

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022**

(AMENDED w/corrections)

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room and were called to order by the Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

PRESENT: Margaret Batzer, Jeff Dontz, Karen Goodman, Eric Gustad, Pauline Jaquish, Nikki Koons and Richard Schmidt

ABSENT: None

**APPROVE MEETING AGENDA**

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Koons to approve the Meeting Agenda, as amended, to add Item #5 under the Miscellaneous Controller and Board Items, to consider an amendment to the Veterans Service Fund Grant.

Motion Carried

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Goodman to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the February 15, 2022 Board meeting, the Closed Session minutes of the February 15, 2022 Board meeting, the February 23, 2022 Special Board Meeting and the March 2022 monthly appropriations and fund transfers.

YEAS: 7 Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Yarrow Brown, Housing North, spoke in support of the proposed Agreement between Manistee County and Housing North Manistee.

Laura Heinzelman, Manistee County Community Foundation President and CEO, spoke in support of the proposed Agreement between Manistee County and Housing North Manistee.

**POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES/FEBRUARY 25, 2022**

Karen Goodman presented the Policy Committee Minutes of February 25, 2022.

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**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION**

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to approve the updated Authorization to Release Information form for Board and Commissions Applicants.

Motion Carried

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Items Not Requiring Board Action.

**SCHEDULE 2022 MONTHLY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Policy Committee meetings will continue be held on the fourth Friday of the month at 2:30 p.m., except for the November and December meetings which will be held on the third Friday of the month at 2:30 p.m. at the Courthouse and Government Center.

The PTO Policy continues to be reviewed and worked on by the Committee. The hope is that the policy will be implemented January 1, 2023.

Moved by Batzer, seconded by Koons to accept the Policy Committee Minutes of February 25, 2022.

Motion Carried

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**CENTRA WELLNESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS**

Three (3) individuals to serve a three (3) year term which will begin April 1, 2022 and expire March 31, 2025. Applicants for the positions are as follows:

James Uhl

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Schmidt to appoint James Uhl to the Centra Wellness Board of Directors to serve a three (3) year term which will begin April 1, 2022 and expire March 31, 2025.

YEAS: 7 Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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The Clerk will readvertise for the two (2) remaining vacancies.

**MANISTEE COUNTY JURY BOARD**

One (1) individual to serve an unexpired six (6) year term which will begin April 1, 2022 and expire April 30, 2023.

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Judge Thompson has recommended Theresa P. Mandeville be appointed to the Manistee County Jury Board for the remaining six (6) year term.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Gustad to appoint Theresa P. Mandeville to the Manistee County Jury Board to serve an unexpired six (6) year term which will begin April 1, 2022 and expire April 30, 2023.

YEAS: 7 Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman  
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**BETSIE VALLEY NATURAL RIVER ZONING REVIEW BOARD**  
**(COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS)**

There are two (2) positions available that need to be appointed to the Betsie Valley Natural River Zoning Review Board. Two (2) primary appointments with and an alternate for each. Commissioner Schmidt is currently listed as an alternate in one of the positions.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to appoint Richard Schmidt as the Primary and Nikki Koons as the alternate in one position; and to appoint Mike Szokola as the Primary and Katie Mehl as the Alternate in the second position.

YEAS: 7 Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad  
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH ALLOWS MANISTEE COUNTY**  
**RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 340B PROGRAM**

Billy Evans, Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital, Director of Pharmacy, requested approval of an Agreement which allows Manistee County residents to participate in the 340B Program. James Barker, President, Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital, Peter Marinoff, President/CEO of Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital and Ron Villamaria, Director of Pharmacy at Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital also joined Mr. Marinoff. Mr. Evans referred to a proposed Agreement between the County of Manistee and Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. This Agreement would integrate the Cadillac Infusion Services within the Manistee Hospital to allow Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital to qualify for the 340B Program. The 340B Program allows the Cadillac Hospital to obtain medication that are extremely costly for the Cancer and Infusion Center at much lower prices. The Agreement will also ease the work of the integration of simplifying electronic medical records and services. The Agreement is also needed because the hospital must contract with a unit of state or local government pursuant to which hospital commits to provide healthcare services to low income individuals. The Agreement in place years ago was directly with the Manistee Hospital. The Manistee Hospital used to have a 340B drug coverage but because the Medicaid population in Manistee is as low as it is, the Manistee Hospital lost that qualification. This agreement will also allow patients to continue to receive services at the Manistee Hospital at a lesser price. Patients will receive the same

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therapies by Manistee personnel and will be able to capitalize on the significant price savings. The Center will be known as Cadillac Infusion Services of Manistee. Ms. Sagala noted that the County Prosecutor’s Office has reviewed the Agreement.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Koons to approve the Memorandum of Understanding

between the County of Manistee and Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital which allows

participation in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of the Public

Health Services Act (the 340B Program); and allow the Board Chair to sign the same.

