



OCTOBER 2022 VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION MONTHLY ACTIVITY

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HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Broadband** – DCS Technology has been contracted on a month-to-month basis for broadband project management. They are working with Market Van Buren to seek out and apply for grants to fund broadband installation. The DCS Technology Broadband Mapping Report can be found on the County website: <https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/749/Broadband-Expansion-Efforts>.
2. **Ryan Post Named County Administrator** – Interviews for County Administrator were held on October 17, the contract was signed on October 25th, officially naming Ryan Post as County Administrator; removing the title of Interim County Administrator that he has held since May 24, 2022.
3. **Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (C-PACE)** – the Board has taken the first steps to developing a PACE program in Van Buren County. (More information in Additional Details on page 2 – item 1.)
4. **Road Commissioner Appointment** – Van Buren County Board of Commissioners interviewed candidates for the Road Commissioner vacancy and have appointed Wayne Nelson.
5. **Daily Recovery Zone Funding** – the Board approved the request for funding to the Daily Recovery Zone in the amount of \$25,160.00. Daily Recovery Zone provides services for those in need of support with substance-abuse disorders including peer support meetings, community service opportunities, GED tutoring, job search and application assistance, and family orientated events.
6. **Apportionment Report** – The 2022 Apportionment Report was reviewed and approved.
7. **Land Management Rebranding to GIS** - To streamline and modernize our Geographic Information Systems (GIS) services within the organization and across the community, the Department will be renamed the GIS Department. The County is seeking to fill the new position of GIS Director. This is in line with current trends at our neighboring Counties and other municipalities.
8. **Claims** – Claims in the amount of \$4,612,800.20 were approved for the month of September 2022.
9. **Holiday Lighting Decorations** – The Board approved the addition of new Holiday Lighting on county property areas as selected by Buildings & Grounds Director, John Small.
10. **Candlelight Vigil** - The Use of County Property was approved for the DVC to hold a candlelight vigil in the park on 10/20/2022 in honor of victims lost over the year to domestic violence.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

1. Establishing a county wide PACE program in accordance with Public Act 270 of 2010 will have the effect of economic development and enhanced environmental sustainability by allowing the use of PACE for private and not for profit owners of commercial, industrial, and certain multi-unit residential property to install energy efficient/renewable energy improvements. The PACE mechanism allows the owner to access funding that is secured by a special assessment on the property benefiting from the defined energy efficient improvements. The special assessment runs with the property, not the owner, making it a low-risk investment for the commercial lender.
2. The Board authorized the County Treasurer to Invest County Funds in GovMIC, an investment pool allowable under Public Act 20.
3. The following grants / funds were approved:
 - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority were granted approval to apply for the Federal EPA Grant.
 - Land Bank Authority were granted approval to apply for the Michigan State Land Bank Authority's RFP 2023-001.
 - The 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant was signed.
 - The Fiscal Year 2023 OCC Budget.
 - County Child Care Fund Budget Summary FY 23.
4. The Snow Removal Bids for the 22-23 snow season were approved.
5. The MSU Extension Annual Agreement was signed.
6. The FY23 Net Cost Agreement for Substance Abuse Disorder Services with SWMBH was signed.
7. A Letter of Understanding for a wage exception was signed for a promoted FOC employee.
8. The Board approved the purchase of a Traffic Radar Sign for the Sheriff's Office.

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