

Bad Axe, Michigan
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

The regular board meeting of the Huron County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 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 Talaski with The Lord's Prayer and Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Meissner to approve the Regular Board minutes of February 27, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Babcock, seconded by Khoury to approve the Closed Session minutes of February 27, 2024. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- An email from Julie Epperson requesting to be appointed to the Huron County Planning Commission.
- An email from George Lauinger requesting to be reappointed to the Huron County Planning Commission.
- An email from Clifford Stuehmer asking to review the attached summary of the Alpena SUA expansion final Environmental Assessment not significant impacts.
- A letter from Todd Talaski requesting to be reappointed to the Huron County Planning Commission.
- A letter from Marvin Gorkowski requesting to fill the position on the Huron County Mental Health Board.
- A letter from Evan Hamp of the Air Quality Division of the DEQ enclosing their monthly Pending New Source Review Application Report.
- An email from Sheryl Kletke in regards to Mid-State Health Network 2024 Intergovernmental Agreement.
- From Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners their resolution #24-027 in support of legislation to repeal the law preventing local ordinances to ban plastic bags and resolution #24-028 in support of statewide water affordability legislation.
- An email from Lisa Kaspriak a letter of interest for medical examiner services.
- A letter from Deborah Knarian requesting to be appointed to the Huron County Planning Commission.
- An email from William Morrone with his proposal for Chief Medical Examiner.
- A letter from Douglas M. Gentner giving his notice of retirement as the Huron County Work Crew Supervisor effective March 29, 2024.
- From Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners their resolution #24-047 in support of The Protect My Kids bill package in the Michigan Legislature.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Commissioner Babcock said there is a MAC article in regards to employee retention.
- Chairman Talaski questioned the prescription plan we have in place and congratulated Noah Koth, North Huron FFA, for receiving the National FFA award.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: (Limit of 3 minutes per person):

- Luke Deming said the old print shop is not large enough for parking. This building has become a large cost. For the amount of money being spent the county could have had a new building. Mr. Deming is concerned that the walls are not structurally sound and concerned when replacing the cement floor.

9:10 a.m.

Time scheduled for the public hearing for the Village of Pigeon Annexation. Steven Corrion, Village of Pigeon Clerk, and Mike LePage, Village of Pigeon President, present. Mr. Corrion gave a brief overview of the property to be annexed. Public hearing concludes. **Motion** by Vaughan, seconded by Meissner to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

9:11 a.m.

Tracey Dore, HBH Executive Director and Dr. Natalie Nugent presented the HBH FY 2023 Annual Submission. Dr. Nugent explained the needs and services and utilization of the community. **Motion** by Babcock, seconded by Murphy to accept the Huron Behavioral Health FY 2023 Annual Submission report. Motion carried.

9:24 a.m.

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

CA RESOLUTION BY FINANCE COMMITTEE: #24-30C

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to purchase a new dryer for the Jail; and

WHEREAS, A&B Equipment & Sons, Inc. has submitted a quote in the amount of \$6,125 for a new dryer, including installation (see attached); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Facilities Manager be authorized to purchase a new dryer for the Jail in the amount of \$6,125 from A&B Equipment & Sons, Inc., to be taken from the Commissary Fund 595, line 595-351-980.04.

CA RESOLUTION BY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: #24-31C

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

WHEREAS, the Village of Pigeon has presented to this Board of Commissioners a Petition for Annexation of certain lands, which, if granted, will alter the boundaries of said General Law Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has the authority and concomitant duties pursuant to MCL 74.6 to examine said Petition and conduct a hearing for the purpose of considering said Petition and then either modifying, granting, or denying the prayer contained therein; and

WHEREAS, this Board has examined the Petition and after conducting a hearing for due consideration of said Petition on March 12, 2024, and it having appeared that the Village of Pigeon has complied with all statutory requirements relative to the presentation of a Petition for the alteration of its boundaries; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners has determined that the prayer contained in the Petition shall be granted and that an Order of Such Determination shall be entered upon the

records of this Board; a copy of said Order is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and marked as "Attachment A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the Order of Such Determination shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Village of Pigeon and to the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan.

CA RESOLUTION BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: #24-32C

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

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners has heard from several departments about the difficulties of recruiting new employees and retaining current employees; and

WHEREAS, the Personnel Committee is proposing the attached Letter of Understanding (LOU) to assist with recruitment issues in the FOPLC Road Patrol Unit by offering two weeks of vacation time upon hire and eliminating steps 1 and 2 of the current pay schedule; and

WHEREAS, the FOPLC Road Patrol Unit has met, voted, and approved the attached LOU; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Letter of Understanding (LOU) and authorizes the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign same.

CA RESOLUTION BY PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: #24-33C

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron firmly believes that a sound system of roads is vital to the economy of the County; and

WHEREAS, bridges that in any way restrict the flow of commercial, agricultural, educational, recreational, or personal traffic have an adverse effect on the economy of Huron County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of County Commissioners supports the application for Federal and Local Bridge Program funds for the replacement of the Caro Road Bridge over the Kemp Drain in Sebewaing Township.