\*YEAS: 6 Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish

\*NAYS: 0 Koons,

Motion Carried

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**\*Corrected: Amended at the May 17, 2022 meeting of the County Board. The motion should read:**

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Koons to approve the Memorandum of Understanding

between the County of Manistee and Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital which allows

participation in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of the Public

Health Services Act (the 340B Program); and allow the Board Chair to sign the same.

YEAS: 7 Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT/MARCH 2, 2022**

Richard Schmidt presented the Ways & Means Committee Report of March 2, 2022.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Board of Commissioners  
Manistee County  
Manistee, Michigan 49660

We hereby submit claims for February 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022, and a summary of the On-Demand checks for their review and approval. The totals are as follows:

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| 101 General Fund .....                 | \$200,428.38 |
| 201 County Road Fund.....              | 0.00         |
| 208 Parks/Recreation Trails Fund ..... | 0.00         |
| 215 Friend of the Court Fund .....     | 0.00         |

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| 216 Department Contingency Fund.....               | 0.00       |
| 220 Local Revenue Sharing Grant Fund .....         | 0.00       |
| 225 Recycling Fund.....                            | 10,871.67  |
| 234 Judicial Technology Fund .....                 | 0.00       |
| 235 District Court Services Fund .....             | 0.00       |
| 236 Maintenance of Effort Fund .....               | 8,308.24   |
| 238 Land Bank Authority Fund.....                  | 0.00       |
| 239 US Fish & Wildlife Fund .....                  | 0.00       |
| 241 AIS Grant Fund .....                           | 0.00       |
| 242 Bear Lake Improvement Fund.....                | 875.00     |
| 243 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund.....   | 0.00       |
| 244 Brownfield Redevelopment-Joslin Cove.....      | 0.00       |
| 245 Public Improvement Fund .....                  | 0.00       |
| 246 Township Improvement Revolving Fund.....       | 0.00       |
| 251 Capital Improvement Fund.....                  | 0.00       |
| 252 PRE Audit Fund .....                           | 0.00       |
| 253 Remonumentation Fund .....                     | 0.00       |
| 254 Medical Care Depreciation Fund.....            | 0.00       |
| 255 Brownfield Site Assessment Fund.....           | 0.00       |
| 256 Register of Deeds Automation Fund .....        | 2,118.64   |
| 257 Budget Stabilization Fund .....                | 0.00       |
| 258 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) ..... | 6,536.77   |
| 259 Indigent Defense Fund .....                    | 0.00       |
| 260 Health Insurance Fund.....                     | 140,950.87 |
| 261 9-1-1 Service Fund .....                       | 0.00       |
| 262 Dive Equipment Fund.....                       | 110.00     |
| 263 Sheriff's Office Forfeited Assets Fund.....    | 0.00       |
| 264 Family Counseling Services Fund.....           | 0.00       |
| 265 Juvenile Drug Court Fund .....                 | 0.00       |
| 266 Law Enforcement Training Fund .....            | 150.00     |
| 267 Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund .....          | 0.00       |
| 268 Homeland Security Grant Fund.....              | 0.00       |
| 269 Law Library Fund.....                          | 1,418.94   |
| 270 Corrections Officer Training Fund.....         | 0.00       |
| 271 County Library Fund .....                      | 0.00       |
| 272 County Library Trust Fund.....                 | 0.00       |
| 273 Technology Fund.....                           | 0.00       |
| 274 OHSP Grant Funds .....                         | 0.00       |
| 275 Dial-A-Ride Fund.....                          | 0.00       |
| 276 Forestry Fund.....                             | 0.00       |
| 277 Air Photo Fund .....                           | 0.00       |
| 278 LEPC Grant Fund .....                          | 0.00       |
| 279 Economic Development - Housing Fund .....      | 0.00       |
| 280 MSHDA Grant Fund .....                         | 0.00       |
| 281 American Rescue Plan Act.....                  | 0.00       |
| 282 Care Act Fund.....                             | 0.00       |
| 283 F.I.A. Benzie County.....                      | 0.00       |
| 284 Community Corrections Fund .....               | 167.34     |
| 285 Drunk Driving Case Flow Fund.. ..              | 0.00       |
| 286 Juvenile Intervention Fund .....               | 0.00       |
| 287 Juvenile Accountability Fund.....              | 0.00       |
| 290 Department of Human Services Fund .....        | 0.00       |
| 292 Child Care Fund .....                          | 3,980.51   |
| 293 Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund.....            | 601.50     |
| 294 Veterans Trust Fund .....                      | 0.00       |
| 295 Airport Authority Fund.....                    | 113,081.97 |
| 296 Juvenile Justice Fund.....                     | 1,250.00   |
| 297 Compensated Services Fund.....                 | 147,548.36 |
| 298 County Employee Separation Fund.....           | 0.00       |
| 299 Unemployment Fund .....                        | 0.00       |
| 356 Fair Board Debt Fund.....                      | 0.00       |
| 360 9-1-1 Expansion Construction Fund.....         | 0.00       |

