

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 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, John Bodis, Steve Vaughan, Joe Murphy, Mike Meissner, and Todd Talaski. Mary Babcock was observing via Zoom from a conference in Traverse City.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Motion** by Talaski, seconded by Bodis to approve the Regular Board minutes of October 13, 2021 and the Committee of the Whole minutes of October 13, 2021. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- From the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners their resolution in support of Medical autonomy.
- From the Gratiot County Board of Commissioners their resolution #21-275 supporting enactment of HB 5026.
- From Region VII Area Agency on Aging inquiring the Board to fill the appointment left vacant from Hank Weitenburner's passing as soon as possible.
- A thank you from Terry McGrath to the State Disaster Relief Committee.
- From the Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners their resolution #21-129 to support amendments to the open meetings act.
- A letter from Daniel A. Glaza requesting to be appointed to the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Executive Board member.
- From the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners their resolution #2021-411 supporting West Michigan Agriculture Technologies and Regional Food Systems Initiative.
- From the Menominee County Board of Commissioners their resolution #2021-23 to exempt counties with a population of 75,000 or less from certain provisions of the open meetings act.
- A letter from Suzanne M. Krohn giving her resignation as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney effective October 29, 2021.
- A letter from Timothy J. Rutkowski in regards to Suzanne M. Krohn's resignation and his intent to refill this position.
- From the Friends of Hubbard Memorial Hospital a project request from the American Rescue Plan Act.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Commissioner Vaughan announced the ice is being made at the arena building.

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

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

**CA RESOLUTION BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: #21-142C**

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

*WHEREAS, Health Officer Ann Hepfer retired from her post effective September 30, 2021, after 5 years of service as Health Officer and 33 years of service in Public Health; and*

*WHEREAS, during her career, Ms. Hepfer has worked diligently with officials at the State and County levels; and*

*WHEREAS, it is with sincere regret that we accept the retirement of Health Officer Ann Hepfer; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners takes this opportunity to thank Ann Hepfer for her dedication and service to Huron County. The Board of Commissioners wishes you a long and happy retirement.*

*CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT, ANN!*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #21-143C**

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

*WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, this Board approved Resolution No. 21-116C authorizing Yaroch Asphalt to resurface the parking area of the Huron County Veterans Affairs facility at a cost of \$23,450; and*

*WHEREAS, that quote did not include having to do the project over a 2-day period as requested by the Veterans Affairs Office and additional line striping; and*

*WHEREAS, Yaroch Asphalt has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$1,675 for this additional cost (see attached); now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$1,675 to Yaroch Asphalt for the additional cost of resurfacing of the Veterans Affairs parking area over a 2-day period and for additional line striping, to be taken from the General Public Improvement Fund 445, line 445-902-932.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #21-144C**

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

*WHEREAS, on September 14, 2021, this Board approved Resolution No. 21-115C authorizing Yaroch Asphalt to resurface the parking lot of the Huron County Expo Center at a cost of \$44,450; and*

*WHEREAS, that quote did not include the cost for the area of the Expo Center parking lot completed prior to the Fair; and*

*WHEREAS, Yaroch Asphalt has submitted an invoice in the amount of \$7,950 for this additional area (see attached); now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board hereby authorizes the County Treasurer to issue payment in the amount of \$7,950 to Yaroch Asphalt for the resurfacing of the area of the Expo Center parking lot completed prior to the Fair, to be taken from the General Public Improvement Fund 445, line 445-902-932.*

**CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #21-145C**

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

*WHEREAS, Huron County has contracted with Sanilac Appraisers, Inc. since 2017 to provide equalization services equivalent to those that were previously provided by the intergovernmental agreement with Tuscola County from 2007 through 2016; and*

*WHEREAS, Sanilac Appraisers, Inc. will be concluding their contract effective December 31, 2021; and*

*WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee is recommending that Huron County contract with Great Lakes Assessing Services, LLC to provide equalization services as outlined in the attached agreement, approved as to form by corporation counsel. Said contractual work not to exceed \$63,000 for FY 2022; now*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Huron County enter into a contract with Great Lakes Assessing Services, LLC to provide equalization services as required of the Huron County Equalization Department at cost not to exceed \$63,000 for FY 2022, effective upon the full execution of the attached Agreement for Equalization Services.*

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

**APPOINTMENTS:** Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Region VII AAA Board of Directors:

- Dan Glaza

**Motion** by Bodis, seconded by Talaski to approve the Chairman's appointment of Dan Glaza to the Region VII AAA Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Chairman Khoury appoints the following individual to the Region VII AAA Advisory Council:

- Mary Musich

**Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Meissner to approve the Chairman's appointment of Mary Musich to the Region VII AAA Advisory Council. Motion carried.

**MOTIONS:**

**Motion** by Bodis, seconded by Vaughan to establish a deadline of December 31, 2021, for the submission of requests for American Rescue Plan Act funds. A second period for submissions may occur based on the availability of funds. Motion carried.

**Motion**, by Murphy, seconded by Meissner to authorize the County Clerk to advertise for the vacancies on the following Boards, with an application deadline of 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021:

- Department of Veterans' Affairs Board – 2 members, 4-year term
- Construction Code Board of Appeals – 5 members, 2-year term

Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Talaski, seconded by Bodis to accept the resignation of Suzanne M. Krohn from the position of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney effective October 29, 2021, with regret. Motion carried.

**Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Meissner to authorize the Chairman to sign the Huron County Arena Building Lease Agreement, approved as to form by corporation counsel, between Huron County and the Huron County Hockey Association. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:** None at this time.

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

Health Department	\$115,191.79
Board Bills Approved	50,727.62
Paid Without Presentation	<u>740,963.60</u>
Total	\$906,883.01

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ken Guza requested ARPA funding to help with renovations to the old Hubbard Hospital.

**FINAL BOARD COMMENT:**

- Commissioner Vaughan said the renovation has started in the Friend of the Court offices. Also will be meeting on Thursday with Architects on the other projects that have been discussed.

**9:16 a.m.**

Meeting adjourned.

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Sami Khoury, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

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Lori Neal-Wonsowicz  
Huron County Clerk