

The rescheduled regular/special board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners office, Third Floor, Huron County Building, Bad Axe, Michigan.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Khoury with The Lord's Prayer and Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

**ROLL CALL:** Commissioners present: Chairman Khoury, Todd Talaski, Mary Babcock, Don Musser, Steve Vaughan, and Joe Murphy. Mike Meissner was excused.

**AGENDA:** The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Talaski, seconded by Babcock to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Regular Board minutes of February 14, 2023. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A letter from Connie Koutouzos requesting to be reappointed to the EDC Board.
- An email from Clifford Stuehmer in regards to a draft resolution opposing military training area expansions.
- From the Marquette Board of Commissioners their resolution supporting dark store legislation and another resolution honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a 3<sup>rd</sup> resolution supporting County Board of Revisions legislation.
- From the Ingham County Board of Commissioners their resolution #23-074 commending those involved in the response to the active shooter incident at Michigan State University.
- An email from Dr. Nancy Lubeski requesting to be reappointed to the EDC Board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Babcock announced in regards to funding she would like to apply for a federal appropriation to possibly fund the MSU building. The application needs to be applied for by Friday.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Limit of 3 minutes per person):

- Dan Glaza said on March 14<sup>th</sup> between 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center a program called Connect Michigan.

**CONSENT ACTIONS:** **Motion** by Talaski, seconded by Babcock to approve the resolutions on the Consent Actions. Motion carried. Resolutions adopted:

**CA RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE: #23-18C**

*WE, the Huron County Board of Commissioners, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, Michigan's 83 county governments play a central role in the proper delivery of, and oversight for, critical public services for the state's approximately 10 million residents; and*

*WHEREAS, Michigan county governments are led by Boards of Commissioners, who are elected from their communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan was formed by representatives of 16 counties on Feb. 1, 1898, in the Senate chamber of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing; and*

*WHEREAS, the association's name was changed to the Michigan Association of Counties on July 17, 1969; and*

*WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties is the oldest association representing local governments in Michigan; and*

*WHEREAS, the association's advocacy work in Lansing and beyond has advanced the interests of county governments and the residents they serve; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that HURON COUNTY wishes to commend and honor the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #23-19C**

*WE, the AGENCIES COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has received MDOT Agreement No. 2017-0066/P25/R1, a Revised Project Authorization for FY 2021 Section 5311 Capital Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Huron County Board of Commissioners to be used for public transit in Huron County throughout the year; and*

*WHEREAS, authorization is required by the Board of Commissioners for signature to said contract; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sami Khoury, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, be authorized to sign MDOT Agreement No. 2017-0066/P25/R1 on behalf of the County of Huron.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #23-20C**

*WE, the AGENCIES COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, the Huron County Board of Commissioners has received MDOT Agreement No. 2022-0069/P6/R1, a Revised Project Authorization for FY 2022 Section 5311 Capital Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Huron County Board of Commissioners to be used for public transit in Huron County throughout the year; and*

*WHEREAS, authorization is required by the Board of Commissioners for signature to said contract; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sami Khoury, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, be authorized to sign MDOT Agreement No. 2022-0069/P6/R1 on behalf of the County of Huron.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #23-21C**

*WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by President Joe Biden, to speed up the country's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession; and*

*WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021, Huron County received its first payment of two in the amount of \$3,008,848; and*

*WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting a request/project for ARPA funding was December 31, 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, this Board of Commissioners selected several projects to proceed (see attached list); and*

*WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, this Board of Commissioners prioritized the list of selected projects; and*

*WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer funds to the General Fund to fund a portion of the anticipated FY 2023 administrative salaries; and*

*WHEREAS, this project is an eligible expense under the Category of Revenue Replacement; and*

*WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has requested that this Board authorize the transfer of ARPA funds to the General Fund to fund a portion of the anticipated FY 2023 administrative salaries in an amount of \$1,500,000; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Finance Committee to transfer funds to the General Fund to fund a portion of the FY 2023 administrative salaries and authorizes the Huron County Treasurer to issue payment for said project in an amount of \$1,500,000 to the General Fund, to be taken from the ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act Fund 286, line 286-101-803.08.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #23-22C**

*WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by President Joe Biden, to speed up the country's recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing recession; and*

*WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021, Huron County received its first payment of two in the amount of \$3,008,848; and*

*WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting a request/project for ARPA funding was December 31, 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, this Board of Commissioners selected several projects to proceed (see attached list); and*

*WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, this Board of Commissioners prioritized the list of selected projects; and*

*WHEREAS, a majority of these projects have either commenced or have been completed; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to transfer all remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, approximately \$1,480,708.18, from the ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act Fund 286 to the General Fund and designate this same amount as reserved fund balance to fund the remaining selected projects in their entirety and for future Board authorized potential uses; and*

