



**Ottawa County**  
Board of Commissioners

**Joe Moss**  
Chairperson

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**Sylvia Rhodea**  
Vice-Chairperson

*To All Ottawa County Commissioners:*

*The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will meet on **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:30 PM** for the regular June meeting of the Board at the Ottawa County Fillmore Street Complex in West Olive, Michigan and via Zoom and YouTube.*

*The Agenda is as follows:*

- 1. Call to Order by the Chairperson*
- 2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance*
- 3. Roll Call*
- 4. Correspondence*
- 5. Public Comment*
- 6. Approval of Agenda*
- 7. Consent Resolutions:*

*From the County Clerk/Register*

*A. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes*

*Suggested Motion:*

*To approve the minutes of the [June 13, 2023](#) Board of Commissioners meeting.*

*From Administration*

- B. [Post-Execution Ratification of Contracts under Section IV\(D\)\(2\) of the Ottawa County Contracting Authorization and Form Policy](#)*

Gretchen Cosby | Lucy Ebel | Douglas Zylstra | Jacob Bonnema | Kyle Terpstra  
Rebekah Curran | Roger Belknap | Roger Bergman | Allison Miedema

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*Suggested Motion:*

*To ratify all contracts for the period of May 1, 2023 to May 31, 2023 currently pending on the post-execution ratification list as authorized under Section IV(D)(2) of the Ottawa County Contracting Authorization and Form Policy.*

8. *Public Hearings: None*

9. *Agenda and Action Requests*

*From Administration*

A. *Resolution to Protect Childhood Innocence*

*Suggested Motion:*

*To approve a resolution expressing support for protecting childhood innocence.*

B. *Resolution approving changes to the Grand Valley Metro Council Articles of Incorporation*

*Suggested Motion:*

*To approve a resolution to withdraw the City of Hastings from the Grand Valley Metro Council, at the request of the City of Hastings.*

C. *Resolution to Censure Commissioner Jacob Bonnema for Abuse of Power*

*Suggested Motion:*

*To approve a resolution to censure Commissioner Jacob Bonnema.*

*From the Talent and Recruitment Committee*

A. *Veteran's Affairs Committee – War Veteran*

*Suggested Motion:*

*To approve the nomination of (\*indicates recommendation from the Interview Subcommittee):*

*\*Eric Johnson*

*David Chesney*

*Charles Murray*

*Nicholas Matiash*

*James Chiodo*

*Joshua Miller*

*William Haynes*

*and to select one (1) to fill one (1) War Veteran vacancy beginning January 27, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.*

10. *Committee Reports*

11. *Public Comment*

*12. Additional Business*

- A. Report from County Commissioners who attended the Ottawa County Conservation District Annual Meeting.*
- B. Report from the Lunch at the Park event hosted by the Parks Foundation of Ottawa.*
- C. Update for Commissioners on an upcoming tour of the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District.*
- D. Report from County Administrator*
  - 1. Strategic Plan Update*

*13. Adjournment at Call of the Chairperson*

**PROPOSED  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTTAWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE SESSION – FIRST DAY**

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 9:02 a.m. and was called to order by the Chairperson.

The prayer was pronounced by Reverend Adam Nordyke of Second Church of Allendale.

Chairperson Moss led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Present at roll call: Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Kyle Terpstra, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap, Roger Bergman, Allison Miedema. (11)

Correspondence

A. GCSI Update-Bob DeVries gave a quarterly legislative update.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by the following:

1. Sheila Dettloff-Holland Township
2. Marla Walters-Holland Township
3. Stephen Rockman-Grand Haven Township
4. Dan Zimmer-Port Sheldon Township
5. Harvey Nikkel-Georgetown Township
6. Barbara VanHorsen-Grand Haven
7. Karen Obits-Spring Lake
8. Deb Cizek-Port Sheldon Township
9. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township
10. Monique Hanson-Spring Lake Village
11. Joe Spaulding-Holland Township
12. Mary Bockheim-Tallmadge Township

Approval of Agenda

B/C 23-114 Rebekah Curran moved to approve the agenda of today.

The motion passed.

Consent Resolutions

B/C 23-115 Roger Bergman moved to remove Item J (Administrator's Office Personnel Request) from Consent Resolutions and move it to Agenda and Action Requests 9a.