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| 361 Jail Expansion Construction Fund.....     | 0.00      |
| 362 Jail Building Bond.....                   | 0.00      |
| 368 Library Loan Fund.....                    | 0.00      |
| 369 Building Authority Debt Fund.....         | 0.00      |
| 370 County Road Building Debt Fund.....       | 12,225.63 |
| 461 Building Authority Construction Fund..... | 0.00      |
| 462 County Road Construction Fund.....        | 0.00      |
| 512 Medical Care Facility Fund.....           | 0.00      |
| 516 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund.....        | 793.16    |
| 606 Tax Revolving Fund.....                   | 0.00      |
| 609 2009 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 610 2010 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 611 2011 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 612 Delinquent Taxes.....                     | 0.00      |
| 613 2013 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 614 2014 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 615 2015 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 616 2016 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 617 2017 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 618 2018 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 618 2018 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 619 2019 Tax Revolving Fund.....              | 0.00      |
| 620 Foreclosure Fund.....                     | 146.87    |
| 701 Trust and Agency.....                     | 0.00      |
| 702 OPEB Trust Fund.....                      | 31,629.00 |
| 801 Drain Fund.....                           | 0.00      |

Total: \$683,192.85  
 (includes 2 acct. payable runs; on demand checks):  
 Payroll for the period of February 1, 2022 thru February 28, 2022 + \$521,476.66  
 (includes 2 payrolls)

Employee Separation Payouts  
 Laurel Sproul \$1,015.53

Total to be Claimed and allowed March 15, 2022 \$1,204,669.51

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Batzer to approve the on-demand checks, bills and payroll,  
 be accepted in the amount of \$1,204,669.51; and that the same be placed on file.

YEAS:        7        Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons  
 NAYS:        0        None

Motion Carried

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**TREASURER’S CONTINGENCY FUND PURCHASE**

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Batzer to approve the purchase of two (2) document  
 scanners from Amazon, (checking prices at Jackpine first) in the amount not to exceed  
 \$350.00.

YEAS:        7        Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt

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NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**REQUEST FOR AN RFQ FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COUNTY MASTER PLAN**

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Batzer to approve releasing an RFQ for a rewrite of the County Master Plan, and budget the expense of approximately \$30,000 in the FY 2022/23 budget.

YEAS: 7 Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF BALLOT LANGUAGE FROM THE TAX ALLOCATION BOARD**

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Batzer to approve the Renewal of Manistee County Separate Tax Limitations Ballot Proposition for 7.5 mills for a two year period (2023 through 2024) allocated as noted below in the ballot language.

YEAS: 7 Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**RENEWAL OF MANISTEE COUNTY  
SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS  
BALLOT PROPOSITION**

Shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of two (2) years (2023 through 2024, inclusive) or until altered by the voters of Manistee County for the County of Manistee and the Townships and Intermediate School Districts within the County, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 7.3 mills as follows?

County of Manistee..... 5.5 mills  
Townships..... 1.5 mills  
Intermediate School Districts..... 0.3 mills

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

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ANIMAL CONTROL FEE SCHEDULE

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the updated Animal Control Fees List dated February 14, 2022, as presented.

