

Van Buren County Board of Commissioners January 24, 2017

Regular Meeting - 2nd Floor, Administration & Land Services Building

On the above date, the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by RICHARD GODFREY, Chairman of the Board.

The roll was called by Special Deputy County Clerk DEBBIE HALL with the following commissioners answering to their name and district: Present: GAIL PATTERSON-GLADNEY, District #1; KURT DOROH; District #2; RICHARD GODFREY, District #3; ABSENT, District #4; MIKE TOTH, District #5; DONALD A. HANSON, District #6; PAUL S. SCHINCARIOL, District #7.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Deletions: Executive Session

Approval of Consent Agenda (Note Consent Agenda items marked with **)

All items on the agenda marked with '**' are part of the consent agenda. Commissioners or the public can request that items be removed from the consent agenda. It is noted that the addition of items requiring action at today's meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

MOTION BY HANSON, SECOND BY TOTH, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED.

****Approval of Minutes**

January 10, 2017 – Regular Meeting

Public Comment

SHERIFF DAN ABBOTT, introduced Dan Rowse as a new hire to the Animal Control Department. They will be moving him to Road Patrol in a couple of weeks. He is from Battle Creek but will be moving to Van Buren County in the near future.

LARRY HUMMEL, from the Road Commission was present to give a brief overview of the Road Commission's budget. The MTF is not until February and will be 6.4 mil higher than budgeted. Federal and State Projects were 2.4 mil. Overall 3.5 mil was donated by the local townships. Total revenues and expenditures are 22.3 mil

SHERIFF DAN ABBOTT, reported that we received a check for \$50,000 from Concierge Corrections. They are a services that monies for overcharges that are don regarding medical for the jail. They get 34% of what they collect and they have recouped \$80,000 to date. He also reported that we had one of our canine dogs sniff out \$155,000 cash from a car stopped on the highway. And that mediation was going well and hope to have it resolved within the next week.

Administrative Affairs

There were no items on the agenda.

Building and Grounds

There were no items on the agenda.

Finance/Auditing

****A. Prosecutor's Office – Temporary Paid Internship**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F3/01-24-2017

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Prosecutor's Office has requested approval to hire a paid internship position for the spring semester in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, and;

WHEREAS, this position will assist the office with an up and coming case and will be paid from fund 101-229.0-704.00 in which there is \$10,000 to cover part time positions for situations like this.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approve the request of the Prosecutor's Office for a paid internship position in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00.

****B. Sheriff's Office – Animal Control – Vehicle Purchase**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F4/1-24-2017

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has submitted a request for the purpose of replacing an Animal Control truck, and;

WHEREAS, four quotes/bids were received and reviewed and the request is for the purchase of a 2017 Ram 1500 Ext. Cab 4 x 4 from McFadden Friendly Motors, South haven, MI in the amount of \$23,613.00 to be paid from fund 101.0-430.0-981.00.

NOW, THEREORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the request of the Sheriff's Office to purchase a new vehicle for Animal Control in an amount not to exceed \$23,613.00.

Labor Negotiations and Contracts

There were no items on the agenda.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Commissioner Reports and Meetings Attended

- Area Agency on Aging – tour of facility
- Municipalities
- Southwest Michigan Planning Commission
- Road Commission
- Public Transit – handed out documents that Sue Hammond had asked for. They are not an authority and cannot enter into agreements. Would like this put on the COW agenda on February 14, 2017.
- Septic System Work Group
- Administrative Affairs Committee will review County Policies
- 911
- Labor negotiations
- Economic Development
- Cost Sharing – New Covert
- MI Works
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Southwest MI Substance Abuse
- Mattawan Village
- Active Shooter
- Meeting with Mike Henry – Ballot issue.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Richard Godfrey
Chairman of the Board

Debbie Hall
Special Deputy County Clerk