- B/C 23-116 Rebekah Curran moved to approve the following Consent Resolutions.
- A. To approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023, Board of Commissioners meeting
  - B. To receive for information the Correspondence Log.
  - C. To approve Change Order #1 for the Ottawa Sands Phase One construction contract.
  - D. To approve the general claims in the amount of \$16,190,480.85 as presented by the summary report for April 24, 2023 through May 26, 2023.
  - E. To approve a contract with River City Flooring, Inc. for flooring installation at the Fillmore Administration Building in the amount of \$142,495.89.
  - F. To approve a 3-year agreement with Naya Group LLC. The total 3-year cost is \$122,900.
  - G. To approve the FY2024 Michigan Department of Corrections Plan and Application.
  - H. To approve a \$1 million grant from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).
  - I. To approve a contract with St. Francis to conduct a food choice survey related to their food pantry redesign, in the amount of \$5,000.
  - J. To approve a proposal to change one Assessment & Eligibility Specialist at .75 FTE and universal paygrade 5 to a Grant & Development Coordinator at 1.0 FTE at a universal pay scale 10 for a total cost of \$34,809.
  - K. To approve a proposal to change one, 1.0 FTE full-time, benefited Elections Coordinator position at universal paygrade 10 to an Elections Supervisor at universal paygrade 12 for a total cost of \$11,555.
  - L. To approve a proposal to upgrade the one, 1.0 FTE Full-time, benefited Chief Deputy Register of Deeds (Unclassified) position from a universal paygrade 13 to a universal paygrade 14 for a total cost of \$3,838.
  - M. To approve the request to reorganize the Facilities Department at a cost of \$83,339 for Fiscal Year 2023.
  - N. To approve the correction of the Mental Health Prescriber position, at a total cost of \$5,327 paid for with CCBHC grant funds and Medicaid.
  - O. To approve a request to increase the pay of the seasonal Stewardship Crew to a starting rate of \$16.8795 to attract talent at no additional cost for Fiscal Year 2023.
  - P. To approve the 2023 budget adjustments per the attached schedule.

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Gretchen Cosby, Jacob Bonnema, Sylvia Rhodea, Douglas Zylstra, Kyle Terpstra, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Roger Bergman, Joe Moss. (11)

Public Hearings

None.

Agenda and Action Requests

B/C 23-117 Roger Belknap moved to approve a proposal to change one, 1.0 FTE full-time, benefited Communications Manager position at universal paygrade 12 to a Communications Director at universal paygrade 15 for a total cost of \$20,353.

The motion passed by the following votes: Yeas: Kyle Terpstra, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, Joe Moss. (6)

Nays: Gretchen Cosby, Roger Bergman, Douglas Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Rebekah Curran. (5)

Public Comment

1. Sara Westhuis-Did not give Jurisdiction

Additional Business

- A. Report from County Administrator-The County Administrator's report was presented.

Adjournment at Call of the Chairperson

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

JUSTIN F. ROEBUCK, Clerk/Register  
Of the Board of Commissioners

JOE MOSS, Chairperson  
Of the Board of Commissioners

# Board Ratification Contracts

Report Date Range: 05/01/2023 - 05/31/2023

'Revenue' Total Amount: \$0.00

'Expense' Total Amount: \$188,456.00

| CONTRACT | REQUESTED DATE | APPROVED DATE | REQUESTING AGENCY       | VENDOR/3RD PARTY  | CONTRACT AMOUNT | MULTI YEAR CONTRACT | REVENUE /EXPENSE | PURPOSE  |
|----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|--|
| 1863     | 03/10/2023     | 05/05/2023    | PUBLIC HEALTH           | OTTAWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NETWORK COOPERSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL | \$4,650.00      | NO                  | EXPENSE          | Hygiene kits and improving access to basic needs through Ottawa Community Schools Network Coopersville Public Schools. See Sandra Lake for questions.                                  |
| 1876     | 03/16/2023     | 05/05/2023    | PUBLIC HEALTH           | ARBOR CIRCLE  | \$12,000.00     | NO                  | EXPENSE          | Transportation, translation, and training supports. See Sandra Lake for questions.   |
| 1878     | 03/16/2023     | 05/05/2023    | PUBLIC HEALTH           | DISABILITY NETWORK LAKESHORE                                | \$11,000.00     | NO                  | EXPENSE          | Support group for individuals who are hard of hearing. See Sandra Lake with questions.   |
| 1879     | 03/16/2023     | 05/19/2023    | PUBLIC HEALTH           | OUT ON THE LAKESHORE  | \$8,000.00      | NO                  | EXPENSE          | Therapeutic gaming initiative. See Sandra Lake with questions.   |
| 1867     | 03/10/2023     | 05/05/2023    | PUBLIC HEALTH           | NEIGHBORS PLUS  | \$1,000.00      | NO                  | EXPENSE          | Providing childcare during English as a Second Language Classes. See Sandra Lake for questions.  |
| 1875     | 03/16/2023     | 05/05/2023    | PUBLIC HEALTH           | LAUP  | \$21,000.00     | NO                  | EXPENSE          | Transportation Support Services Program. See Sandra Lake with Questions.   |
| 1881     | 03/16/2023     | 05/05/2023    | PUBLIC HEALTH           | BUILDING MEN FOR LIFE                                       | \$10,000.00     | NO                  | EXPENSE          | Health inequities project- data collection and prevention. See Sandra Lake with questions.   |
| 1890     | 03/21/2023     | 05/09/2023    | COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY | REDMON HEATING AND COOLING                                  | \$21,000.00     | NO                  | EXPENSE          | Contract with Redmon Heating and Cooling to provide services for the Weatherization program. This is a fee per service contract. The contract total will vary based on jobs completed. |