\*YEAS: 7 Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman  
\*NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**\*Corrected: Amended at the May 17, 2022 meeting of the County Board. The motion should read:**

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the updated Animal Control Fees List dated February 14, 2022, as presented.

YEAS: 6 Gustad, Jaquish, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman  
NAYS: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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MANISTEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND A PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MANISTEE COUNTY AND THE MANISTEE COUNTY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Stacie Bytwork, Manistee Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, and Marc Miller, Director of Economic Development, appeared before the Board to present the 2021 Annual Report.

An Economic Development Agreement between Manistee County and the Manistee County Area Chamber of Commerce was discussed. The current contract is for a one (1) year Agreement for FY 2021/2022 in the amount of \$40,000. The Chamber is requesting a three (3) year Agreement, FY 2021/22, FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24 instead of a one (1) year Agreement. Stacie Bytwork was present to answer questions and concerns from the Board. This Agreement would demonstrate a sustainable investment, large project readiness and a lasting impact on economic development. Ms. Bytwork notes the opportunity is now to be discovered and invest money wisely. Recommendations included encouraging the municipalities in rural Manistee County to use the Chamber for more assistance and participation from the Townships for investment in Economic Development.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the three (3) year Agreement, FY 2021/22, FY 2022/23 and FY 2023/24; in the amount of \$40,000 each year through September 2024.

YEAS: 7 Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad



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NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF THE HOUSING NORTH AGREEMENT**

Ms. Sagala, reviewed the proposed Agreement between Manistee County and Housing North for the Housing Ready Program initiative which was discussed at the Ways & Means Committee meeting. The Housing North position provides connectivity for residents, offers knowledge, ideas and connections for developers and collaborates with economic development. It was agreed that housing is a huge issue, and it is crucial for the community and economic development. However, with a three (3) year commitment, there was concern that housing isn't a three (3) year project. The County has committed \$20,000 for the next three (3) years. Concern was expressed that if there isn't full funding, the County is still committed for the \$20,000 for three (3) years. Currently, Housing North has \$75,000 committed (including the County's portion) for the first year, and \$65,000 committed for the second and third year. Housing North is seeking \$100,000 per year. There should also be some commitment from Manistee and Filer Townships as they benefit from this program as well. The Housing North program will compliment economic development and the Planning and Zoning momentum that is now happening in the County.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Agreement between Manistee County and Housing North for a three (3) year period effective March 15, 2022 through March 15, 2025, in the amount of \$20,000 each year.

YEAS: 7 Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Batzer to accept the Ways & Means Committee Minutes of March 2, 2022.

Motion Carried

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(Break 6:17 p.m.- 6:27 p.m.)

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES/MARCH 4, 2022**

Karen Goodman presented the Personnel Committee Minutes of March 4, 2022.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AGREEMENT**

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Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve an increase for the EMS Coordinator salary to \$20,000 and an increase in the number of holidays from eleven to fourteen effective April 21, 2022 through the end of Mr. Machens contract in September 2023.

YEAS: 4 Schmidt, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad  
NAYS: 3 Batzer, Jaquish, Koons

Motion Carried

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**GRANT ADMINISTRATOR POSITION**

Moved by Batzer to move forward on the initial Grant Administrator position as an employee position. The Motion died for lack of a second.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Koons to move forward on the initial Grant Administrator position as a contractual position.

YEAS: 7 Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt  
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Goodman to accept the Personnel Committee Minutes of March 4, 2022.

Motion Carried

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**MISCELLANEOUS CONTROLLER AND BOARD ITEMS**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MANISTEE COUNTY RECREATION COMMISSION FOR THE DNR GRANT FOR BEAR CREEK BRIDGE**

Doug Berry, DNR Supervisor, Parks and Recreation, explained the work on trails that is being done in the area with the County Recreation Commission and Friends of the SMART Trail. Mr. Berry described the coverage of the trails, purchases of land and the work to be done. However, a 70 foot bridge is out north of Kaleva that crosses Bear Creek. Mr. Berry requests the support of the County Board of Commissioners for the DNR Grant Application for the Thompsonville Express Trail Connector: Bear Creek Bridge.

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Moved by Batzer, seconded by Koons to write a letter of support for the DNR Grant Application for the Thompsonville Express Trail Connector: Bear Creek Bridge; and allow the Board Chair to sign the same.

