

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 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 (on-line, City of Manistee), Jeff Dontz, Karen Goodman, Eric Gustad, Pauline Jaquish, Nikki Koons (on-line, Norman Township), Richard Schmidt

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.

APPROVE MEETING AGENDA

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the Meeting Agenda, as presented.

Motion Carried

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CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Jaquish to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Board meeting, and May 2021 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

Herb Bradford, President, Onekama Lions Club, spoke regarding two (2) insurance claims at the Onekama Lions Pavilion that have been denied. Duane Anderson was also present regarding the Lions Pavilion.

Elaine Bossingham, Manistee County Fair Board, updated the Board of Commissioners on projects at the fairgrounds and thanked the Commissioners for their budget support.

The Board discussed the Onekama Lions Pavilion issue while the representatives were still present at the meeting. An Ad Hoc Committee was appointed including Board Chair, Jeff Dontz, Commissioner Pauline Jaquish, Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller, and Mr. Herb Bradford of the Onekama Lions Club. The Ad Hoc Committee will look at the problems in the building, the appraised value of the building and at the big picture of the building.

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COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Two (2) appointments to the Planning Commission, one (1) appointment will be filled by a person representing Education, Government and Municipal Interests; and one (1) appointment will be filled by a person representing Transportation and Communication. Each vacancy is for a three (3) year term beginning June 10, 2021 and ending June 9, 2024. Applicants for the positions were Theodore Batzer and Glenn Zaring.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Koons to cast a unanimous vote to re-appoint Theodore Batzer to the Planning Commission, representing Education, Government and Municipal Interests, for a three (3) year term beginning June 10, 2021 and ending June 9, 2024; and to re-appoint Glenn Zaring to the Planning Commission, representing Transportation and Communication Interest, for a three (3) year term beginning June 10, 2021 and ending June 9, 2024.

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

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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CENTRA WELLNESS BOARD APPOINTMENT

One (1) vacancy on the Centra Wellness Board of Directors. This vacancy will be to fill an unexpired three (3) year term beginning immediately and expiring March 31, 2022.

There were no applicants, and the Clerk was asked to re-advertise again.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

One (1) vacancy to fill an unexpired two (2) year term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2021. Applicants for the position were Bryan Dunlop, M.D. and Cynthia Brege.

Vote:

Dunlop 5 votes Brege 2 votes

Brian Dunlop M.D. is appointed to the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill an unexpired two (2) year term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2021.

HOUSING NORTH

Yarrow Brown of Housing North, appeared before the Board to introduce Housing North and possible ways to partner.

CENTRA WELLNESS UPDATE ON MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Chip Johnston Executive Director Centra Wellness, appeared before the Board to provide an update on Mental Health Services.

(Commissioner Koons left the meeting at 6 p.m.)

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RECOGNITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheriff Brian Gutowski, appeared before the Board to recognize National Corrections Officers Week 2021 and National Police Week 2021.

Sheriff Gutowski thanked the men and women for their hard work and dedication as Corrections Officers and Police Officers in safeguarding our community. Sheriff Gutowski also remembered those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Robin Arnold, Manistee County Sheriff Deputy was killed in February 1994 in a traffic accident and Paul Butterfield, Michigan State Police Trooper, who was killed during a traffic stop in September 2013.

Jeff Dontz, Chair of the County Board, with much respect, thanked all Correction Officers and Law Enforcement Officers for the vital job they do in protecting our community.

POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES/APRIL 23, 2021

Karen Goodman presented the Policy Committee Minutes of April 23, 2021.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

IT Policies were discussed. Ms. Griffis will review MAC, MTA for policies already in use.

Zywave is a new product provided by 44 North. It is a HR portal that can build a handbook and tailor it to our County.

The application process for Boards and Commissions and the criminal background check process and liability to the County was discussed. Suggestions to reach out to MMRMA. New policies/forms for this process are being assessed.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Batzer to accept the Policy Committee Minutes of April 23, 2021.

Motion Carried

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WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT/MAY 5, 2021

Richard Schmidt presented the Ways & Means Committee Report of May 5, 2021.

