

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 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 (via phone), Mark Bergstrom (via phone), Jeff Dontz, Karen Goodman, Pauline Jaquish, Gene Lagerquist (via phone) and Richard Schmidt (via phone)

ABSENT: None

Chairman Dontz read Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s Executive Order #2020-2 RE: Public Meetings of State of Michigan Public Bodies During the COVID-19 Emergency. This meeting is being held pursuant to this Order.

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to approve the Meeting Agenda.

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 18, 2020 Board meeting, the March 2020 monthly appropriations and fund transfers.

YEAS: 7 Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Bishop, asked the Board to amend the agenda and to pass the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.
Nikki Koons, asked the Board to amend the agenda and to pass the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.
Chris Cosher, asked the Board to amend the agenda and to pass the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

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Brain Ledford, requested a vote and spoke in support of the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

Carolyn Cater, asked the Board to amend the agenda and to pass the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

Jason Weinert, spoke in support of the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

Leland Reed, asked the Board to amend the agenda and to pass the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

John Fenner, asked for a vote and spoke in support of the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT/MARCH 4, 2020

Karen Goodman presented the Ways & Means Committee Report of March 4, 2020.

FINANCE REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Manistee County
Manistee, Michigan 49660

We hereby submit claims for February 4, 2020 through March 3, 2020, and a summary of the On-Demand checks for their review and approval. The totals are as follows:

101 General Fund	\$157,293.66
201 County Road Fund.....	0.00
208 Parks/Recreation Trails Fund	55,698.43
215 Friend of the Court Fund	0.00
216 Department Contingency Fund	0.00
220 Local Revenue Sharing Grant Fund	0.00
225 Recycling Fund.....	11,406.48
234 Judicial Technology Fund	0.00
235 District Court Services Fund	0.00
236 Maintenance of Effort Fund	26,304.78
238 Land Bank Authority Fund.....	0.00
239 NF&W Foundation Grant.....	0.00
241 AIS Grant Fund	0.00
242 Bear Lake Improvement Fund.....	0.00
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	62,707.40
257 Budget Stabilization Fund	0.00
258 Mounted Search and Rescue	0.00
259 Indigent Defense Fund	5,601.27
260 Health Insurance Fund.....	159,153.43
261 9-1-1 Service Fund	0.00
262 Dive Equipment Fund	0.00
263 Sheriff's Office Forfeited Assets Fund	0.00
264 Family Counseling Services Fund.....	0.00
265 Juvenile Drug Court Fund	0.00

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266 Law Enforcement Training Fund	1,859.00
267 Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund	2,553.01
268 Homeland Security Grant Fund.....	0.00
269 Law Library Fund.....	1,717.25
270 Corrections Officer Training Fund.....	0.00
271 County Library Fund	0.00
272 County Library Trust 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 Law Enforcement Technology Fund.....	0.00
282 Community Wildfire Grant Fund.....	0.00
283 F.I.A. Benzie County.....	0.00
284 Community Corrections Fund	0.00
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	18,404.67
293 Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund.....	0.00
294 Veterans Trust Fund	0.00
295 Airport Authority Fund	38,228.53
296 Juvenile Justice Fund.....	1,250.00
297 Compensated Services Fund	111,890.40
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
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.....	0.00
461 Building Authority Construction Fund.....	0.00
462 County Road Construction Fund.....	0.00
512 Medical Care Facility Fund.....	0.00
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.....	564.19
618 2018 Tax Revolving Fund.....	0.00
620 Foreclosure Fund.....	260.54
701 Trust and Agency	0.00
702 OPEB Trust Fund	0.00
801 Drain Fund.....	0.00

Total:\$654,893.04

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(includes 2 acct. payable runs; on demand checks): \$105,698.92

Payroll for the period of Feb. 4, 2020 thru March 3, 2020 + 501,268.29

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(incl. 2 payrolls)

Total to be Claimed and allowed March 17, 2020 \$1,156,161.33

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to approve the on-demand checks, bills and payroll, be accepted in the amount of \$1,156,161.33; and that the same be placed on file.