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|------|------------|------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----|---------|--|
| 1908 | 03/29/2023 | 05/05/2023 | DC PROBATION/COMM CORRECTIONS | GRAND RAPIDS THERAPY GROUP       | \$5,888.00  | NO  | EXPENSE | To approve the contract with Grand Rapids Therapy Group to provide treatment services to Sobriety Treatment Program Participants with MDCGP Grant Funding. Changes were made to the contract as requested by Lanae Monera on 3-28-23.  |
| 1919 | 04/19/2023 | 05/18/2023 | FISCAL SERVICES               | GERBER COLLISION AND GLASS       | \$0.00      | NO  | EXPENSE | Contractor to provide auto collision repair services, with standardized pricing, for use by multiple departments. Currently, we expect that the majority of this work would be with the Sheriff's Office. However, it is anticipated that there may be a future need for these services by other departments as well (such as Water Resources, Facilities, Parks and Recreation, and others). Prior to the commencement of any work, all pricing estimates must receive authorized approval by County Staff. |
| 1924 | 04/26/2023 | 05/05/2023 | FISCAL SERVICES               | FIRE PROS, LLC                   |             | YES | EXPENSE | Contractor will supply fire and dry chemical extinguisher services. This includes inspections, maintenance, and replacements. The contract allows for Sheriff's, Facilities, Park and Rec, and Environmental Health to use these services from the competitive quote process.  |
| 1925 | 04/26/2023 | 05/05/2023 | DC PROBATION/COMM CORRECTIONS | GRAND RAPIDS THERAPY GROUP       | \$5,888.00  | NO  | EXPENSE | To approve the contract with Grand Rapids Therapy Group to provide treatment services to Sobriety Treatment Program Participants with MDCGP grant funding.   |
| 1864 | 03/10/2023 | 05/05/2023 | PUBLIC HEALTH                 | OTTAWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NETWORK | \$10,000.00 | NO  | EXPENSE | Health and Wellness Program for Ottawa Community Schools Network Young Adult Services participants. See Sandra Lake for questions.   |
| 1865 | 03/10/2023 | 05/05/2023 | PUBLIC HEALTH                 | CITY ON A HILL                   | \$12,530.00 | NO  | EXPENSE | Transportation, translation, and screening supports for City on a Hill Clinic. See Sandra Lake for questions.  |
| 1874 | 03/16/2023 | 05/19/2023 | PUBLIC HEALTH                 | 1COR13PROJECT                    | \$12,500.00 | NO  | EXPENSE | Providing birthing information and resources. See Sandra Lake for questions.   |
| 1902 | 03/27/2023 | 05/18/2023 | COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY       | MACATAWA PLUMBING                | \$8,000.00  | NO  | EXPENSE | Contract with Macatawa Plumbing to conduct minor plumbing repairs as needed for the Weatherization Deferral Program and the Community Development Block Grant Rehab program. Contract total will vary based on projects completed.   |

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| 1907 | 03/29/2023 | 05/05/2023 | DEPARTMENT OF STRATEGIC IMPACT | USDA-NRCS      |             | NO | REVENUE | Agricultural conservation easements funded by the Regional Conservation Partnership Program are governed by a Program Agreement. These agreements include a Conservation Values Statement, Form 1281 Exhibit 4(CVS). The County's CVS was approved in 2021 by USDA-NRCS headquarters, however a more recent review by a different reviewer required that we modify our CVS. Modification of the CVS requires that we execute a new form 1281 Exhibit 1. There is no direct financial impact of this document. This is an administrative document that allows us to execute parcel agreements separately, which do secure funding for projects. The USDA-NRCS State Conservationist will be the last to sign the document. |
| 1931 | 05/04/2023 | 05/18/2023 | COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY        | GOOD SAMARITAN | \$45,000.00 | NO | EXPENSE | Amendment #1 to EHV contract with Good Samaritan reducing the total grant award to \$45,000   |

# Action Request



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| <b>Committee:</b>             | Board of Commissioners                    |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>          | 06/27/2023                                |
| <b>Requesting Department:</b> | Board of Commissioners                    |
| <b>Submitted By:</b>          | Joe Moss                                  |
| <b>Agenda Item:</b>           | Resolution to Protect Childhood Innocence |

**Suggested Motion:**

To approve a resolution expressing support for protecting childhood innocence

**Summary of Request:**

To approve a resolution expressing support for protecting childhood innocence

**Financial Information:**

|                    |                           |                     |                              |                             |   |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Total Cost: \$0.00 | General Fund Cost: \$0.00 | Included in Budget: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
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If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

**Action is Related to an Activity Which Is:**  Mandated  Non-Mandated  New Activity

**Action is Related to Strategic Plan:**

**Goal:** Goal 2: To Contribute to the Long-Term Economic, Social and Environmental Health of the County.  
Goal 3: To Maintain and Enhance Communication with Citizens, Employees, and Other Stakeholders.