FINANCE REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Manistee County
Manistee, Michigan 49660

We hereby submit claims for April 6, 2021 through May 3, 2021, and a summary of the On-Demand checks for their review and approval. The totals are as follows:

101 General Fund	\$219,245.77
201 County Road Fund.....	0.00
208 Parks/Recreation Trails Fund	0.00
215 Friend of the Court Fund	0.00
216 Department Contingency Fund.....	0.00
220 Local Revenue Sharing Grant Fund	0.00

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225 Recycling Fund.....	10,610.47
234 Judicial Technology Fund	0.00
235 District Court Services Fund	0.00
236 Maintenance of Effort Fund	20,324.52
238 Land Bank Authority Fund.....	466.24
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.....	16,971.00
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	1,108.44
257 Budget Stabilization Fund	0.00
258 Mounted Search and Rescue	0.00
259 Indigent Defense Fund	4,807.01
260 Health Insurance Fund.....	129,539.39
261 9-1-1 Service Fund	0.00
262 Dive Equipment Fund.....	448.34
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	0.00
267 Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund.....	328.00
268 Homeland Security Grant Fund.....	0.00
269 Law Library Fund.....	1,660.15
270 Corrections Officer Training Fund.....	275.00
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 Care Act Fund.....	0.00
283 F.I.A. Benzie County.....	0.00
284 Community Corrections Fund	200.00
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	1,689.44
293 Soldiers & Sailors Relief Fund.....	0.00
294 Veterans Trust Fund	0.00
295 Airport Authority Fund.....	30,441.82
296 Juvenile Justice Fund.....	1,250.00
297 Compensated Services Fund.....	130,242.17
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

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369 Building Authority Debt Fund.....	149,827.75
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
516 Delinquent Tax Revolving 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.....	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.....	235.29
701 Trust and Agency.....	0.00
702 OPEB Trust Fund.....	0.00
801 Drain Fund.....	0.00
Total:	<u>\$719,670.80</u>

(Includes 2 acct. payable runs; on demand checks):

Payroll for the period of 04/06/2021 thru 05/03/2021 + \$520,689.07
(Includes 2 payrolls)

Employee Separation
Ella Simmons \$4,543.33
Scott Soper \$8,028.76

Total to be Claimed and allowed May 18, 2021 \$1,240,359.87

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the on-demand checks, bills and payroll, be accepted in the amount of \$1,240,359.87; and that the same be placed on file.

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

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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MANISTEE COUNTY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS POLICY

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the Manistee County Electronic Funds Transfers Policy, as presented.

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

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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CHILD CARE FUND, PROJECT 19 BUDGET

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the authorization of the Child Care Fund budget, as it pertains to Project 19, be changed from a contractual line item to the salary and benefits line item up to the amount of \$112,280.

YEAS: 2 Schmidt, Batzer

NAYS: 4 Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish

ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Failed

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The Board had questions regarding the above subject, but no one was available to answer the questions.

**REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #2021-11, WHICH IMPOSES
2021 SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY PURSUANT TO PUBLIC ACT 357 OF
2004 AND NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY ALLOCATED TAX LEVY**

**RESOLUTION #2021-11
MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

RESOLUTION IMPOSING 2021 SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY PURSUANT TO
PUBLIC ACT 357 OF 2004, AND NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY
ALLOCATED TAX LEVY

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 18th day of May, 2021.

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

ABSENT: Koons

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

WHEREAS, Manistee County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy and collect County allocated property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, to require all Michigan Counties to impose a summer tax levy, with the

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summer tax levies for 2005 and 2006 to be in the amount of 1/3 and 2/3, respectively, of the total County allocated tax, with the full amount of the County allocated tax to be levied and collected as a summer tax levy in 2007 and each year thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, the Manistee County allocated tax shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2021, at the full amount allocated after application of the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction, or 5.4708 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Manistee County will comply with MCL 141.412, "Notice of Hearing for Proposed Budget" and Section 16 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, MCL 141.436, to fulfill requirements for "Truth in Taxation", MCL 211.24e; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes certification of the levy of the County allocated tax and authorized collection of the County allocated tax on July 1, 2021 at the full amount allocated after application of "Headlee" millage reduction fraction, or 5.4708 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each township and city in Manistee County is directed to account for and deliver the full amount of County allocated tax collections for 2021 in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 357 of 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall deliver a copy of this Resolution by first class mail to the Treasurer of each township and city in Manistee County.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the above Resolution #2021-11

Imposing 2021 Summer Property Tax Levy, Pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, and Notice of Certification of County Allocated Tax Levy; asking for authorization for the County Board Chair and the County Clerk to sign the L-4029.