YEAS: 7 Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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REVIEW OF WAYS & MEANS DUTIES FROM THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURES

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to approve the Ways & Means duties from the Rules of Order and Procedure of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners be approved as presented.

YEAS: 7 Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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PURCHASE NEW LAPTOP FROM THE COUNTY CLERK CONTINGENCY FUND

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to approve the low bid from Provantage for the Lenovo ThinkPad E595 15.6" Ryzen 7 3700U 8GB RAM 256GB Windows 10 Pro in the amount of \$728.38; to be paid from the County Clerk Contingency Fund line item # 216 000 390.007. The laptop will also be placed in the rotation of the computer replacement schedule.

YEAS: 7 Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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REQUEST SCANNING AND DIGITIZING MONEY FROM THE

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COUNTY CONTINGENCY FUND

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to approve up to \$5,000 to the Manistee County Clerk's Office to continue the scanning and digitizing of court files with Graphic Sciences; to be paid from the Manistee County Contingency Fund #216 000 390.025.

YEAS: 7 Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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NEW NETWORK PROVIDER DISCUSSION

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to approve County Administration be authorized to sign the contract with Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) so they can start preliminary stages of conducting a survey, applying for permits, etc., in the amount of \$13,340 per year; to be paid from the 2021 Technology Fund Budget.

YEAS: 7 Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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REQUEST TO PURCHASE TWO (2) NEW SHERIFF VEHICLES TO BE PAID FROM THE COUNTY CONTINGENCY FUND; ONLY ONE (1) APPROVED

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Schmidt to approve one (1) new Chevrolet Tahoe from Berger Chevrolet, Inc. in the amount of \$37,612; to be paid from the County Contingency Fund #216 000 390.025.

YEAS: 7 Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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PISTOL TRANSITION AND BUY BACK PROGRAM AT THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

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Moved by Goodman, seconded by Bergstrom to allow Road Patrol and Corrections Officers the ability to purchase their old pistols for the same amount as the buyback quote from Keister Police Supply during the pistol transition, (\$305, \$285 and \$325 as noted).

YEAS: 7 Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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REVIEW OF 2020 CYCLE I GRANTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY TO

THE LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD

1) Review and prioritize grants to be submitted by the County to the Local Revenue Sharing Board in the 2020 Cycle I grant process. All grants are due in the Revenue Sharing Board office on Friday, March 6, 2020, at 5:00 P.M. The grants submitted by County departments/agencies are as follows:

A) Public Safety Grant Applications:

1) **Manistee County Prosecutor’s Office (on behalf of the Manistee County Child Advocacy Center) = \$5,369.00**

Priority #1: This application requests partial funding for the purchase and installation of a canopy/awning over their entrance. Their current entrance has not been safe during the winter months when the snow and ice falls off the metal roof. Clients have recently had to enter through the Next Generation Childcare entrance, but that lacks the privacy the child victims require.

Priority #2: This application requests partial funding for single-sided signage at the back entrance to the building. It is hard to locate the back entrance to the building because it is tucked between two large HVAC system units.

Total cost of this project is \$5,643.
Canopy/awning: \$4,275.00
Single-Face Directional Sign: \$1,094.00
Window Graphic: \$274.00 (to be paid by applicant)

2) **Manistee County Sheriff’s Office (Drone Project) = \$26,298.00**

This application requests funds to purchase one Matrice 200 Series V2 Drone, along with a camera, a thermal imaging camera and extra batteries/cables.

The priority for this project would be:

#1 Matrice 200 Series V2 Drone = \$10,410.00
#2 ZENMUSE Z30 Camera = \$2,999.00
#3 Matrice batteries, charging hub, power adapter and cables = \$1,389.00
#4 ZENMUSE XT2 thermal imaging camera = \$11,500.00

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3) Manistee County Maintenance Department (Sheriff's Department Main Entrance) = \$30,000

This application requests funding to replace 130 feet of asphalt driveway at the entrance to the Manistee County Sheriff's Office.