**Objective:** Goal 2, Objective 2: Consider initiatives that contribute to the social health and sustainability of the County and its' residents.

Goal 3, Objective 2: Maximize communication with citizens.

**Administration:**  Recommended  Not Recommended  Without Recommendation  
County Administrator: 

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:

**COUNTY OF OTTAWA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the 27th day of June, 2023 at 6:30 PM local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

It was moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the future of Ottawa County relies on the health and wellbeing of its children and young people; and

WHEREAS, children are our greatest treasure, and our most vulnerable population. We must always weigh the risk of harm to children in public policy decisions; and

WHEREAS, as Thomas Sowell expressed, “There are no perfect solutions, there are only trade-offs,” and

WHEREAS, we value integrity and excellence and will not trade the innocence of children for other governmental goals: and

WHEREAS, protecting the innocence of children is an issue of concern for all adults; and

WHEREAS, adults and children are increasingly over-sexualized in our nation, state, and county; and

WHEREAS, Ottawa County has experienced an increase in criminal sexual assault cases, with the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department investigating or reviewing 1050 criminal sexual conduct and child abuse cases in 2022, with 260 child victims referred to the Children's Advocacy Center; and

WHEREAS, the exposure to and normalization of sexualized behaviors reduces children's inhibitions and ability to protect themselves from the sexual advances of others; and

WHEREAS, children learn from observing and subsequently acting out the behaviors they have observed. Children who have observed sexualized behaviors or who have been the victim of sexual assault may act out with other children at home or school, which may lead to additional child victims; and

WHEREAS, the normalization of sexualized behaviors and content to children is not in the long-term interest of children or society. Wholesome, good, and honorable content and activities should be promoted to children instead.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners is committed to protecting the innocence of children, and to cultivating healthy children, families, communities, and institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, no county staff or resources shall be allocated to activities, programs, events, content, or institutions which support, normalize, or encourage the sexualization of children and youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board encourages individuals and communities to promote the good and the honorable to children rather than the normalization of sexual behaviors, protecting the health and wellbeing of our children and the future of our county.

YEAS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAYS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED:

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Chairperson, Ottawa County  
Board of Commissioners

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Ottawa County Clerk/Register

# Action Request



**Committee:** Board of Commissioners  
**Meeting Date:** 06/27/2023  
**Requesting Department:** Administration  
**Submitted By:** John Gibbs  
**Agenda Item:** Resolution approving changes to the Grand Valley Metro Council Articles of Incorporation

## Suggested Motion:

To approve a resolution to withdraw the City of Hastings from the Grand Valley Metro Council, at the request of the City of Hastings.

## Summary of Request:

To approve a resolution to withdraw the City of Hastings from the Grand Valley Metro Council, at the request of the City of Hastings, and as required by the bylaws of the Grand Valley Metro Council, which voted to approve the request to withdraw and which requires the vote of all legislative bodies in the Council to fulfil the withdraw request.

## Financial Information:

|                    |                           |                     |                              |                             |   |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Total Cost: \$0.00 | General Fund Cost: \$0.00 | Included in Budget: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
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If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

**Action is Related to an Activity Which Is:**  Mandated  Non-Mandated  New Activity

## Action is Related to Strategic Plan:

**Goal:** Goal 3: To Maintain and Enhance Communication with Citizens, Employees, and Other Stakeholders.

**Objective:** Goal 3, Objective 2: Maximize communication with citizens.

**Administration:**  Recommended  Not Recommended  Without Recommendation  
County Administrator:

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:



**GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

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June 23, 2023

To: Clerks of all Local  
Governmental Members of  
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

As you may know, on June 1, 2023, at the request of the City of Hastings, the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Board of Directors approved a motion to withdraw their community from the Metro Council. Amendment No. 41 to the GVMC Articles of Incorporation is required to officially remove them as a member.

Amendments to the Articles must be approved by the governing bodies of **all** local governmental units represented on the Council. **Please submit this amendment, as soon as possible, to your community's legislative body for their vote.**

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution passed by GVMC, a descriptive narrative of Amendment No. 41 for your review, and a sample form resolution to adopt.

