St. Clair County Board of Commissioners

Board of Commissioners' Room

County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor

200 Grand River Avenue

Port Huron, MI 48060

March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence, Prayer or Personal Reflection

CLOSEOUT PUBLIC HEARING: Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES)

Clerk Waters opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Clerk Waters asked three times if there was anyone that wished to speak. No public comments were given.

Clerk Waters closed the public hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Agenda Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3 - Roll Call

Simasko, Beedon, Torello, Rushing, Vandenbossche, – Present

Bohm, Baldwin - Absent

Agenda Item 4 – Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Torello, to nominate Commissioner Rushing as temporary chair. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agenda as revised. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 6– Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve and file the minutes of the 02/16/23 Commission meeting and the 03/02/23 Standing Committee meetings. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 7 - Proclamations

None

Agenda Item 8– Consent Agenda:

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve items 8A through 8D on the Consent Agenda. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 9 - Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Beedon- Board of Health Advisory – Oral

Commissioner Simasko – Parks & Recreation Commission - Oral

Agenda Item 10 - Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Carol Miller
RE: Animal Control

Linda Schweihofer – 3169 Allington Road, China MI 48054

RE: 26 Mile Corridor

Elizabeth Prill – 6177 Tripp Rd, China MI 48054
RE: 26 Mile Corridor

Tim Parker – 8087 Kendall, Columbus MI 48063
RE: Arnie Koontz

Kevin Lindke
RE: Library & 26 Mile Corridor
Harold Bain – 757 N Channel Drive, Harsens Island MI 48028
RE: Harsens Island Transit Authority (HITA)

Ken Harris – 1521 Wells St., Port Huron MI 48060
RE: 26 Mile Rd

Agenda Item 11 – Unfinished Business

None

Agenda Item 12A: Approval of County Disbursements – February 2023

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the February 2023 County Disbursements in the amount of $27,343,412.83. Passed 5-0.

Agenda Item 12B: Community Mental Health Board Reappointments

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to reappoint Julie Jowett-Lee, District 4; Nancy Thomson, District 6; and Kyle Schieweck, Member at Large; to the Community Mental Health Board each for a 3 year term expiring 03/31/2026. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12C: 2022 Drain Commissioner’s Annual Report

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to receive and file the 2022 Drain Commissioner’s Annual Report. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12D: Friends of the St. Clair River Stewardship Agreement for 2023

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the 2023 Stewardship Services Agreement with Friends of the St. Clair River for 2023 in the amount of $10,000. Passed 5-0.

Agenda Item 12E: Private Hangar Ground Lease – Tailwind Holdings, LLC

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the Private Hangar Ground Lease for Lot T-5 with Tailwind Holdings, LLC for a term of 01/01/23 through 12/31/2052 in the total amount of $36,000. Passed 5-0.

Agenda Item 12F: Resolution 2023-02 Authorizing Submission of MDNR Recreation Passport Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Torello, to adopt Resolution 23-02 authorizing the submission of a development grant application in the amount of $150,000 to the DNR Recreation Passport Program fund for phase II improvements at North Channel County Park and approve the commitment of county millage funds donations for the local match. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12G: Resolution 2023-03 Authorizing Submission of MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to adopt Resolution 23-03 authorizing submission of a development grant application to the DNR Trust Fund in the amount of $300,000 for phase II improvements at North Channel County Park and approving the commitment of millage funds and donations for the local match. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12H: St. Clair County Master Plan – Authorization to Distribute Draft Plan

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to authorize the distribution of the draft St. Clair County Master Plan for the 63-day review and comment period. Passed by voice vote

Agenda Item 12I: St. Clair County Spongy Moth Suppression Program - Update

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to authorize aerial spraying of approximately 320 acres for Spongy Moth control in the amount of $30,400, with funding provided by the County. Passed 4-1.

Agenda Item 12J: Village of Capac Request for Funding Support Letter to Congresswoman Lisa McClain's Office

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the letter of support for the Village of Capac for the reconstruction of Main Street. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12K: Contract Approval Request – T-Mobile

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the agreement with T-Mobile for the Sheriff Department in the amount of $17,000 annually. Passed 5-0.

Agenda Item 12L: Contract Extension Approval Request – Viviente Software

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the contract amendment with Viviente Software extending the expiration date of the agreement to 12/1/23 and the increase not to exceed the total of $242,575. Passed 5-0.