YEAS:	6	Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Schmidt
NAYS:	0	None
ABSENT:	1	Koons

Motion Carried

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AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) COORDINATOR CONTRACT BETWEEN MANISTEE COUNTY AND THE MANISTEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the Participating Agreement Between Manistee County and the Manistee County Conservation District to perform work for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program for the remainder of the final two years of the contract starting in 2021-2022 and ending February 1, 2023; in the amount of \$28,000.05; and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same.

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

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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**MODIFICATION OF THE PARTICIPATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MANISTEE COUNTY AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE (USDA) FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL
FOREST**

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the modification on the separate Participating Agreement Between Manistee County and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service Huron-Manistee National Forest for In-Kind Match and volunteers for the remainder of the final two years of the contract starting in 2021-2022 and ending February 1, 2023; in the amount of \$28,000.05; and authorize the Board Chair to sign the same.

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

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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PAINTING OF THE BUILDING AT 395 THIRD STREET, MANISTEE

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to approve the bid from Carpenter’s Sons to prep, paint and replace the rotted facia at the 395 Third Street, Manistee building, in the amount not to exceed \$6,100; to be paid from the Building and Grounds Contingency Fund.

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

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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Items Not Requiring Board Action.

Joe Coleman, Manistee County Medical Care Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Draft Resolution and language for approval of a ballot proposal for County Bonds to fund renovation and expansion of the Medical Care Facility for the sale of bonds not to exceed \$24,000,000. The Medical Care Board needs to decide what ballot verbiage they want to present to the County Board.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to accept the Ways & Means Committee Minutes of May 5, 2021.

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MINUTES/MAY 7, 2021

Karen Goodman presented the Personnel Committee Minutes of May 7, 2021.

APPLICATION FOR EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Gustad to approve reimbursement of the education request to Jacob Bielski for continuing education in the amount of \$1,000 once the classes are complete, a receipt is received, and final grades are received and in accordance with the Education Policy.

YEAS: 6 Jaquish, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad
NAYS: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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DIRECTOR OF EQUALIZATION EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Gustad to approve the Employment Agreement for the Director of Equalization; and to adjust the agreement per Ms. Vasquez' request of the additional vacation day to be added to the vacation bank effective on the 21st anniversary date in September 2021; and authorize the Chair to sign the same.

YEAS: 6 Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish
NAYS: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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Items Not Requiring Board Action.

There was further discussion regarding committee appointments, the Application and Release of Information Forms for Boards and Commissions. More information will be forthcoming.

The Nottley Study is moving forward.

An update on the status of personnel vaccinated in the Courthouse and Government Center is at least 88%. Ms. Sagala would like to see the Government Center and the Courts/SCAO on a united front as far as mask mandates and MiOSHA, as it could cause confusion for the public and Bailiffs if the policies are not the same.

Suggested Courthouse and Government Center opening date of June 7, 2021. Follow an updated Preparedness Plan and non-vaccinated persons would still have to wear masks.

Moved by Jaquish, seconded by Gustad to accept the Personnel Committee Minutes of May 7, 2021.

Motion Carried

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PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMITTEE MINUTES/APRIL 19, 2021

Jeff Dontz presented the Public Defender Committee Minutes of April 19, 2021.

No Action Items.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

Jared Henry reviewed the FY 2022 MIDC Grant Application/Budget, Compliance Plan and Fiscal Report.

A Conflict Administrator will be needed to help implement Standard 5.

A Peer Support Specialist who works with the Defendants, makes sure they are put in contact with the right agencies and services, and make sure the defendants are doing their part. It was a consensus to include the Peer Support Specialist in the budget as long as the local budgets are not affected.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Gustad to accept the Public Defender Committee minutes of April 19, 2021.

Motion Carried

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GREEN TEAM/RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES/APRIL 22, 2021

Margaret Batzer presented the Green Team/Recycling Committee Minutes of April 22, 2021.

