

Bad Axe, Michigan
Tuesday, August 29, 2023

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, commencing at 9:02 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, Mary Babcock, Don Musser, Joe Murphy, Todd Talaski, and Steve Vaughan. Mike Meissner excused.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Talaski, seconded by Babcock to approve the Regular Board minutes of August 8, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Babcock to approve the Closed Session minutes of August 8, 2023. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- An email from George Lauinger requesting to be re-appointed to the Huron County Zoning Board of Appeals.
- A letter from Kathy Kent requesting to be re-appointed to the Huron County Nature Center Board of Directors.
- An email from Lonnie Schulz requesting to be re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- A letter from Livingston County Board of Commissioners to Area Agency on Aging 1-B regarding their concerns with the discipline of DEI-Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- A letter from Dep. Kyle M. Romzek giving his notice of resignation from the Sheriff Department effective August 31, 2023.
- A letter from Dep. Keenan E. McGrath giving his notice of resignation from the Sheriff Department effective August 31, 2023.
- An email from Jennifer Zosh, Program Specialist of the Branch of Coastal and Marine Resources, the US Fish and Wildlife Service has adopted final revised maps for all the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System.
- Two letters from Lee Sharp requesting to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Human Services Board.
- A letter from Dale Wrubel giving his notice of resignation from the Maintenance Department effective September 4, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Babcock said Happy Labor Day this weekend.

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

- Luke Deming reminded the Board why the county should be constitutional.
- Dan Glaza said he is very happy with Thumb Area Transit and Ken Jimpkoski, they provided a bus to take seniors to Port Austin. Also, Sanilac County found \$60,000 to fund home delivered meals for their seniors.

- Jeff Smith, B&Z Director, said his office is short staffed and according to the AFSCME contract vacation time is not allowed to be offered to new hires. We have to do something to be able to hire.
- Phil Kaatz, MSUE, is concerned about the office space for the MSUE staff.
- Andrea Wrubel said the union contract is not followed for lack of transparency.

9:19 a.m.

Open Bids for Generator Project: J. Ranck Electric, Mt. Pleasant, \$1,495,547
Master Electric, Gladwin, \$1,197,640
Maurer Electric, Bad Axe, \$1,145,157
Shoreview Electric, Clinton Twp., \$1,644,000

Bids to be turned over to the Properties Committee for review.

9:22 a.m.

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

CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #23-97C

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/P17/R1, a Revised Project Authorization for FY 2020 Section 5339 Buses and Bus Facilities Formula Program and FY 2020 100% State, 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/P17/R1 on behalf of the County of Huron.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #23-98C

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a full time employee to fill the position of Administrative Assistant II/Crime Victim Advocate in the Prosecuting Attorney's office to fill a vacancy due to an interoffice transfer; and

WHEREAS, Amanda Fischer, a current full time employee in the Treasurer's office, has applied for said position in the Prosecuting Attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, Prosecuting Attorney Timothy J. Rutkowski has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Amanda Fischer be hired to fill said position at Grade 130, Step 1, with a salary of \$36,788. Ms. Fischer will proceed through the salary progression schedule as follows:

- *to Grade 130, Step 2 on January 30, 2024*
- *to Grade 130, Step 3 on January 30, 2025*
- *to Grade 130, Step 4 on January 30, 2026*
- *to Grade 130, Step 5 on January 30, 2027*
- *to Grade 130, Step 6 on January 30, 2028; now*

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Amanda Fischer shall be employed (transferred) effective August 21, 2023, as a full time employee to fill the above referenced position, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the AFSCME General County Unit I collective bargaining agreement, as negotiated periodically with the Huron County Board of Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS: None at this time.

ELECTIONS: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

MOTIONS:

Motion by Babcock, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement #CSFOC24-32001 between Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the County of Huron for Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program – 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Babcock, seconded by Vaughan to approve the FY24 Child and Parent Legal Representation grant contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Babcock to accept the resignation of Kyle M. Romzek from the position of Deputy at the Sheriff's Office effective August 31, 2023, with regret. Motion carried.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Babcock to accept the resignation of Keenan E. McGrath from the position of Deputy at the Sheriff's Office effective August 31, 2023, with regret. Motion carried.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Babcock to accept the resignation of Dale Wrubel from the position of Custodian in the Maintenance Office effective September 4, 2023, with regret. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Babcock to authorize the Chairman to sign the Participation Forms for the national opioid settlements with Walgreens. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Babcock attended: Aug. 3 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. Aug. 4 – CMHAM Board meeting. Aug. 7 – Land Bank meeting. Aug. 8 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting. Aug. 9 – HBH Strategic Planning Committee. Aug. 10 – MREC negotiations, Caro. Aug. 11 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. Aug. 14 – Lincoln Township meeting. Aug. 15 – HBH Finance Committee; Port Austin Township meeting; North Huron FFA Dinner. Aug. 16 – DTE meeting via zoom. Aug. 28 – Port Austin Township Water Expansion meeting. Aug. 29 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting. Aug. 30 – HBH Board meeting.

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

Health Department	\$198,498.06
Board Bills Approved	56,331.80
Paid Without Presentation	<u>172,029.20</u>
Total	\$426,859.06

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Larry Leipprandt commented on being a constitutional county and had a report from Sen. Dan Lauwers in regards to Gov. Whitmer taking over our wind, solar, and septic systems.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT:

- Commissioner Vaughan said the Governor is going to introduce legislation to control the siting of wind and solar. Thumb Area Transit is going to build a new facility. Discussion on the 9 days of early voting.

9:37 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori S. Neal
Huron County Clerk