After your legislative body has taken action on the amendment, please arrange for the resolution to be signed and returned to me showing the date of adoption.

If I can assist you in any way, please let me know.

Thank you.

Yours Truly,

Gayle L. McCrath  
Director of Administration  
And Human Resources  
Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

## **GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

At a regular meeting of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, held on the 1st day of June 2023, at 8:30 a.m., in the Kent County Commission Chambers, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

PRESENT: Artz, Alles, Baker, Balgoyen, Beard, Bennett, Bujak, Burns, Carey, Charles, DeVries, Eggleston, Elenbaas, Gibbs, Henschel, Kepley, LaGrand, Leisman, Lesperance, Lower, Maas, Madura, McCarter, Stadt, Stolsonburg, Terpstra, Thornton, Vanderberg, VanWynngarden, Verhulst, Weersing.

ABSENT: Wells, Washington, Van Haitsma, Vanderwood, Tillema, Porter, Luce, Kidd, Britton, Garland, Green, Hale, Harrison, Donovan

The following resolution was offered by Thornton and seconded by LaGrand:

### **RESOLUTION TO AMEND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION SO AS TO REMOVE THE CITY OF HASTINGS AS A PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT**

A local governmental unit may join or withdraw from the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (the “Metro Council”) upon satisfaction of certain requirements set forth in the Metropolitan Council Act, Act 292 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1989, as amended (the “Act”); and

Pursuant to Articles VIII and XX, of the Articles of Incorporation, the legislative body of the City of Hastings, Barry County, Michigan, has adopted a motion stating it desires to leave the Metro Council.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The first paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation of the Metro Council is hereby amended so as to remove the City of Hastings, Barry County, as a participating local governmental unit.

2. This resolution amends the Articles of Incorporation only as stated above. All other provisions of the Articles of Incorporation remain in full force and effect.

3. Upon adoption of this Resolution, the above-stated amendment in the Articles of Incorporation shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the participating counties, cities, villages, and townships of the Metro Council.

4. Upon the publication of the above-statement amendment, the amendment shall be submitted for a vote thereon by the members elected to and serving on the legislative body of each participating local governmental unit of the Metro Council.

5. Upon final adoption of the above-stated amendment, a printed copy of the amended Articles of Incorporation shall be filed with the Michigan Secretary of State, with the clerk of each county in which is located all or any part of a participating city, village, or township, and with the clerk of each participating city, village, and township, as required by Sections 9 and 11 of the Act.

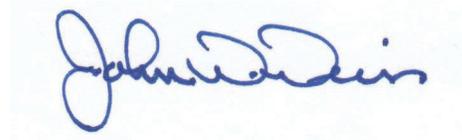
Ayes: All

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED 6/1/23

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Deis", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

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Executive Director

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 41 IN  
THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF  
GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, the members of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council ("Metro Council") have by majority vote approved Amendment No. 41 (Removal of City of Hastings) in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the amendments have now been submitted for approval by the legislative bodies of the local governmental units that belong to Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ has considered Amendment No. 41 in the Articles of Incorporation of Metro Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED:

1. Amendment No. 41 in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council is hereby APPROVED.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members voting in favor thereof and \_\_\_\_\_ members voting against.

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## AMENDMENT NO. 41

### To Remove the City of Hastings as a Member

1. The first paragraph of the Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

These Articles of Incorporation are adopted and executed by the incorporating units ("Units"), the City of Grand Rapids, the City of Kentwood, the City of East Grand Rapids, the City of Grandville, the City of Rockford, the City of Hudsonville, the City of Cedar Springs, Byron Township, Plainfield Township, Alpine Township, Gaines Township, Kent County, Grand Rapids Township, Algoma Township, City of Coopersville, City of Greenville, City of Ionia, City of Walker, Courtland Township, City of Wayland, Village of Middleville, Tallmadge Township, Georgetown Township, Ottawa County, Caledonia Township, Cannon Township, Allendale Township, Cascade Township, Jamestown Township, the City of Wyoming, the City of Lowell, the City of Belding, Ada Township, the Village of Sand Lake, Lowell Township, Nelson Township, the Village of Sparta, and the Village of Caledonia for the purpose of constituting a Metropolitan Council pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 292 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1989 (the "Act").

# Action Request



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| <b>Committee:</b>             | Board of Commissioners  |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>          | 06/27/2023  |
| <b>Requesting Department:</b> | Board of Commissioners  |
| <b>Submitted By:</b>          | Joe Moss  |
| <b>Agenda Item:</b>           | Resolution to Censure Commissioner Jacob Bonnema for Abuse of Power |

**Suggested Motion:**

To approve a resolution to censure Commissioner Jacob Bonnema

**Summary of Request:**

To approve a resolution to censure Commissioner Jacob Bonnema

**Financial Information:**

|                    |                           |                     |                              |                             |   |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Total Cost: \$0.00 | General Fund Cost: \$0.00 | Included in Budget: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
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If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

**Action is Related to an Activity Which Is:**  Mandated  Non-Mandated  New Activity

**Action is Related to Strategic Plan:**

**Goal:** Goal 2: To Contribute to the Long-Term Economic, Social and Environmental Health of the County.  
Goal 3: To Maintain and Enhance Communication with Citizens, Employees, and Other Stakeholders.

