

# WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

9:00 A.M.

## MINUTES

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, Joe Brehler, Brian Droscha, Brian Lautzenheiser and Barbara Rogers.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioners Jim Mott, Scott Hansen, Trevor Youngquist; Captain Chris Kuhlman, Central Dispatch Director Kelley Cunningham, Physical Plant Director Chad Powers, Rob Train-Granger Construction, Deputy Tad Schwartz, Trial Court Administrator Amy Etzel, Controller Connie Sobie and Melissa Ballard.

The February 10, 2023 regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Mulder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Controller Sobie requested the additions under Miscellaneous – Sustainability Plan and the Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) Grant Letter of Support.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the January 13, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no public comment.

Controller Sobie presented the Positions Update report. There were no new position vacancies. Ms. Sobie spoke regarding the evaluation of the Resource Recovery Director position to better suit the future direction of the County in its recycling and sustainability plans. Ms. Sobie will work on developing a job description to better represent the position. Resource Recovery Program Assistant, Debbie Penfield, will maintain department activities until the Director position is filled. Ms. Sobie proposed an interim increase in compensation due to the additional responsibilities for Ms. Penfield.

Commissioner Augustine moved to increase the salary of Resource Recovery Program Assistant Debbie Penfield during the interim period in an amount not to exceed the Resource Recovery Director salary. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Controller Sobie discussed the Sheriff's Department request to rehire a retiree in a part-time corrections deputy position as recommended by the Public Safety Committee. Discussion held. Ms. Sobie will work with the union to facilitate a Letter of Understanding to create a part-time position within the union. Discussion held.

Director Kelly Cunningham, Central Dispatch provided information on the Central Dispatch Public Safety Telecommunicator FTE request. Commissioner Brehler moved to fill the request and recommend the associated budget amendment to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Sheriff Department Cadet Pre-Employment Agreement was presented. Discussion held. Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved the approval of this agreement. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Captain Kuhlman provided an update on the cadet program as well the Sheriff's Department recruitment activities. Discussion held.

Physical Plant Director Chad Powers provided an update on the Youth Facility expansion project. Granger Construction Project Director Rob Train spoke regarding the project. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of the design-build construction contract with Granger Construction for an amount not to exceed \$690,000 for the expansion to the Youth Facility. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Powers also provided updates regarding Health Department renovations, Court security, Youth Facility security upgrade and the solar project.

Commissioner Brehler moved the approval of the 2023/2024 Budget Schedule calendar. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Augustine moved the approval of the Realizing Opportunities with Broadband Infrastructure Networks (ROBIN) grant letter with minor changes, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Powers presented a placemaking concept plan for the Courthouse facilities produced by Sustainability Steering Committee. The Committee's goal is to provide campus improvements for employees and the public. Discussion held.

Commissioner Brehler moved the sustainability project be funded by reducing the transfer from the General Fund to the Parks and Recreation Fund in the amount of \$376,000. Discussion held.

Commissioner Augustine moved to table Commissioner Brehler's motion. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Discussion held. Commissioner Mulder opposed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Augustine moved recommend a budget amendment to reduce the general fund transfer to the Parks and Recreation Fund in the amount of \$376,000. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

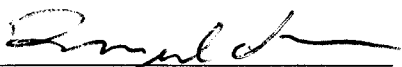
Commissioner Droscha moved the approval of claims and purchases. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Training officer and Supervisor Tad Schwartz spoke regarding the union position on Deputy Wright's return to the Corrections Department.

Court Administrator Amy Etzel thanked the Board for their support of the Youth Facility expansion. She also spoke in support of the sustainability project.

Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ways and Means Committee will be held on Friday, March, 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.



Blake Mulder, Chairperson