4) Manistee County (on behalf of the Manistee County Council on Aging) (Asbestos Removal/Flooring at the Wagoner Community Center) = \$50,000.00

This application requests funding for abatement/removal and replacement of the existing flooring, use of a HEPA filtered air scrubber to remove asbestos in the air, spray lockdown encapsulant to trap any remaining fibers and install new non-slip flooring in the new Wagoner Community Center. The new Wagoner Community Center will be a center for all of Manistee County to use. Phase I has asbestos flooring that can't be covered by new flooring but needs to be abated before any new renovations start in the center.

B) Offset Grant Applications:

- 1) None Submitted

Total Offset Grant Applications (0) = \$0

C) Other Grant Applications:

- 1) None Submitted

Total Other Grant Applications (0) = \$0

Total Grant Applications Submitted by Manistee County (4) = \$111,667.00

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to approve all four (4) Public Safety Grants in the amount of \$111,667.00 be submitted by Manistee County, be forwarded to the Local Revenue Sharing Board in the 2020 Cycle I grant process.

YEAS: 7 Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to accept the Ways & Means Committee Minutes of March 4, 2020.

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES/MARCH 6, 2020

Karen Goodman presented the Personnel Committee Minutes of March 6, 2020.

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**REVIEW AND DISCUSS PROPOSAL FROM NOTTLEY REGARDING
NEW WAGE SURVEY**

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Bergstrom to approve the two-part Classification and Compensation Study including job descriptions, be performed by Mark Nottley of Municipal Consulting Services, LLC; in the amount of \$42,900, plus travel expenses; up to \$10,000 be paid from the County Contingency Fund if started prior to the new budget year, and the remaining money to be budgeted in the 2020/21budget year.

YEAS: 7 Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**REVIEW AND DISCUSS PAID TIME OFF (PTO) POLICY RECEIVED FROM
THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to publish the Draft PTO Policy to the Employees for a 30-day review and comment period.

YEAS: 7 Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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Moved by Goodman, seconded by Bergstrom to accept the Personnel Committee Minutes of March 6, 2020.

Motion Carried

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POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES/FEBRUARY 28, 2020

Karen Goodman presented the Policy Committee Minutes of February 28, 2020.

REVIEW VERBIAGE FOR POLICY COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to approve the following verbiage for the new description for the Policy Committee to read; This Committee provides review and management to policies applied through individual Committees. This Policy Committee

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serves as a catalyst for policy review, serves as a clearing house, and shall compile and maintain a central policy handbook. Makes recommendations as necessary. Reviews all Non-reoccurring Resolutions received by members of the Board of Commissioners, reviews, and presents the same back to the full Board with a recommendation (or not).

YEAS: 7 Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING
VACATION POLICY (PTO)**

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to approve the Paid Time Off (PTO) Policy (formally vacation and personal time off Policy) be forwarded to the Personnel Committee for review. If there are any recommended changes, the PTO Policy will return to the Policy Committee to review those changes, then to the full Board with an anticipated adoption date of January 1, 2021.

YEAS: 7 Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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Moved by Lagerquist, seconded by Bergstrom to accept the Policy Committee Minutes of February 28, 2020.

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES/MARCH 6, 2020

Pauline Jaquish presented the Public Safety Committee Minutes of March 6, 2020.

No Action Items.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

Traffic stops were up for the month of February as Deputies were asked to participate in the 416 Grant. Part of the grant is statistics driven.

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A County-wide Animal Control Ordinance is being developed by the County Prosecutor and the County Sheriff.

The City Ad Hoc Committee and Chief Kozal are working with County Treasurer Rachel Nelson to address blight in the City and possible help from the Land Bank Authority.

Mike Machen is the new Deputy 911 Director.

Moved by Jaquish, seconded by Goodman to accept the Public Safety Committee Minutes of March 6, 2020.

Motion Carried

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GREEN TEAM/RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES/FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Karen Goodman presented the Green Team/Recycling Committee Minutes of February 27, 2020.

RESOLUTION #2020-5 RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR SOLID WASTE PLANNING AMENDMENTS

Resolution #2020-5

**Manistee County Resolution of Support
for
Solid Waste Planning Amendments**

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 17TH Day of March, 2020.