**Objective:** Goal 2, Objective 2: Consider initiatives that contribute to the social health and sustainability of the County and its' residents.  
Goal 3, Objective 2: Maximize communication with citizens.

**Administration:**  Recommended  Not Recommended  Without Recommendation  
County Administrator: 

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date:

**COUNTY OF OTTAWA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, Michigan, held at the Fillmore Street Complex in the Township of Olive, Michigan on the 27th day of June, 2023 at 6:30 PM local time.

PRESENT: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ABSENT: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_  
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It was moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners (Board) has statutory authority to act as a board, with statutory oversight of the County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Board does not support abuses of power or baseless, defamatory accusations; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2023, Commissioner Bonnema approached Administrator John Gibbs before a board meeting and chose to initiate a confrontation with him, directly in front of the press; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bonnema leaned down near the Administrator's face while Gibbs was seated, and demanded the Administrator answer his questions; and

WHEREAS, the incident was witnessed by fellow commissioners, with Commissioner Cosby telling Commissioner Bonnema to take a seat and stop making a scene; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2023, Commissioner Bonnema sent an email to Marcie VerBeek, Director of Human Resources. In the email, he highlighted the exchange he initiated with Administrator Gibbs in front of the press at a Board meeting. At the end of the email, Bonnema requested an HR investigation into Mr. Gibbs for claims of harassment, threats, intimidation, insubordination, and indecent conduct; and

WHEREAS, the email constituted a defamatory accusation against Mr. Gibbs and kicked off a harassment investigation with a third party law firm at taxpayer expense; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bonnema’s complaint email and information about the investigation was leaked to the press, evidenced by a local newspaper’s precise FOIA request to obtain the information, and subsequent articles were published which served to erode public trust in Administrator Gibbs and Ottawa County; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2023, Marcie VerBeek shared the result of the investigation: “After a thorough investigation, it was determined that the claim is unfounded, and the charges raised are not sustained. The evidence gathered during the investigation did not substantiate the claim of harassment.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners formally censures Commissioner Jacob Bonnema for abuse of power exhibited in his unfounded claim against Administrator John Gibbs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board requests Commissioner Bonnema be removed from Ottawa County Board of Commissioner Standing Committees for the remainder of 2023.

YEAS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAYS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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ABSTENTIONS: Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED:

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Chairperson, Ottawa County  
Board of Commissioners

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Ottawa County Clerk/Register

# Action Request



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| <b>Committee:</b>             | Board of Commissioners                         |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>          | 06/27/2023                                     |
| <b>Requesting Department:</b> | Administration                                 |
| <b>Submitted By:</b>          | Patrick Waterman                               |
| <b>Agenda Item:</b>           | Veteran's Affairs Committee - War Veteran Seat |

## Suggested Motion:

To approve the nomination of (\*indicates recommendation from the Interview Subcommittee):

\*Eric Johnson  
David Chesney  
Charles Murray  
Nicholas Matiash  
James Chiodo  
Joshua Miller  
William Haynes

and to select one (1) to fill one (1) War Veteran seat vacancy beginning January 27, 2023 and ending December 31, 2025.

## Summary of Request:

The Board of Commissioners makes appointments to the various Boards and Commissions of the County per Board Policy - Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

## Financial Information:

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|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Total Cost: \$0.00 | General Fund Cost: \$0.00 | Included in Budget: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A |
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If not included in budget, recommended funding source:

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| <b>Action is Related to an Activity Which Is:</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandated | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Mandated | <input type="checkbox"/> New Activity |
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## Action is Related to Strategic Plan:

**Goal:** Goal 1: To Maintain and Improve the Strong Financial Position of the County.

Goal 2: To Contribute to the Long-Term Economic, Social and Environmental Health of the County.

Goal 3: To Maintain and Enhance Communication with Citizens, Employees, and Other Stakeholders.

Goal 4: To Continually Improve the County's Organization and Services.

**Objective:** Goal 1, Objective 1: Maintain and improve current processes and implement new strategies to retain a balanced budget.

Goal 2, Objective 2: Consider initiatives that contribute to the social health and sustainability of the County and its' residents.

Goal 3, Objective 4: Evaluate communication with other key stakeholders.

Goal 4, Objective 4: Examine opportunities for increased cooperation and collaboration with local government and other partners.

