

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners called a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room and were called to order by the Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

PRESENT: Margaret Batzer (on-line, City of Manistee), Jeff Dontz, Karen Goodman (on-line, City of Manistee), Eric Gustad (on-line, Filer Township), Pauline Jaquish, Nikki Koons (on-line, Norman Township) and Richard Schmidt (on-line, Maple Grove Township).

ABSENT: None

The County Board and its Committees are operating remotely and electronically by Zoom under the Manistee County Board of Commissioners Resolution #2020-17, which Declared a Local State of Emergency through December 31, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

AMEND SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Goodman to amend the Special Meeting Agenda to include the subject of four (4) year County Commissioner terms.

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RESOLUTION #2021-6 APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF GABRIEL R.

MATTICE AS ATTORNEY MAGISTRATE OF THE 85TH DISTRICT COURT

Honorable Thomas N. Brunner, Probate Court Judge, appeared before the Board to request approval of the appointment of Gabriel Mattice as the 85th District Court Attorney Magistrate. Judge Brunner’s statutory duties also include the 85th District Court. Judge Brunner asks for consideration of Resolution #2021-6 from the County Board of Commissioners to approve the appointment of Gabriel Mattice as the 85th District Court Attorney Magistrate, per MCL 600.8501. Judge Brunner introduced Mr. Mattice and gave education and work history background. Mr. Mattice will receive the same pay as the previous Attorney/Magistrate.

RESOLUTION #2021-6

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF
GABRIEL R. MATTICE
AS ATTORNEY MAGISTRATE OF THE 85TH DISTRICT COURT

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

At a special meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Governmental Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan on the 13th day of April, 2021.

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

ABSENT: None

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

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 600.8501 authorizes the judges of district court to appoint a magistrate to carry out duties as set forth by statute; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 600.8501 also requires that the appointment of a magistrate to the district court be approved by the county board of commissioners prior to the magistrate taking office; and

WHEREAS, the 85TH District Court has funds within its existing budget to pay for Magistrates; and

WHEREAS, the 85TH District Court intends to appoint Gabriel R. Mattice as Attorney Magistrate and the appointment is contingent upon the approval the County Board of Commissioners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appointment of Gabriel R. Mattice as Attorney Magistrate for the Manistee County 85th District Court.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Schmidt to approve the above Resolution #2021-6

Resolution Approving the Appointment of Gabriel R. Mattice as Attorney Magistrate of the 85th District Court.

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

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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2021 EQUALIZATION REPORT

Heather Vasquez, Equalization Director, presented the Board with the 2021 Manistee County Equalization Report and requested approval of Resolution #2021-5 to Adopt the 2021 County Equalization Report as Submitted with the Accompanying Statements including acceptance of the L-4024 and L-4037 forms; and authorize the County Board Chair and the County Clerk to sign the same.

RESOLUTION #2021-5

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MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2021 COUNTY EQUALIZATION REPORT AS
SUBMITTED WITH THE ACCOMPANYING STATEMENTS

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

ABSENT: None

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

WHEREAS The Equalization Department has examined the assessment rolls of the 14 townships and one city within Manistee County to ascertain whether the real and personal property in the respective townships and cities has been equally and uniformly assessed at true cash value; and

WHEREAS, based on its studies, the Equalization Department has presented to the Board of Commissioners of the County of Manistee, the 2021 Equalization data that equalizes the townships' and cities' valuations, by adding to or deducting from the valuations of the said taxable property in the 14 townships and one city, an amount which represents the true cash value; and

WHEREAS, the attached report is the result of the foregoing process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Manistee, that the accompanying statements be, and the same hereby are, approved and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Manistee as the equalized value of all taxable property, both real and personal, for each of the 14 townships and one city in said County for real property values equalized at \$1,483,255,100 and personal property values equalized at \$108,026,950 for a total equalized value of real and personal property at \$1,591,282,050 pursuant to Section 211.34 M.C.L., 1948, as amended and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners and the Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the L-4024 forms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board of Commissioners accept the L-4037 forms as prepared and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners and the Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners to sign the L-4037 forms.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to approve above Resolution #2021-5 to Adopt the 2021 County Equalization Report as Submitted with the Accompanying Statements including acceptance of the L-4024 and L-4037 forms; and authorize the County Board Chair and the County Clerk to sign the same.

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

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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OTHER ITEMS

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

**ADDED AGENDA ITEM RE: FOUR (4) YEAR TERMS FOR
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Chairman Dontz stated that proposed four (4) year County Commissioner terms are being considered in the Senate. Information was received from Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) regarding this proposed legislation changing County Commissioner terms from two (2) year terms to four (4) year terms. It is noted that with two (2) year terms, one is just understanding complex County government and four (4) year terms would provide stabilization and consistency.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Goodman to draft a letter supporting the change of County Commissioner terms from two (2) year terms to four (4) year terms; and authorize the Chair to sign the same; and copies of the letter be sent to MAC, Legislators and the Governor's Office.

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

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 9:23 a.m.

_____, Clerk
Jill M. Nowak