Motion Carried

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**CONSIDERATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
VETERANS SERVICE FUND GRANT APPLICATION**

Eric Sullivan, Veterans Counselor, reported that the Dental Program he proposed for the Veterans Service Grant is no longer available. Therefore, Mr. Sullivan is recommending a high-tunnel to be erected at the veteran’s garden located at the Sheriff’s Office. A high-tunnel is a 14 foot tall, 20x24 tent-like structure that will cover the gardens year round. The amount of the grant application would be the same as previously requested, in the amount of \$6,237.

Moved by Koons, seconded by Jaquish to approve the amendment to the Veterans Service Grant Application, in the amount of \$6,237 (same amount previously applied for), to be used for a high-tunnel at the Veterans garden at the Sheriff’s Office instead of the dental program for Veterans.

YEAS: 7 Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES/MARCH 4, 2022**

Pauline Jaquish presented the Public Safety Committee Minutes of March 4, 2022.

No Action Items.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

Sheriff Gutowski reported that Deputy David Bottrell left the end of February 2022, to perform active duty for the National Guard. A lot of training has been happening at the Sheriff’s Office. The Jail is Covid free.

Moved by Jaquish, seconded by Batzer to accept the Public Safety Committee Minutes of March 4, 2022.

Motion Carried

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**TECHNOLOGY/INFORMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES/FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

Richard Schmidt presented the Technology/Information Committee Minutes of February 24, 2022.

No Action Items.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

Steve Fosdick, Connecting Manistee a volunteer group, distributed results of a Broadband Survey. It was implied that the County should be providing Broadband to the entire County, and now that the study was done, the County should do an RFP. There was no request for an RFP just implied that the County would do one. A formal request needs to be made but the Board felt that this is not a project that the County could undertake. Mr. Dontz noted that a few months ago, the Board waived the 911 addressing fees for Point Broadband. In communication with David Fickens, Point Broadband, he relayed that the Study is done, and they have costs and would like to have a discussion. The RFP that Mr. Fosdick was speaking about, would be for a Feasibility Study. It was discussed that the group could apply for ARPA funds to be used for the Feasibility Study, however, the group is looking for support and guidance on what to do next. It is noted that the Townships are supportive of the project, but no financial request has been made of them. The next step maybe for Connecting Manistee to put a project cost together and how much they are asking of each group. Some townships and the city have exceptional coverage and they may not want to fund broadband for those that don't have great coverage. The Board is interested in this initiative if the Committee wants to put together a proposal for an RFP including funding for the project. This needs to be a collaborative project so it doesn't fall on the County. The Connecting Manistee Committee is thanked for their time and work in this effort. No action was taken.

Moved by Batzer, seconded by Gustad to accept the Technology/Information Committee Minutes of February 24, 2022.

Motion Carried

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**JOINT COURT COMMITTEE MINUTES/FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

Jeff Dontz presented the Joint Court Committee Minutes of February 17, 2022.

No Action Items.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

Discussion took place concerning the Raise the Age legislation that was enacted recently. The shortage of beds for juveniles is a crisis as Michigan juvenile have to be sent out of state for detention. Hopefully, a regional solution can be found.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Koons to accept the Joint Court Committee Minutes of February 17, 2022.

Motion Carried

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**GREEN TEAM COMMITTEE MINUTES/FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

Margaret Batzer presented the Green Team Committee Minutes of February 24, 2022.

No Action Items.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

GFL is the new recycling hauler, and things seem to be going well. Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) is now managing the Recycling Program effective March 1, 2022. Ms. Sagala believes BARC will do a fantastic job as they have a great group of resources. The Manistee County Community Foundation (MCCF) grant that was to help in the relocation of the Onekama Recycling site may have to be re-applied for at a later date. Ms. Sagala will inform MCCF. Onekama Township is no longer interested in buying the property for the recycling site and the owners will be putting the property up for sale. However, Onekama Township still wants to relocate their recycling trailer and continue to work on relocation of their recycling site.

The Committee thanked Sarah Archer for her ten (10) years of dedication and hard work as the Director of the County’s Recycling Program. A plaque, recognition or Resolution was suggested by the Committee. The Committee will bring ideas back to the Board regarding the County’s appreciation for Ms. Archer’s services.