PRESENT: Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Goodman and seconded by Bergstrom:

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has been working with a wide range of stakeholders to substantially update and amend Part 115, Michigan’s solid waste statute, to prioritize sustainable materials management, specifically the recovery and diversion of discarded materials for productive use;

Whereas, Manistee County’s last Solid Waste Plan was approved in 1999 and is long overdue for an update. Manistee County would receive funding to facilitate a new planning process, in which all pertinent local stakeholders would work to update the county’s plan under the updated system. Plans will be required to show how progress will be made to meet established benchmark recycling standards and State recycling goals based on the needs and interests of the county as determined by local participants. These new plans will be designated as Materials Management Plans, reflecting the shift in priorities to reduce disposal of resources;

Whereas, Part 115 updates aim to support sustainable materials management methodologies such as recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, and other beneficial utilization activities, by:

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- Incentivizing counties to set recycling goals and plan for holistic discards management.
- Consider and plan for the development of facilities necessary to manage these materials in ways that protect humans and the environment, as well, as making materials available for remanufacturing.
- Making funding available with the goal of tripling Michigan’s recycling rate. The funding would cover:
 - County Materials Management Planning,
 - Recycling infrastructure development,
 - Development of markets for recyclable materials, and
 - Education to help residents use recycling systems effectively.

Whereas, Manistee County recycles less than 10% of its municipal waste stream and would benefit from a new mindset on waste, funded planning, and state grants, including funding for:

- Improved recycling infrastructure and services
- Public education
- Economic development

Whereas, Public Act 588 enrolled in 2018 Legislation makes annual funding available to support the amendments proposed to Michigan Solid Waste Laws;

Accordingly, it is hereby resolved that the County of Manistee supports the substantial update of Michigan solid waste laws, Part 115, for the advancement of local, county, regional, and state recycling goals and county materials management planning.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Bergstrom to approve Resolution #2020-5 Manistee County Resolution of Support for Solid Waste Planning Amendments.

YEAS: 7 Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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Moved by Lagerquist, seconded by Schmidt to accept the Green Team/Recycling Committee Minutes of February 27, 2020.

Motion Carried

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CENTRA WELLNESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Commissioner Appointment:

One (1) County Commissioner to serve a three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2020, and expiring March 31, 2023. Commissioner Richard Schmidt is the Incumbent.

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Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to re-appoint Commissioner Richard Schmidt to a three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2020, and expiring March 31, 2023.

YEAS: 7 Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish. Lagerquist

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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At-Large Appointment:

One (1) individual to serve a three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2020, and expiring March 31, 2023. This vacancy is for an at-large position on the Board.

There were no Applications. The Clerk was directed to re-advertise for this vacancy.

MISCELLANEOUS CONTROLLER AND BOARD ITEMS

FY 2019/20 BUDGET AMENDMENT

David Kieft Jr., Administrator/Controller, explained that in order for the County to qualify for the \$63,125 County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) Grant, the current Veterans Department budget (2019/20) cannot be less than the 2017 budget. Therefore, Mr. Kieft requests that a budget amendment of \$2,500 be made from Department 228 Information Services-Contracted Services line item #101 228 800.000 to Department 682 Veterans Affairs – Travel line item #101 682 860.000.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to transfer \$2,500 from Department 228 Information Services-Contracted Services line item #101 228 800.000 to Department 682 Veterans Affairs – Travel line item #101 682 860.000 in order to qualify for the for the \$63,125 County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) Grant.

YEAS: 7 Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish. Lagerquist, Schmidt

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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COOPERATIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL OPERATING PLAN & FINANCIAL PLAN BETWEEN THE MANISTEE COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND THE USDA FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS

Moved by Batzer, seconded by Goodman to approve the Cooperative Law Enforcement Annual Operating Plan and Financial Plan between the Manistee County Sheriff’s Office and the USDA, Forest Service Huron-Manistee National Forests in the amount of \$5,000; effective April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

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YEAS: 7 Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish. Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer
NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION #2020-7

**MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION FOR
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH-APRIL 2020**

RESOLUTION #2020-7

Manistee County Board of Commissioners Resolution for
National County Government Month - April 2020
“Connecting the Unconnected”

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 17th day of March, 2020.

