



MINUTES
St. Clair County Board of Commissioners

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

October 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Chairperson Bohm called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Dave Rushing

3. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Duke Dunn, to add Resolution 21-18 Apportioning Taxes for 2021 and Resolution 21-19 2021 Winter Tax Levy to the agenda as items 11S and 11T and to move Resolution 21-17 General Welfare Resolution to the first item under New Business. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to approve the agenda as revised. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Duke Dunn, to approve and file the minutes of the 09/16/21 Commission Meeting and the 10/07/21 Standing Committee meetings. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

A. 09-16-2021 Commission Meeting

B. 10-07-2021 Standing Committee Minutes

6. Proclamations

- A. William Livesay - Veteran of the Year 2021

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Greg McConnell, to approve the proclamation recognizing William Livesay as the 2021 St. Clair County Veteran of the Year. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

7. Consent Agenda

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Duke Dunn, to approve items 7A through 7G on the Consent Agenda. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

- A. Summary Budget to Actual Report - September 2021
- B. Summary Budget to Actual Report Blue Water Convention Center - August 2021
- C. Contract Approval Request - Xtreme Shreds
- D. Contract Approval Request - Eason Painting
- E. Health Department Nursing Agreement Renewals - Yale, Capac and Marysville School Districts
- F. FY21 Secondary Road Patrol Grant Contract Adjustment
- G. St. Clair County Community Mental Health Letter Regarding Proposal to Restructure the Public Behavioral Health Care System

8. Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Greg McConnell - discussed letter from Brockway Township regarding Drain Commission project.

Jeff Bohm gave an update on the Marine City marina project.

9. Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Elizabeth Ely, Port Huron - re: science of COVID and support of General Welfare Resolution

Mikelyn Burnell - re: mandates, vaccines and break through cases

Crystal Laeder - re: start of virus, inaccurate number of deaths from Covid and rate of suicide and depression

Mary Pietrangelo, St. Clair - re: support of Health Department, good faith efforts of medical, Resolution 21-17 does not represent the opinion of all citizens

Shawn Treadaway, St. Clair - re: several policies, accountability and would like clarification on who oversees Department Heads

Shelly LaRose - re: respects both sides regarding masks and mandates, vaccine ingredients link to 5G and tracking, 2020 election, populace control, censorship of FaceBook, and contamination of blood supply due to vaccines

Cheri Allison - yielded to Shelly LaRose

Dave Lewis, Smiths Creek - yielded to Shelly LaRose

Deborah Bourgois, Marine City - re: does not support either Resolution, attempt to politicize mitigation measures and supports the Health Department

Garth Kriewall, Port Huron - re; virus is real and dangerous, Board are not health officials, against putting obstacles in the efforts to contain the virus

Virginia Coury, Fort Gratiot - re: nurses are tired from treating COVID, most patients in the hospital are not vaccinated and those who feel discouraged from attending Board meeting due to possibility of contracting COVID

Ruth Habalewsky - requested the following be read into the minutes:

Dear Commissioner:

My name is Ruth Habalewsky, a resident of Port Huron. I support Dr. Annette Mercatante and the St. Clair County Health

Department. I thank them for their efforts especially during this COVID pandemic. I do not support Resolution 21-16B and Resolution 21-17A. What is the purpose of either resolution? Are the Board of Commissioners attempting to micromanage the St. Clair County Health Department and the county residents' health care choices? If there are federal mandates, such as employee vaccines, tied to federal money that the St. Clair County government receives, how does this affect the resolution(s)? Vote NO for both Resolutions 21-16B and 21-17A!

10. Unfinished Business

None

11. New Business

A. Resolution 21-17 General Welfare Resolution

Corporation Counsel, Gary Fletcher, discussed the differences and similarities between the two resolution. Some discussion continued.

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by , to adopt Resolution 21-17A General Welfare Resolution. Died for Lack of Second 0-0.

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Duke Dunn, to adopt Resolution 21-17B General Welfare Resolution. Carried - Roll Call Vote 4-2. Ayes: Baldwin, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell. Nays: Beedon, Vandenbossche.

B. United Way of St. Clair County

Brent Gillett, United Way, discussed this year's United Way campaign. He showed this year's campaign video and discussed the number of individuals who have been assisted.

