Court of Appeals, State of Michigan

ORDER

MONROE COUNTY V MARK BRANT

Docket No. 382719

LC No. 25-149222-CZ

Philip P. Mariani
Presiding Judge

Christopher M. Murray

Brock A. Swartzle
Judges

The motion for immediate consideration is GRANTED.

The application for leave to appeal is GRANTED. The time for taking further steps in this appeal runs from the date of the Clerk's certification of this order. MCR 7.205(E)(3). Pursuant to MCR 7.205(E)(4), this appeal is *not* limited to the issues raised in the application and supporting brief. Instead, in their briefs on appeal, the parties may also argue the merits of any issues raised below, even if not yet decided by the trial court, that might serve as an alternative ground for affirmance here. See *Hjerstedt v Sault Ste Marie*, 513 Mich 925 (2023) ("A cross-appeal was not necessary in order for the defendant to propose an alternative ground for affirmance."); *Glasker-Davis v Auvenshine*, 333 Mich App 222, 227-228; 964 NW2d 809 (2020) (discussing the general issue-preservation requirements).

On the Court's own motion pursuant to MCR 7.216(A)(7), this case is CONSOLIDATED with the related application in Docket No. 382720, *Brant v Monroe Co Bd of Commr's*, and both appeals are EXPEDITED. Appellant's brief is due within 14 days of this order's entry, appellees' briefs are due within 14 days of service of appellant's brief, and any reply is due within 7 days of service of the associated appellee brief. No extensions of time will be allowed absent further order of this Court.

The clerk is directed to expedite the submission of this case on the session calendar in accordance with MCR 7.213(C)(7).

Presiding Judge

A true copy entered and certified by Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk, on

October 14, 2026
Date

Chief Clerk