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AMENDMENTS AND
RESOLUTION #2021-10 IN SUPPORT FOR UPDATING PART 115, MICHIGAN'S
SOLID WASTE LAW**

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**Resolution #2021-10
Manistee County Board of Commissioners**

**Resolution of Support for
Updating Part 115, Michigan's Solid Waste Law**

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 18th day of May, 2021.

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

ABSENT: Koons

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

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 Solid Waste Plan 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 the 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:

- 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 human health 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 fresh take on waste, funded planning, and state grants, including funding for:

- Improved recycling infrastructure and services
- Public education

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

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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.

Adopted by the County of Manistee on this day, May 18, 2021.

Moved by Batzer, seconded by Gustad to approve the above Resolution #2021-10 in Support of Solid Waste for Updating Part 115, Michigan’s Solid Waste Law.

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

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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Items Not Requiring Board Action.

The Manistee County Scrap Tire Events will be at Bay Area Recycling for Charities (BARC) in Kaleva. The first Scrap Tire Event is on June 26, 2021.

Ms. Archer continues to work with the recycling locations and re-location efforts for Onekama Township. Ms. Archer also continues to work on numerous grants for various site improvements, infrastructure, electronic recycling, etc.

Moved by Batzer, seconded by Gustad to accept the Green Team/Recycling Committee

Minutes of April 22, 2021.

Motion Carried

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REGIONAL SUMMIT COMMITTEE MINUTES/MAY 7, 2021

Karen Goodman presented the Regional Summit Committee Minutes of May 7, 2021.

No Action Items.

Items Not Requiring Board Action.

Mary Reilly, MSUE was asked to present on the Open Meetings Act (OMA). Ideas were given on what the Committee would like to see.

The suggestion to discuss the positive successes and lessons learned due to Covid was restated.

Local municipalities are encouraged to speak about their city, village, or township.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Gustad to accept the Regional Summit Committee

Minutes of May 7, 2021.

Motion Carried

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MISCELLANEOUS CONTROLLER AND BOARD ITEMS

**RESOLUTION #2021-12
MANISTEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2021 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN MANISTEE COUNTY.

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 18th day of May, 2021.

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

ABSENT: Koons

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

WHEREAS, one out of every five American adults experiences a mental health disorder during their lifetime;

WHEREAS, one out of every ten American children has a mental illness serious enough to impair how they function at home, at school and with peers;

WHEREAS, the impact of mental illness reaches families, neighborhoods, schools and the workplace;

WHEREAS, May has been recognized as national Mental Health Awareness Month since 1949; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners that: (1) May 2021 is recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month in Manistee County; and (2) the people of Manistee County are encouraged to take the opportunity to learn more about building mental health and preventing substance abuse.

Moved by Batzer, seconded by Goodman to approve above Resolution #2021-12

Recognizing May 2021 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Manistee County.

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

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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RESCUE ACT FUNDS

Guidance on the Rescue Act Funds are still vague. Susan Zielinski, Finance Officer indicated that these monies will be in a separate account with its own line items. It is noted that the County has three (3) years to spend the money, so it is wise to plan. Since this is a large scale fund, the full Board should decide on the spending of the funds.

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Moved by Gustad, seconded by Goodman to authorize the Manistee County Administrator/Controller to collect the first half of the Rescue Act Funds available to Manistee County.

YEAS: 6 Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Schmidt, Batzer, Dontz
NAYS: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Koons

Motion Carried

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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE DISCUSSION

Ms. Sagala noted that the County Strategic Plan expired in 2019 and it should be made current. Ms. Sagala recommended that at each Board meeting, take one (1) goal and work on it, which should take about 15-20 minutes. There are six (6) or seven (7) goals. This work could begin with the June 2021 Board meeting.

Richard Schmidt recommended to use some of the Rescue Act Funds to buy the old Kaleva School Building for a Community Center.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Sullivan, Veterans Counselor, reported that veteran outreach has been very well received. There is an uptick in emergency grants as unemployment is running out soon. MI Works is doing some resume building with the Veterans. Two (2) Memorial Day Services are planned. Denise, a volunteer, is an asset in dispatching work.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 7:55 p.m.

Jill M. Nowak Clerk