Moved by Batzer, seconded by Gustad to accept the Green Team Committee Minutes of February 24, 2022.

Motion Carried

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**REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE MINUTES/MARCH 4, 2022**

Karen Goodman presented the Regional Summit Committee Minutes of March 4, 2022.

No Action Items.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

The Committee agreed that Manistee County has exciting things happening in 2022 and the Regional Summit should be held. Ms. Goodman reviewed possible topics. Available dates are September 8, 22 and 29, 2022. After discussion, it was a consensus of the Board to hold the 2022 Regional Summit on September 29, 2022, with the location to be determined.

Moved by Koons, seconded by Schmidt to accept the Regional Summit Committee Minutes of March 4, 2022.

Motion Carried

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**MISCELLANEOUS CONTROLLER AND BOARD ITEMS (cont.)**

**RESOLUTION #2022-4**  
**MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

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At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

PRESENT: Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Batzer and seconded by Schmidt:

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson’s disease, a chronic, progressive neurological disease with no known cause, affects approximately 35,000 people in the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse symptoms mark Parkinson’s disease, including rigidity, slowness of movement, poor balance and tremors; and

**WHEREAS**, effective control of Parkinson’s disease can be achieved through medication and surgery in addition to education and rehabilitation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson’s disease takes an enormous emotional, psychological and physical toll on those with the disease and similar tolls on care givers, families and friends of the patients of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan is a center of groundbreaking research and new treatments for Parkinson’s disease, which offer hope for more effective control and possible cures for Parkinson’s disease and related neurological disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan has, for 20 years, established programs through a largely volunteer effort to provide education and support for people with Parkinson’s disease, their families and healthcare professionals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month in Manistee County, Michigan.

Moved by Batzer, seconded by Schmidt to approve above Resolution #2022-4 National County Government Month – April 2022 “Counties THRIVE”.

YEAS: 7 Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**RESOLUTION #2022-3**  
**MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2022 AS**  
**PARKINSON’S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

PRESENT: Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt

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ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Schmidt and seconded by Batzer:

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson’s disease, a chronic, progressive neurological disease with no known cause, affects approximately 35,000 people in the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse symptoms mark Parkinson’s disease, including rigidity, slowness of movement, poor balance and tremors; and

**WHEREAS**, effective control of Parkinson’s disease can be achieved through medication and surgery in addition to education and rehabilitation programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson’s disease takes an enormous emotional, psychological and physical toll on those with the disease and similar tolls on care givers, families and friends of the patients of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan is a center of groundbreaking research and new treatments for Parkinson’s disease, which offer hope for more effective control and possible cures for Parkinson’s disease and related neurological disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan has, for 20 years, established programs through a largely volunteer effort to provide education and support for people with Parkinson’s disease, their families and healthcare professionals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month in Manistee County, Michigan.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Batzer to approve above Resolution #2022-3 To Declare April 2022 as Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month.

YEAS: 7 Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**ARPA FUND GRANT GUIDELINES**

Ms. Sagala distributed the American Rescue Act Plan Fund (ARPA) Grant Guidelines. The guidelines along with the Grant Application will be in electronic format on the County’s website (including links). The completed Application can then be submitted.

Ms. Sagala also recommended County usage of the ARPA Funds. Funds for building maintenance (including energy efficiencies), work in the circuit courtroom and an additional area added to expand the Commissioners Room, money for the Capital Improvement Fund which was depleted due to emergency work at the Health Department building, current hazard pay as well as hazard pay in the future, funds allocated to the Budget Stabilization Fund and technology, as well as monies to the budget stabilization fund for future years; totaling \$ 2,243,000; which includes a contingency amount. Details of these projects and amounts can be gotten from Ms. Sagala if needed. The total amount allocated to Manistee County is \$4,778,000. Ms. Sagala will get with Scott Fraley from the Manistee News Advocate for an ARPA article in the paper. There will be approximately \$2,000,000 remaining. An idea of having two (2) cycles of disbursements was suggested. The first

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check of ARPA Funds was received in April 2021, with the second check expected in October/November 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jill Nowak, County Clerk reminded all that the candidate filing deadline for the August 2, 2022 Primary Election is April 19, 2022 at 4 p.m. The forms for filing are available in the County Clerk's Office.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 7:32 p.m.

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Jill M. Nowak Clerk