CA RESOLUTION BY PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: #24-34C

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron firmly believes that a sound system of roads is vital to the economy of the County; and

WHEREAS, bridges that in any way restrict the flow of commercial, agricultural, educational, recreational, or personal traffic have an adverse effect on the economy of Huron County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of County Commissioners supports the application for Federal and Local Bridge Program funds for the rehabilitation of the Grassmere Road Bridge over the Pinnebog River in Colfax and Oliver Townships.

CA RESOLUTION BY PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: #24-35C

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron firmly believes that a sound system of roads is vital to the economy of the County; and

WHEREAS, bridges that in any way restrict the flow of commercial, agricultural, educational, recreational, or personal traffic have an adverse effect on the economy of Huron County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of County Commissioners supports the application for Federal and Local Bridge Program funds for the rehabilitation of the Kinde Road Bridge over the Pigeon River in Lake Township.

CA RESOLUTION BY PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: #24-36C

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron firmly believes that a sound system of roads is vital to the economy of the County; and

WHEREAS, bridges that in any way restrict the flow of commercial, agricultural, educational, recreational, or personal traffic have an adverse effect on the economy of Huron County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of County Commissioners supports the application for Federal and Local Bridge Program funds for the preventative maintenance of the Crown Road Bridge over the Pigeon River in McKinley Township.

CA RESOLUTION BY PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: #24-37C

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron firmly believes that a sound system of roads is vital to the economy of the County; and

WHEREAS, bridges that in any way restrict the flow of commercial, agricultural, educational, recreational, or personal traffic have an adverse effect on the economy of Huron County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of County Commissioners supports the application for Federal and Local Bridge Program funds for the preventative maintenance of the Campbell Road Bridge over the Pigeon River in McKinley Township.

CA RESOLUTION BY PROPERTIES COMMITTEE: #24-38C

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

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Huron firmly believes that a sound system of roads is vital to the economy of the County; and

WHEREAS, bridges that in any way restrict the flow of commercial, agricultural, educational, recreational, or personal traffic have an adverse effect on the economy of Huron County; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of County Commissioners supports the application for Federal and Local Bridge Program funds for the preventative maintenance of the Farver Road Bridge over the Pigeon River in Grant Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS: None at this time.

ELECTIONS: None at this time.

APPOINTMENTS: None at this time.

MOTIONS:

Motion by Meissner, seconded by Vaughan to accept the retirement of Douglas M. Gentner from the position of Work Crew Supervisor of the Sheriff's Office effective March 29, 2024, with regret. Discussion followed. Motion carried.

Motion by Khoury, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the Chairman to sign the Contract between the County of Huron and Nicol and Sons, Inc. in conjunction with MDOT Contract No. 2024-0123, a contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Huron County Board of Commissioners to be used for Obstruction Marking/Lighting/Removal (Non-Hazard)-Rwys 17 & 22 (Parcels E7A, E7B, E27A, E27B, & E35-E37)-Design at the Huron County

Memorial Airport, as approved by this Board on December 12, 2023 per Resolution No. 23-151C.
Motion carried.

Motion by Khoury, seconded by Babcock to accept Change Proposal Request #2 pertaining to the MSUE Building renovation project for the removal and replacement of the concrete floor in the General Storage 1 and the Classroom without insulation, increasing the project cost by \$18,300.
Motion carried.

Motion by Musser, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the Chairman to sign the Intergovernmental Contract for the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Khoury attended: Feb. 27 – regular board meeting; Finance Committee meeting. Feb. 29 – Properties Committee meeting with hockey association. March 4 – meeting with Gary and Derek from Booms Construction for the MSUE renovation. March 5 – Sebawaing Township meeting. March 7 – Properties Committee meeting. March 11 – Brookfield Township meeting.

Babcock attended: Feb. 2 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. Feb. 5 – CMHAM Board meeting. Feb. 6 – EDC meeting. Feb. 9 – MREC Executive Committee meeting. Feb. 12 – Village of Port Austin meeting. Feb. 13 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting. Feb. 16 – MREC Executive Committee meeting, effective use of opioid funds-zoom. Feb. 19 – Hume Township meeting. Feb. 20 – Port Austin Township meeting. Feb. 21 – HBH Finance/Personnel Committee meeting; Port Austin Township Recreation Plan Public Hearing; Multi-County recycling meeting-Caro. Feb. 26 – Republican Party meeting. Feb. 27 – Finance Committee meeting; regular board meeting; Personnel Committee meeting. Feb. 28 – HBH Board meeting.

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

Health Department	\$145,217.51
Board Bills Approved	39,500.98
Paid Without Presentation	<u>43,624.65</u>
Total	\$228,343.14

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Marie Kiehl said in regards to the marijuana issue, in Vassar the fumes are bad. Vaping is bad. The homeless issues need sites.
- Evelyn Conkright explained the Board of Canvassers responsibilities and how close they work with the County Clerk.
- James Dean said in Virginia they brought in ERIC. OMEGA 4 America – 30,000 people with more than 1 ID.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT:

- Commissioner Khoury said there is a Properties Committee meeting scheduled for this Thursday at 9am.

9:37 a.m.

Meeting adjourned.