Agenda Item 12M: Imagesoft – Interface Contract for Court Software Project

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agreement with i3-ImageSoft, LLC for OnBase Journal eCourt updates in an amount not to exceed $60,690. Passed 5-0

Agenda Item 12N: Opioid Settlement Funds

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the District Court, Circuit Court and Sheriff Office proposals using opioid settlement funds as presented. Passed 5-0.

Agenda Item 12O: Ambulance Millage Distribution

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Torello, to approve the agreement for Ambulance millage distribution with the Village of Capac. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12P: Day Treatment/Night Watch Manning Table Change Request

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to eliminate a part-time At-Risk Youth Worker position and to add a part-time Juvenile Counselor position to the Day Treatment/Night Watch manning table. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12Q: Sidewalk Replacement – Marine City Courthouse

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to award the sidewalk replacement project at the Marine City Courthouse to McKenzie Concrete in the amount of $22,600. Passed 5-0.

Agenda Item 12R: Advisory Board of Health By-Laws Revisions

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Vandenbossche, to approve the revised Advisory Board of Health By-Laws. Discussion followed. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12S: St. Clair Library System – 2023 Closings Request

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the 2023 Library System 2023 closing request. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12T: Proposed Social Media Policy Revisions – Policy 326

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Torello, to forward the proposed revisions to the Social Media policy to the April Regular Board meeting for final approval. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 13 – Administrator's Report

1. Follow up regarding citizens' concerns last meeting and I did follow up with commissioners via email regarding animal control. That evening that the incident happened was the evening of the ice storm. Unfortunately, the after-hours door was frozen shut. All deputies do have access to that door and they are able to call dispatch if they don't have the code to get in. There is a plan B for them to access the building but that officer wasn't aware of it so he didn't contact dispatch. Further discussion has taken place with officers so this unfortunate incident shouldn't happen again.
   All animals that come into our facility is scanned for microchips and all animals that are adopted are microchipped.

2. Library update – Alison Arnold, Library Director, and I have been speaking regarding the roof of the library. We are aware of the roof issues. The library has been in very serious discussion or considerations of moving the main library branch. There has been some discussions at the Board level of what would happen with the facility and it could potentially be a sale or a tear down. So the reason we have been patching the roof instead of replacing it is because we didn't want to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on a roof only to have the library move and the building be torn down. Allison is working with the Library Board and next month they will be voting on a proposal to have an architect look at their existing building and/or to make improvements to the existing facility. I believe they have exhausted their options on other facilities that suits their needs, so I think we are all in agreement that the best course of action is to remain where they are and improve that building. In the near future, we will be coming forward with some of those repairs.

3. Airport RFP for the FBO is due tomorrow, March 17, 2023. Those will be evaluated sometime likely within 60 days and we will be coming to you with a recommendation regarding that.

4. Broadband consultant RFP was also posted last week and responses to that our due at the end of the month.

5. I want to draw your attention to this month's ARPA report. We did change the format a little bit. At the bottom, Dena has provided a reconciliation that shows the amount of funds that have spent in each category. Many of the proposed uses fit into the lost revenue bucket and don't necessarily fit into one of the other buckets, so when the Board is making decisions moving forward we are not exceeding what we can spend in those categories.

6. Next month I will be bringing a list of capital projects that the County currently has in the capital improvement plan and I will note on each which ones would be eligible under the ARPA funds that fall under any of those buckets. There was discussion that the Board would like to look at internal projects first to take care of or in addition to, so I will provide this information for you for discussion purposes at your next meeting.

7. We received our Opioid funds and you have approved the plans for the existing Opioid funds tonight. I received notice last week from the distributor that there is an additional settlement coming. How this works is the settlements are with multiple drug companies and multiple distributors. So the initial settlement we got was with Janssen and several distributors. The next round is with a few other distributors. Next month we will be coming to you with a resolution if the Board would like to participate in the additional settlement. Final action will be needed at the next committee meeting because of the due date to sign on. Next round I believe is roughly 3.9 million spread over a number of years as well.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to accept the Administrator's Report. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 14A – Miscellaneous Business

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to move the first Committee Meeting of April from Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 6 p.m. to Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6 p.m. Discussion. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 15 – Receive and File

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Beedon, 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

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Passed by a voice vote.