

Bad Axe, Michigan
Tuesday, September 9, 2020

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2020 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Huron County Expo Center, 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, John Bodis, Mike Meissner, Mary Babcock, Ron Wruble, and Steve Vaughan.

AGENDA: The agenda was reviewed. Commissioner Babcock requested consent action resolution #2 be moved to new business #1. Properties Committee will be bringing in a late motion. Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Talaski, seconded by Bodis to approve the Regular Board minutes of August 25, 2020. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- From the Alcona County Board of Commissioner's their resolution #2020-13 opposing to continue COVID Emergency Executive Orders from Lansing and a Resolution opposing Executive Directive 2020-9, Protester Violence, the false narrative of American being systemic Racist and False History and Support for Local Law Enforcement unjustly portrayed.
- A letter from Mary Babcock giving her resignation as a Board member to the Huron County Nature Center.
- A letter from the Department of Health and Human Services, the 2020-21 annual plan and budget for Child Care Fund expenditures is approved for 50% state reimbursement.
- A letter from Kathy Kent, Board of Directors President of the Huron County Nature Center, requesting the reappointment of Melissa Baunoch, Kathy Kent and Fran Pechette.
- An email from Michael Bushey resigning from the position of Electrical Inspector at the Huron County Building and Zoning office, effective September 2, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit of 3 minutes per person): No one appeared.

CONSENT ACTIONS: **Motion** by Wruble, seconded by Bodis to approve the resolution on the Consent Actions. Motion carried. Resolution adopted:

CA RESOLUTION BY AGENCIES COMMITTEE: #20-75C

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/P20, a Project Authorization for FY 2020 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/P20 on behalf of the County of Huron.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #20-76

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

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to enter a contract for the duties of Corporation Counsel; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill this contractual part time position of Huron County Corporation Counsel to perform the duties as outlined in the attached contract including but not limited to civil counsel and FOIA Administrator for the County of Huron; and

WHEREAS, Stephen J. Allen served as Corporation Counsel for the County of Huron from January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2020, and Mr. Allen has agreed to serve as Corporation Counsel under the attached Huron County Civil Attorney (Corporation Counsel) Employment, Compensation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to appoint Stephen J. Allen as Corporation Counsel pursuant to the attached agreement; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of Stephen J. Allen to the contractual part time position of Huron County Corporation Counsel shall be effective September 1, 2020 and shall terminate June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for the Huron County Corporation Counsel shall not exceed \$65,000 per fiscal year; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby appoints Stephen J. Allen as Huron County Corporation Counsel to perform the prescribed duties outlined in the attached agreement.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Bodis to approve this resolution. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Vaughan, Talaski, Wruble, Bodis, Babcock, Meissner, and Khoury. Nays – None. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

MOTIONS:

Motion by Wruble, seconded by Babcock to authorize the Chairman to sign Contract No. MA200000001407 between the State of Michigan DHHS and the County of Huron for regional detention support services. Motion carried.

Motion by Talaski, seconded by Bodis to accept the resignation of Michael Bushey from the position of Electrical Inspector effective September 2, 2020, with regret. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Talaski to grant permission to Marie Kiehl to hold a prayer service on the sidewalk in front of the County Building on September 26, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Talaski to send a letter to the Road Commission recommending they upgrade the Wi-Fi service at Caseville County Park. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Meissner attended: Aug. 25 – regular board meeting. Sept. 2 – Road Commission Board meeting. Sept. 8 – Sherman Township Planning Commission. Sept. 9 – Bingham Township Board meeting.

Bodis attended: Aug. 25 – Finance Committee meeting; Thumb Area Transit meeting, regular board meeting; Personnel committee meeting. Aug. 26 – Thumb Area Transit Authority Board meeting; Board of Health Personnel meeting, annual wage negotiations; Huron Medical Care Facility, Administrator search progress update; Huron Behavioral Health, Authority Board meeting. Sept. 8 – Huron Behavioral Health, Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

Babcock attended: Aug. 4 – EDC meeting. Aug. 10 – Village of Kinde meeting. Aug. 11 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting; Huron Behavioral Health Strategic Planning meeting; Dwight Township meeting. Aug. 12 – Huron Behavioral Health Finance Committee meeting. Aug. 18 – MAC long term strategy and OPEB webinars. Aug. 19 – Recycling meeting; Personnel Committee meeting; Huron Behavioral Health Personnel Committee; MAC Legal Loopholes webinar. Aug. 20 MAC Transportation Funding webinar. Aug. 24 – Nature Center meeting. Aug. 25 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting. Aug. 26 – Huron Behavioral Health Board meeting. Aug. 27 – MAC Family First Act and Managing emergencies webinars.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Wruble, seconded Bodis to approve monthly bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Health Department	\$260,030.78
Board Bills Approved	118,109.14
Paid Without Presentation	<u>983,510.27</u>
Total	\$1,361,650.19

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

- Dan Glaza asked about the Wi-Fi request at the Caseville County Park and who is it for. Commissioner Vaughn said it is for the people camping at the park.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT:

- Commissioner Vaughan said he is still working on the remodeling on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse.
- Commissioner Vaughan said he spoke with Dr. Canfield and they are going to occupy the office space at the Senior Center to do wellness check on the seniors. Should be ready by October 1st.
- Commissioner Babcock said Beth Weltin is not going to work out at the Huron County Nature Center and the Board needs to unappoint Beth.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Bodis to add a motion to today's agenda to reconsider the appointment of all appointed members to the Huron County Nature Center on August 25, 2020. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Meissner, Talaski, Wruble, Bodis, Vaughan, Babcock and Khoury. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Motion by Babcock, seconded by Khoury to reconsider the appointment of Chelsea Corbishley, Bonnie Rapson, and Beth J. Wilson. Discussion followed. Roll call vote: Ayes – Babcock, Bodis, Vaughan, Talaski, Meissner, Wruble and Khoury. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Chairman Khoury appoints the following individuals to the Nature Center Board of Directors:

- Chelsea Corbishley
- Bonnie Rapson

Motion by Babcock, seconded by Bodis to approve the Chairman's appointment of Chelsea Corbishley and Bonnie Rapson to the Nature Center Board of Directors. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bodis, Meissner, Talaski, Vaughan, Babcock, Wruble and Khoury. Motion carried.

Commissioner Wruble said have not heard from DTE on decommission. Commissioner Wruble would like Steve Allen, Corporation Counsel, to contact them.

Jodi Essenmacher, Board of Commissioners Executive Assistant, asked when the Board meetings can be held back the County Building. Chairman Khoury is not sure when.

Commissioner Vaughan asked if anyone knew that there will be no hockey this year. Discussion on the hockey having to follow COVID restrictions.

9:38 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.

Sami Khoury, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Lori Neal-Wonsowicz
Huron County Clerk