

**WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Droscha

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Trevor Youngquist and Scott Hansen, Physical Plant Director Chad Powers, Controller Connie Sobie and Financial Director Melissa Ballard, Treasurer Bob Robinson, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Equalization Director Tim Vandermark, Juvenile Division Director Amanda Pollard, Youth Facility Director Jeremy Mulvany, Juvenile Probation Officer Kelly Ward, Juvenile Probation Officer Matt Ottney, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Kyle Howarth, Deputy Central Dispatch Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Telecommunications Supervisor Jessica Nunham, LCC Representatives Dr. Will Emerson, Ph.D. and Jeff Butcher.

The March 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.

Chairman Mulder requested Item # 15 Placemaking Plan – Employee Sustainability Steering Committee Proposal report be moved to after item# 20 Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda as adjusted. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the February 10, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

No public comment

Mr. Vandermark spoke regarding the Appraiser Contract request for proposals. Five proposals were received. Mr. Vandermark recommended the appraiser contract with Kara Dougherty. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the appraiser contract with Kara Dougherty. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sobie stated the final County audit report will be submitted to the State of Michigan by March 31, 2023 and that the report will be presented to the Board of Commissioners at their April meeting.

Treasurer Robinson presented the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report. He discussed the Eaton County Health and Rehabilitation Services pending receivables creating a cash shortfall and the Treasurer meeting the cash flow needs until revenue is received and suggested the need for the Board of Commissioners to approve these requests. Treasurer Robinson will provide updates to the Committee related to upcoming requests. Discussion held.

Treasurer Robinson discussed this being the first time in at least twenty years the County will be self-funding the delinquent tax fund settlements, which results in interest expense savings.

The 2022 Health Insurance calendar year-end report was presented and discussed.

The positions update was presented for review. It was reported the Human Resources Director would begin employment March 13, 2023. Commissioner Brehler moved to approve filling the recommended position vacancies. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A proposed Letter of Understanding (LOU) between the County, the Sheriff's Office and the Police Officers Association of Michigan allowing retirees to return to work with the Sheriff's Office was presented. As part of this request, Ms. Sobie recommended that the County make the planned employer contributions to the MERS pension for these positions even though the employee and employer are not required to contribute. Discussion held.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of Letter of Understanding (LOU) including the approval of a resolution allowing Controller Sobie and Chairman Mott to accept any future LOU's received from other unions and to allow the County to make the additional employer MERS contributions for these positions to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Seconded by Commissioner Brehler. Discussion held regarding the Controller's Office providing updates of any future LOUs and those positions filled with a rehired retiree. Motion carried unanimously.

The Child Care Fund update was presented. Juvenile Referee/Director Amanda Pollard highlighted the intensive level of service provided to at-risk youth and funded by the Child Care Fund. Ms. Pollard introduced staff including, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Kyle Howard, Juvenile Probation Officer Kelly Ward, Juvenile Probation Officer Matt Ottney. All spoke regarding the programming provided within the Juvenile Court and Youth Facility. Discussion held.

Chairman Mulder recessed the meeting for a brief break at 10:12 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

Mr. Powers provided updates regarding the progress of the performance improvement and solar project, Health Department renovations, as well as the Jail and Youth Facility security project.

The Performance improvement and solar project update included electric vehicle-charging stations were recently installed in front of the courthouse, along with new HVAC/chillers at the Health Department, Jail and Courthouse. The Youth Facility expansion project design phase contract has been executed. The construction and design firms have met twice with Eaton County's project team representatives to discuss layout and functionality of the new expansion space.

Ms. Sobie presented 2022/23 Budget Amendments. Deputy Central Dispatch Director Francis D'Huyvetter presented Alertus software to streamline notifications and to align with a security and safety plan for the County complex. Alertus integrates with RAVE Panic Button which would be deployed to all county staff, sending critical alerts during an emergency.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of the budget amendment for the Alertus system to the Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Rogers Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Telecommunications Supervisor Jessica Nunham was present to discuss the budget amendment proposal for the acquisition of a Facility Canine from Canines for Change. Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the budget amendment for the Facility Canine proposal to the Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Public Improvement Fund Balance Carryover Budget Amendment related the Johnson Controls project carryover expense to the 2022/2023 budget year. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the budget amendment to the Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of the Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Cummings Drain Drainage District and the Bank Intercounty Drain Drainage District Bonds. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Sobie discussed newly proposed National Opioid Settlement participation agreements with Walmart, Teva, CVS and Allergen, in which the County would need to opt-in to participate. Legal counsel has recommended the participation and approval of settlement agreements by the manufacturers. In addition, Ms. Sobie is requesting that the Controller/Administrator or Chairman of the Board of Commissioners be authorized to enter into and sign any future settlements as recommended by legal counsel. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend a resolution to allow acceptance of upcoming Walmart, Teva, CVS and Allergen opioid settlements and a resolution to allow acceptance of further settlements on advice of counsel to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously. Future settlement agreements will be provided to the Committee.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of the payment of the claims against the County totaling \$12,770,523.49 to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2023/2024 preliminary personnel expenditures were presented for review. Discussion held.

Ms. Sobie discussed changes to the budget process with respect to presentation of departmental budgets in May. Departments will work with Finance Director Ballard to develop long term budget projections. The Controller's Office will begin working with Facilities Director Chad Powers to develop a Capital Improvement Plan.

Sheriff Reich spoke regarding First Responder paramedic E-unit proposal. Undersheriff Cook provided a detailed presentation regarding the proposal including cost and program plans. Detective Rob Gillentine, and LCC Representatives Dr. William Emerson and Jeff Butcher

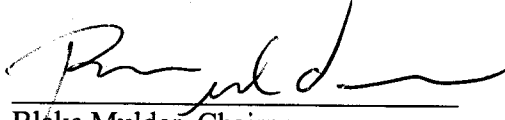
spoke regarding the proposal. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval for a budget amendment totaling \$175,000 for the program to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

The Placemaking proposal will be presented at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

No limited public comment.

Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ways and Means Committee meeting will be held on Friday, April 14, 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