Commissioners, packets at their places and any other information presented. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 16 - Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Dunn, to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Passed by voice vote.