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| <b>Administration:</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended | <input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation |
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County Administrator: 

Committee/Governing/Advisory Board Approval Date: Talent & Recruitment 06/20/2023

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**Summary of Request Continued:**

Pursuant to County policy, the Board of Commissioners has constitutional and statutory responsibility for making appointments to a variety of boards and commissions. The Board of Commissioners assigns the task of reviewing the applications to the Talent and Recruitment Committee, which has an established subcommittee to review and interview applicants and make recommendations on appointments. The names of all applicants and Talent and Recruitment Committee recommendations, if any, shall be submitted to the Board of Commissioners, which shall make the appointments.

# **Eric Johnson**

**Committee: Ottawa County Veteran's Affairs Committee**

**Seat: War Veteran (BC)**

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## **Education**

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**School:**

University of Colorado at Boulder

**Degree:**

Bachelors, Environmental Studies/Biology

**School 2:**

Grand Valley State University & Ohio University

**Degree 2:**

Masters, Biostatistics & Masters of Business Administration

## **Employment**

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**Current Employer:**

JOFA Consulting

**Position:**

Owner & President

**Responsibilities:**

Daily Operations & Environmental Engineer

**Previous Employer:**

Westshore Consulting

**Position:**

Partner/Air Quality & Environmental Engineer

**responsibilities.**

Consultant to variety of corporate & private firms and individuals

## Eligibility & Other Considerations

**Residency Length:**

19 uears Years

**Family members employed at Ottawa County or other govt:**

false

**Experience:**

9 years as Spring Lake Village Planning Commissioner & current member of Spring Lake Village Zoning Board of Appeals

**Attendance Policy:**

true

**Why do you want to be considered for this appointment?**

As a service disabled veteran, I am genuinely concerned with the short and long-term well-being of US Military veterans.

# David Chesney

Committee: Ottawa County Veteran's Affairs Committee

Seat: War Veteran (BC)

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## Education

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**School:**

Grand Valley State University

**Degree:**

Bachelor's Degree - Major: German

**School 2:**

Western Michigan University

**Degree 2:**

Master's Degree - Counseling and Personnel

## Employment

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**Current Employer:**

Retired

**Position:**

**Responsibilities:**

Available for opportunities to volunteer.

**Previous Employer:**

Kentwood Public Schools

**Position:**

Middle School Principal

**Responsibilities:**

Responsible for 900 students and 75 Staff.

## Eligibility & Other Considerations

**Residency Length:**

11 Years

**Family members employed at Ottawa County or other govt:**

false

**Experience:**

Served 5 years as a volunteer in the Ottawa County Sheriff Department's Senior Volunteer Program.

**Attendance Policy:**

true

**Why do you want to be considered for this appointment?**

As an Air Force Vietnam Veteran I am interested in serving other Veterans.

# Charles Robert Murray

Committee: Ottawa County Veteran's Affairs Committee

Seat: War Veteran (BC)

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## Education

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**School:**

Thomas M Cooley Law School

**Degree:**

JD

**School 2:**

**Degree 2:**

## Employment

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**Current Employer:**

Gielow Groom Terpstra & McEvoy

**Position:**

Attorney

**Responsibilities:**

Estate planning

**Previous Employer:**

US Navy Reserve

**Position:**

Intelligence Officer

**Responsibilities:**

Prepare strategic documents relevant to combatant command needs

# Eligibility & Other Considerations

**Residency Length:**

18 Years

**Family members employed at Ottawa County or other govt:**

false

**Experience:**

20 years in scouting Church vestry

**Attendance Policy:**

true

**Why do you want to be considered for this appointment?**

I meet the qualifications

# Nicholas Paul Matiash

Committee: Ottawa County Veteran's Affairs Committee

Seat: War Veteran (BC)

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## Education

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**School:**

US NAVAL NUCLEAR POWER SCHOOL

**Degree:**

Graduation Certificate

**School 2:**

**Degree 2:**

## Employment

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**Current Employer:**

CBRE

**Position:**

Operations Manager- AT&T Commercial Properties

**Responsibilities:**

Oversee maintenance and upkeep of 84 AT&T commercial properties in Southwest Michigan.

**Previous Employer:**

CBRE - Fordland

**Position:**

Facilities Manager

**Responsibilities:**

Oversee maintenance and upkeep of Fordland (Ford Motor Company) buildings in the Dearborn Development Center.

## Eligibility & Other Considerations

**Residency Length:**

11 Years

**Family members employed at Ottawa County or other govt:**

false

**Experience:**

Served as a member of Veteran's Court in Monroe County, Michigan.

**Attendance Policy:**

true

**Why do you want to be considered for this appointment?**

I am a veteran of the US Navy Submarine Service and want to ensure our veterans are served well in our community.

