

Bad Axe, Michigan  
Tuesday, August 30, 2022

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, 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, Mary Babcock, Mike Meissner, Steve Vaughan, Todd Talaski, and Joe Murphy. John Bodis 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 Talaski, seconded by Babcock to approve the Regular Board minutes of August 9, 2022. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Meissner to approve the Closed Session minutes of August 9, 2022. Motion carried

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- From the Detroit District Corps of Engineers, a notice of intent to prepare an EIS published in the Federal Register for the proposed Enbridge Line 5 tunnel project in the Straits of Mackinac, Emmet and Mackinac Counties, Michigan.
- A letter from Kasey Aymen requesting to be elected to the Mental Health Services Board.
- A letter from James Leonard asking to be reappointed to the Huron Transit Corporation Board of Directors.
- An email from Mary Musich requesting to be appointed to the Thumb Area Transit Board.
- An email from Barbara Fischer requesting reimbursement for paint and supplies.
- From the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners their resolution #2022-265 urging the adoption of policies that will lead to energy independence in the United States.
- A letter from Caitlin Stone-Webber requesting to be reappointed to the Board of Directors at the Huron County Nature Center.
- A letter from Dolores Bumhoffer requesting to be reappointed to the Huron County Nature Center Board of Directors.
- A letter from the Department of Health and Human Services, the 2022-23 annual plan and budget for Child Care Fund expenditures is approved for 50% state reimbursement of CCF reimbursement-eligible items and 100% state reimbursement of Raise the Age.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Babcock reminded the Board of the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Nature Center.

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

- Dan Glaza thanked the Board for the bottle filling station at the Senior Center and to announce the Medical Director is resigning at the end of September which will delay the clinic.
- Luke Deming, We the County, has information on questionable votes and registration of votes. Mr. Deming said he would like to go back to paper ballots.
- Jon Phillips is requesting to keep the 2020 election ballots from being destroyed.

- John Hunt, Jr., Bad Axe Fire Dept., complaint against Building and Zoning in regards to a permit for a building that will be used for training.

**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: #22-99C**

*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/P3, a Project Authorization for FY 2021 Section 5339 Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive 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/P3 on behalf of the County of Huron.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #22-100C**

*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/P5, a Project Authorization for FY 2022 Service Initiatives, 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/P5 on behalf of the County of Huron.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-101C**

*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, there is a need to install tinted film on office windows in the County Building as an added layer of security during an emergency; and*

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

*WHEREAS, Centerline Designs, LLC has submitted a proposal in the amount of \$13,185.90 to install tinted film to the windows in the County Building (see attached proposal for details); now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby authorizes Centerline Design, LLC to install tinted film to the windows in the amount of \$13,185.90, to be taken from the ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act Fund 286, line 286-101-977.12.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-102C**

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

*WHEREAS, the various millages raised and voted in the county, townships, and cities are submitted on the various forms L-4029; and*

*WHEREAS, being required by Article 9, Section 31 as amended by Public Act 415 of 1994, the following statement is hereby ordered spread upon the tax rolls of the county; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2022 Tax Rate Request form L-4029 statement showing taxable valuation and mills apportioned for Huron County be and is hereby adopted and the Chairman and County Clerk are authorized to sign same.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #22-103C**

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

*WHEREAS, the Huron County Emergency Services Director applied for and received a Homeland Security Grant through the Department of Homeland Security, Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and the Region 3 Homeland Security Planning Board in the amount of \$19,600; and*

*WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase 15 new AED's for the Sheriff's Department and other local first responders; and*

*WHEREAS, J&B Medical Supply has submitted a quote in the amount of \$19,335 (see attached) for 15 new AED's; and*

*WHEREAS, the fiduciary for Region 3 (Iosco County) requires counties to fund projects upfront and then be reimbursed by Iosco County through the grant process upon receipt of a cancelled check; and*

*WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the 2022 General Fund 101 budget for this additional revenue and expenditure; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Emergency Services Director be authorized to purchase 15 new AED's in the amount of \$19,335 from J&B Medical Supply in reference to the project approved by the Region 3 Homeland Security Planning Board, to be taken from line 101-426-753 (Homeland Security Grant Expense); and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reimbursement check to be received from Homeland Security Grant Fiduciary Iosco County be credited to line 101-253-506.02 (Homeland Security Grants); and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to amend the 2022 General Fund 101 revenue and expenditure budgets as follows:*

<i>101-253-506.02</i>	<i>Homeland Security Grants</i>	<i>\$19,335.00</i>
<i>101-426-753</i>	<i>Homeland Security Grant Expense</i>	<i>\$19,335.00</i>

**CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-104C**

*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 Road Patrol Deputy in the Huron County Sheriff's Office to fill an anticipated vacancy due to a promotion; and*

*WHEREAS, Hunter Talaski, a current part time road deputy, has applied for said position in the Huron County Sheriff's Office; and*

*WHEREAS, Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson has recommended to the Personnel Committee that Hunter Talaski be hired to fill said position at Grade 160, Step 1 with a salary of \$42,779; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Hunter Talaski shall be employed effective September 17, 2022, as a full time employee to fill the above referenced position, in accordance with the pay, terms, and conditions of the POAM Road Patrol Unit collective bargaining agreement, as negotiated periodically by the Huron County Board of Commissioners and subject to the Huron County Office of the Sheriff Policy and Procedures book.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #22-105C**

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

*WHEREAS, on May 10, 2022, this Board adopted Resolution No. 22-48C employing Suzanne Holdwick as a temporary, casual employee in the Friend of the Court Office to assist with record destruction for the Friend of the Court and Juvenile offices beginning June 6, 2022 and ending no later than August 31, 2022; and*

*WHEREAS, the record destruction project is nearing completion, but is not quite finished; and*

*WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court has requested to temporarily extend the temporary, casual employment of Ms. Holdwick from August 31, 2022 through September 16, 2022; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED to extend the temporary, casual employment of Suzanne Holdwick from August 31, 2022 through September 16, 2022.*

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** None at this time.

**MOTIONS:**

**Motion** by Meissner, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the Chairman to sign the Materials Management County Engagement Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and Huron County. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

**Babcock** attended: July 8 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. July 12 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting; HBH Strategic Planning Committee meeting. July 13 – HBH Finance/Personnel Committee meeting. July 15 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. July 22 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. July 26 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting. July 27 – MAC Policy Summit; HBH Board meeting. July 29 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. Aug. 1 – 3 attended livestock shows at fairgrounds. Aug. 2 – EDC meeting. Aug. 5 – MREC Executive Committee meeting; CMHAM Board meeting. Aug 9 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting. Aug. 10 – Michigan League for public policy “what’s concerning Michigan voters on health care: HBH Finance/Personnel Committee meeting. Aug. 12 – HBH Strategic Planning Day; MREC Executive Committee meeting. Aug. 22 – Nature Center meeting. Aug. 24 – HBH Board meeting. Aug. 26 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. Aug. 30 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting.

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

Health Department	\$172,615.68
Board Bills Approved	94,430.41
Paid Without Presentation	<u>437,004.31</u>
Total	\$704,050.40

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** No one appeared.

**9:20 a.m.**

**Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Meissner to go into closed session to discuss negotiation strategy, pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) under the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote: Ayes – Vaughan, Talaski, Murphy, Meissner, Babcock, and Khoury. Nays – None. Absent – Bodis. Motion carried.

**9:55 a.m.**

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT:**

- Commissioner Talaski would like to discuss the letter from Barbara Fischer with Neal Hentschl and also with Jeff Smith in regards to Bad Axe Fire Dept. permit.

**9:56 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned.

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Sami Khoury, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Lori S. Neal  
Huron County Clerk