PRESENT: Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish. Lagerquist, Schmidt

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Jaquish and seconded by Goodman:

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties provide health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and

WHEREAS, Manistee County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, under National Association of Counties President Mary Ann Borgeson’s leadership, NACo is demonstrating how “Counties Matter,” especially in supporting older adults, their families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness of county responsibilities, programs and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Manistee County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2020 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Moved by Jaquish, seconded by Goodman to approve the above Resolution # 2020-7 to

Declare April 2020 National County Government Month.

YEAS: 7 Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish. Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom

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NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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RESOLUTION #2020-6

**MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION TO
DECLARE APRIL 2020 AS
PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

**Resolution #2020-6
Manistee County Board of Commissioners**

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2020 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 17th day of March, 2020.

PRESENT: Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Jaquish and seconded by Bergstrom:

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 2020 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month in Manistee County, Michigan.

Moved by Jaquish, seconded by Bergstrom to approve above Resolution #2020-6 to Declare April 2020 as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month.

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YEAS: 7 Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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**DISCUSSION RE: POSSIBLY MOVING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO
THE FORMER GLIK'S BUILDING**

Discussion concerning moving the Planning Department to the former Glik's Building on River Street, called "River Suites" was had. Questions like if the Planning Department moved, what would the County do with the County building where they are now housed? The Foundation is in the building now and they are receiving an extremely great value for rent. The Board does not have to decide what we would do with the building today, but today's goal should be to decide if the Board thinks it is a good idea or not to relocate the Planning Department to the River Suites building. This scenario was brought to Mr. Dontz by WSCC President Ward and Economic Development Office (EDO) Director Miller. Mr. Dontz believes this move would fit hand in hand with the Chamber and the EDO and could bring the County closer to one stop shopping. Space costs is by square footage and it is believed 1500 square feet would be sufficient for the Planning Department which includes growth if needed. The annual cost for this square footage would be \$15,000 annually (\$10 per square foot annually), which is very reasonable, plus utilities and internet. Comments that currently the County owns the building where the Planning Department is, so we don't have any rent, maybe a better lease agreement with the Foundation or possibly sell the building. It was noted that the building needs updating and work. Thinking the work and updating may cost approximately \$75,000. There may be a potential for a couple more positions at the Planning Department and the Foundation has most of the building space and may need more space and yet Planning may need more space. We have departments in County buildings that weren't paying rent (Veterans Office and now Planning) and now they both would have expenses for rent. The idea of having to sell the building(s) is a possibility. It is noted that the Veterans Office move is currently not costing the County any money in rent. As discussed previously, there will be significant cost to install fiber in the River Street building, is it possible to share that cost with the college? The thought is worth considering as there could be a lot of benefits to provide the service there. Every time a department moves there are added costs, but this move could potentially be beneficial for all. Mr. McLellan will be asked to get an estimate on the cost of the fiber and get with WSCC and see what costs they would be willing to share. Again, why would we want to pay rent was asked? The building at 395 Third Street will need some major work within the next 2-3 years. Either way, the rent may have to be adjusted or maybe the building can be sold but the Foundation has declined to move to River Street, and they are aware of the situation. The Foundation currently pays \$600 per month. Again, fiber costs will be gotten, and the square footage will be firmed up, so we have something in writing with facts, figures and options for the building(s). This subject will be brought back to the April 2020 County Board meeting.

RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE

Mr. Kieft included the review of the Manistee County Rules of Order and Procedure on the agenda because of the issue concerning remote meeting and voting. However, the Governors Executive Order #2020-02 came out since the agenda was created the issue was addressed by the Governor's Order.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE MANISTEE COUNTY LOGO

Dialogue concerning the sample layouts, color and shading of the logo was discussed. After numerous suggestions, the consensus was to get samples of layout #1 in the board packet

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but with the print to the far right in a lighter green or darker blue shade with the gradient color for backdrop (no lines). Gordon McLellan, IT Contractor, stated that the website developer needed a color pallet for webpages.

VETERANS OFFICE REPORT FOR MARCH 2020

The move of the Veterans Office to 180 Memorial Drive, Manistee is now complete. The new phone number is 231-299-1414 and Fax number is 231-299-1400.