C. Approval of County Disbursements - September 2021

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Duke Dunn, to approve the September 2021 County Disbursements in the amount of \$43,795,466.27. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

D. Tri Hospital Ambulance Funding Update

Ken Cummings, Tri Hospital EMS Corporation, gave a presentation regarding the current status of the organization and challenges with funding it is experiencing. He discussed their demographics, including being funding 100% by fees for services. He also discussed the amount of bad debt written off in 2020. He discussed the challenges in funding that exist. Finally, he discussed projected future operating deficits and possible solutions, including a possible millage.

Some discussion continued.

E. Health Advisory Board - Appointment

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to table the appointment of Tiffany Francis to the Health Advisory Board. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

F. Brownfield Redevelopment Authority BOD - Reappointments

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by Greg McConnell, to approve the reappointment of John Cooper, District 2 and Paul Wade, District 5 to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority each for a 3-year term expiring 10/31/24. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

G. 2021/2022 Child Care Fund Budget

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Lisa Beedon, to approve the Child Care Budget for a term of 10/01/21 through 09/30/22 in the amount of \$5,689,068.77. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

H. FY 2022 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Award

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Greg McConnell, to approve the FY22 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment grant in the amount of \$192,742. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

I. FY2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by Greg McConnell, to approve the FY 21 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement in the amount of \$35,151. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

J. Private Hangar Ground Lease T-Hangar, Parcel T-1 Renewal - St. Clair County T-Hangar Condominium Association

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Greg McConnell, to approve the renewal of the private hangar ground lease, parcel T-1 with the St. Clair County T-Hangar Condominium Association for a term of 09/20/21 through 09/20/50 in the total amount of \$125,400. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

K. Private Hangar Ground Lease T-Hangar, Parcel T-2 Renewal - Mr. T-Hangar Condominium Association

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Duke Dunn, to approve the renewal of the Private Hangar Ground Lease T-Hangar Parcel T-2 with Mr. T-Hangar Condominium Association for a term of 09/09/21 through 09/09/2050 in the total amount of \$136,800. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

L. Smiths Creek Landfill 2021 Litter Fence

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Duke Dunn, to approve the agreement with Ace Golf Netting, LP for the installation of a litter fence at Smiths Creek Landfill in an amount not to exceed \$52,950. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

M. Contract Approval Request - Waste Management

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to approve the renewal of the agreement with Waste Management for a term of 10/01/21 through 09/30/21 in the amount not to exceed \$26,000. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

N. Manning Table Change Request - Central Dispatch

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by Lisa Beedon, to approve the request to eliminate two (2) communication officer positions and to add two (2) Supervisor/Lead dispatcher positions to the Central Dispatch manning table. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

O. Manning Table Change Request - Sheriff's Office - Jail

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to approve the request to move one pre-trial investigator position from part-time to full-time in the Sheriff's Office manning table. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

P. Manning Table Request - Treasurer's Office

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Duke Dunn, to approve the request to add a part-time Account Clerk I position to the Treasurer's Office's manning table. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, Rushing, Vandenbossche.

Q. SCC Retirement System Investment Consultant Agreement for Dahab Associates

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Lisa Beedon, to approve the St. Clair County Retirement System Investment Consultant agreement with Dahab Associates for a 10-year term in the amount of \$95,000 annually. Carried - Roll Call Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

R. 11-04-2021 Committee Meetings - Meeting Time Change

Moved by Duke Dunn, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to change the time of the 11/04/21 Standing Committee Meetings to 4:00 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

S. Addition: Resolution 21-18 Apportioning Taxes for 2021

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to adopt Resolution 21-18 apportioning taxes for 2021. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

T. Addition: Resolution 21-19 2021 Winter Tax Levy L-4029

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Duke Dunn, to adopt Resolution 21-19 imposing the 2021 property tax levy. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

12. Administrator's Report

- American Rescue Act Funding - projects to be considered
- Airport Director Interviews
- 26 Mile Corridor Study RFP - will be presented next month

- A new UPS has been installed at Central Dispatch
- Bond Rating Call - refunding of Convention Center bonds

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to accept the Administrator's Report. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

13. Miscellaneous Business

Chairperson Bohm stating he will be hosting a show on GRS Media and would like to do Commissioner interviews on 11/03/21.

14. Receive and File Packets and all Information Present

Moved by Greg McConnell, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to receive and file packets that were sent to Commissioners, packets at their places and any other information presented. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

15. Adjournment

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 6-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Bohm, Dunn, McConnell, Vandenbossche.

Chairperson: Jeffrey L. Bohm

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