# **JAMES F Chiodo**

**Committee: Ottawa County Veteran's Affairs Committee**

**Seat: War Veteran (BC)**

## **Education**

**School:**

Spring Arbor University

**Degree:**

BA Human Resource Management

**School 2:**

**Degree 2:**

## **Employment**

**Current Employer:**

Holland Christian Schools

**Position:**

Bus driver

**Responsibilities:**

Part time transporting children to/from school

**Previous Employer:**

West Ottawa Schools

**Position:**

Bus Driver

**Responsibilities:**

Part time transporting children to/from school

## Eligibility & Other Considerations

**Residency Length:**

38 Years

**Family members employed at Ottawa County or other govt:**

false

**Experience:**

2012-2016 Park Township Trustee 2014-2016 Holland Museum board member 2009-2016 Organized Ottawa County Patriots, served as president, prepared presentations and hosted monthly meetings 2016 Candidate or Ottawa County Commissioner, dist #1 Recruited and endorsed by retiring commissioner, Stu Visser 2010-2020 Precinct Delegate

**Attendance Policy:**

true

**Why do you want to be considered for this appointment?**

For twenty years I have been in involved with local and state politics as an activist, supporter and lobbyist. With the recent change of Ottawa County commissioners, I would like to offer my assistance.

# Joshua David Miller

Committee: Ottawa County Veteran's Affairs Committee

Seat: War Veteran (BC)

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## Education

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**School:**

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

**Degree:**

Bachelors of Science in Aviation Maintenance (Minor in Safety)

**School 2:**

Western Michigan University

**Degree 2:**

Masters of Arts in Workforce Education and Development (Graduate 2023)

## Employment

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**Current Employer:**

Kent Career Tech Center, Grand Rapids

**Position:**

Career Tech Educator, Aviation Maintenance Technology

**Responsibilities:**

Teach and mentor 50 high school students annually in aviation maintenance disciplines. Liaison between industry partners, military, and post-secondary entities to further career and college readiness for students.

**Previous Employer:**

U.S. Navy (25 1/2 years)

**Position:**

Multiple

responsibilities.

1) Command Master Chief / Director of Human Resources: Program Management/ Executive Policy. Executive advisor in areas of administration, operations and facilities management, personnel training, equipping, logistics, policy compliance, good order, and discipline. Lead a workforce consisting of 3,000 Navy Sailors within the administration, legal, aviation, aviation maintenance, mobile maintenance teams, medical, security forces, and other multi-industry disciplines. 2) Director of Maintenance/Program Management: Led a team of 214 personnel providing mission-essential Lockheed C-130T airlift and intra-theater airborne logistic support to the Department of Defense (DoD) and North American Treaty Organization (NATO) partners.

## Eligibility & Other Considerations

### Residency Length:

2.5 Years

### Family members employed at Ottawa County or other govt:

false

### Experience:

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (JBMDL) Senior Advisor Voting Member, 2017 through 2021: Responsible for authoring policy and morale efforts concerning 50K Sailors, Airmen, Marines, Soldiers, Guardsman, and Coast Guard Service members stationed aboard JBMDL. Navy Reserve Policy Board Member, 2018: Responsible for authoring policy, and recommendations for changes to policy affecting 67K Sailors in the Navy Reserve. Navy Promotion Selection Board Voting Member, 2018 and 2019: Responsible for the vetting and promotion selection of Navy senior leadership, totaling 7,000+ personnel. Navy Senior Policy Board Chair, 2017 through 2021: Responsible for chairing multiple committees monitoring ongoing Navy priorities, identifying issues suitable for parliamentary review, gathering and evaluating information, and recommending courses of action to the Commanding Officer. VFW Member, 2005 to present. American Legion Member, 1997 to present.

### Attendance Policy:

true

### Why do you want to be considered for this appointment?

Since retiring from the Navy, I have wanted to continue to serve. In this compacity, I feel I have a unique set of skills, and knowledge to provide my community and its betterment.

# **William michael Haynes**

**Committee: Ottawa County Veteran's Affairs Committee**

**Seat: War Veteran (BC)**

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## **Education**

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**School:**

Grand Haven Michigan

**Degree:**

High School

**School 2:**

**Degree 2:**

## **Employment**

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**Current Employer:**

Retired

**Position:**

**Responsibilities:**

retired

**Previous Employer:**

Thermotron Industries

**Position:**

Welder

**Responsibilities:**

Production Welder

# Eligibility & Other Considerations

**Residency Length:**

73 Years

**Family members employed at Ottawa County or other govt:**

false

**Experience:**

served on Ottawa county veterans affairs committee

**Attendance Policy:**

true

**Why do you want to be considered for this appointment?**

Am currently serving on ottawa county veterans Affairs committee and would like to continue serving to help our veterans