DISCUSSION CONCERNING COVID-19

Discussion concerning the current COVID-19 pandemic. Questions about if an employee tests positive, is there a plan in place? The employee would go on short term disability and if it is an extended circumstance, the employee would then go on FMLA. The County and the Chief Judge continue to update the residents and the employees of circumstances that are changing daily.

PROPOSED 2A AMENDMENT SANCTUARY COUNTY RESOLUTION

Discussion concerning the proposed 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution took place. The 2A Gun Rights group has spoken at the last two (2) County Board meetings and again tonight. Mr. Dontz stated that his position has not changed as the 2nd Amendment is covered under his Oath of Office, but he is willing to listen and open discussion to the Board. The current Resolution that was sent to everyone from the 2A Group is the same resolution that Grand Traverse County passed, and it does not have the word sanctuary in it. There is concern about setting precedence with resolutions for different groups that come before the Board for political "ifs" as opposed to political reality. This movement was started because of what happened in Virginia with approved Red Flag Laws and the ability to own firearms. Mr. Dontz believes he upholds the 2nd Amendment by taking the Oath of Office. Mr. Bishop, of the 2A Group, said the Resolution is not binding but rather a symbolic message. This is being seen as a way to send a message to legislators for no more firearm regulations. Mr. Bergstrom believes in the 2nd amendment and has firearms. He believes there is enough regulation and gun rights. Everyone has political views on the Board, but when it comes to the State and Federal level, but we need to maintain the cohesiveness here at the local level. Mr. Dontz hates to see these wedge issues come before this Board and then all of a sudden we are not the functioning Board we currently are. Ms. Goodman stated there are laws that are sitting for review and have been for quite some time. She recognizes and supports the United States Constitution and the Constitution of Michigan. This includes the 2nd Amendment which is very clear. Ms. Goodman commends the group for their passion, interest and how they truly feel, but she can't support the language with sanctuary in it and it is not her job to dictate to the Sheriff and the Prosecutor what or how to impose laws, that is the courts job. However, Ms. Goodman believes in the 2nd amendment and supports it, and if needed, she will talk to the Legislators about support for this. The State Legislators are the people who can make the changes. The question of why the word sanctuary was removed from the second resolution that Grand Traverse County passed but then the last paragraph in that resolution speaks to not allowing County funds to be used for unconstitutional expenditures infringing upon constitutional rights. Oceana County deleted some language out of the resolution they adopted. As a County Board, we can only influence our Sheriff through financial help and guidance. Ms. Goodman would like to come to a resolution with the 2A Group to support and acknowledge their thoughts but at the same time Ms. Goodman can't go beyond and tell the Prosecutor and Sheriff what they can or can't do. Mr. Dontz said he has a version of the resolution that Mason County is considering. Mr. Dontz does not have a problem formatting a letter to the Governor, Senator and Representative and the federal level, to reiterate support for the 2nd Amendment and the Board is looking to protect its infringement. Ms. Goodman would like to add to the letter about constituents having concern, dedication and support towards this issue. Another issue is firearms and persons with mental health issues. There is the Mental Health Code that is followed when it comes to mental health and firearms. There is a court process that one has to go through before a gun could be removed. Mr. Lagerquist stated that he agrees. If we put this fire out then another fire starts. He has heard there is a movement for abortion sanctuaries. Mr. Lagerquist would

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rather not adopt anything. Most constituents believe in the 2nd amendment and the ability to own guns and that's where it ends. Mr. Dontz reiterates that he agrees with the 2A Group up to the edge, but we are not there yet and has faith that we won't get there. Mr. Dontz asked if anyone wanted to make a motion? Ms. Goodman suggested to send ideas and language to Commissioners for review and schedule this issue at the next County Board meeting for a discussion item with more information.

Mr. Dontz announced that the Courthouse and Government Center was closed to the public today, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5 p.m. In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the recent orders by Governor Whitmer, and recommendations from our Public Health Officers. This is being done to mitigate the spread of the virus. Only essential County Services and essential Court operations will continue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 7:26 p.m.

Clerk

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