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**News from the County Commissioners (Gail Patterson-Gladney, Kurt Doroh,
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GENERAL FUND BUDGET: Commissioners approved a balanced General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022. The Revenues are expected to total \$24,269,277.00 and projected expenses are \$24,269,277.00.

VHF FIRE/EMS RADIO PROJECT: The Board of Commissioners approved the core of the VHF/EMS RADIO project which includes the radio equipment, installation, programming, back-up and spare equipment for Central Dispatch. The total cost for this project is \$1,158,734.00. The funding is provided from the 911 Fund balance.

VETERANS' SERVICES GRANT: The Board of Commissioners accepted a grant award from the Michigan County Veteran Service Fund of \$86,462.00. The purpose of this grant is to provide for County Veteran Services Operations.

VETERANS TREATMENT CONTRACT: Commissioners approved a contract with the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department to provide oral health and other public health clinical services to Veterans who are residents of Van Buren County.

VETERANS SERVICE DOGS: Commissioners approved a contract with Pawsitively K9. \$14,097.00 of the Veterans' Service Grant will be used to provide Veterans with dogs with the ability to help veterans lead a happier and healthier life.

VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICER: Veterans' Service Director, Lt. Colonel David Krzycki, informed Commissioners that Dennis Urquhart has been hired as the new Veterans' Service Officer. He is fully accredited and will be a great asset to this department.

VAN BUREN COUNTY TRANSIT: Commissioners approved another grant for bus purchases of \$203,158.00. This grant is to be used to purchase 2 buses.

APPOINTMENTS: William Van Tassell has been re-appointed by Commissioners to a two- year term on the Land Preservation Board.

Mary Ann Middaugh and Janet Abshagen have been appointed to the Board of Canvassers for a 4-year term. Commissioners must appoint one Republican and one Democrat to fill the vacant positions

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