*WHEREAS, this project is an eligible expense under the Category of Revenue Replacement; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Finance Committee to transfer all remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, approximately \$1,480,708.18, from the ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act Fund 286 to the General Fund and designate this same amount as reserved fund balance to fund the remaining selected projects in their entirety and for future Board authorized potential uses.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #23-23C**

*WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to replace the oil and filter of the jail elevator valve; and*

*WHEREAS, Artic Elevator, Inc. has submitted a quote to replace the oil and filter of the jail elevator valve in the amount of \$3,500 (see attached); now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Artic Elevator, Inc. be authorized to replace the oil and filter of the jail elevator valve at a cost of \$3,500, to be taken from the General Public Improvement Fund 445, line 445-902-932*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #23-24C**

*WE, the FINANCE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, there was a need to replace the cradlepoints in the patrol cars; and*

*WHEREAS, CDW Government has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$15,600 for 13 cradlepoints (see attached); now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the Huron County Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$15,600 to CDW Government (per attached invoice) for 13 cradlepoints, to be taken from line 101-301-980.04.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #23-25C**

*WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners to review and set the salaries of the Road Commissioners and Drain Commissioners; and*

*WHEREAS, salaries for the Road Commissioners and Drain Commissioners were last adjusted pursuant to Resolution No. 15-143, dated October 27, 2015; and*

*WHEREAS, it is recommended that the salaries for the Road Commissioners and Drain Commissioners for 2023, 2024, and 2025 be as follows:*

	<u>Present</u> <u>Salary</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Salary</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Salary</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Salary</u>
Road Commissioner	\$7,000	\$7,327	\$7,608	\$7,874
Drain Commissioner	\$3,500	\$3,663	\$3,803	\$3,936; now

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the above shown salary increases of 4.67%, 3.83%, and 3.5% for the above named officials be effective January 1, 2023.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #23-26C**

*WE, the PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a casual employee to assist with clerical functions in the Tax Mapping/GIS office due to a resignation; and*

*WHEREAS, Shannon Brown has applied for said position in the Tax Mapping/GIS Office; and*

*WHEREAS, Lori White, Tax Mapping/GIS Director, has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Shannon Brown be hired to fill said position at a rate of \$17.11 per hour; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Shannon Brown shall be employed effective March 1, 2023 as a casual employee to assist in the Tax Mapping/GIS office, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the Huron County Employee Handbook as established periodically by the Huron County Board of Commissioners.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY SAFETY COMMITTEE: #23-27C**

*WE, the SAFETY COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:*

*WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 390 of 1976, as amended, requires that a County direct and coordinate the development of emergency operations plans and programs in accordance with the policies established by the appropriate federal and state agencies; and*

*WHEREAS, Huron County has appointed the Emergency Services Director to be the Emergency Management Coordinator and develop, maintain, and update a plan or Emergency Action Guide (EAG), and annexes and appendices to the EAG; and*

*WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Coordinator has revised and updated the Huron County Emergency Action Guide as required by Public Act 390, State of Michigan Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and the federal Department of Homeland Security rules and guidelines; and*

*WHEREAS, the Emergency Action Guide of January 2023 replaces all previous versions of the Emergency Action Guide; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the completed revision and update of the Huron County Emergency Action Guide dated January 2023; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all County agencies and departments shall cooperate and comply with the implementation of the Emergency Action Guide, along with all annexes and appendices and updates, dated on or after January 2023.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** None at this time.

**ELECTIONS:** None at this time.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Economic Development Corporation:

- o Connie Koutouzos

**Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Talaski to approve the Chairman’s appointment of Connie Koutouzos to the Economic Development Corporation. Roll call vote: Ayes – Talaski, Musser, Babcock, Murphy and Khoury. Nays – Vaughan. Absent – Meissner. Motion carried.

Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Economic Development Corporation:

- o Dr. Nancy Lubeski

**Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Talaski to approve the Chairman’s appointment of Dr. Nancy Lubeski to the Economic Development Corporation. Motion carried.

**MOTIONS:** None at this time.

**REPORTS:** None at this time.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** **Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Musser to approve monthly bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Health Department		\$125,967.29
Board Bills Approved		33,370.28
Paid Without Presentation	2022	1,395.73
	2023	<u>281,078.82</u>
Total		\$282,499.72

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Tip MacGuire said he would like to request that premium pay should be paid to the Health Department employees.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT:**

- Commissioner Vaughan said Rich Iseler is here on the paging system. Randy Miller explained the new paging system they are going to implement.
- Commissioner Talaski is not ok with closing the County Building for bad weather.

**9:29 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned.

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Sami Khoury, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Lori S. Neal  
Huron County Clerk