INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2019
4:00 P.M.
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Brandon Haskell, Jane Whitacre, Brian Droscha, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, and Wayne Ridge

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioners Brian Lautzenheiser and Rob Piercefield

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Terrance Augustine; Jeff Parshall and Connie Sobie

The April 3, 2019 regular meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairperson Haskell.

Commissioner Ridge moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Tri-County Aging Consortium Proclamation and National Autism Awareness Resolution, as miscellaneous. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019 meeting, as presented. Commissioner Ridge seconded. Motion carried.

Technology Services Director Parshall provided an update on the Website design. The training for the Technology Services Department will be held on April 14 and departmental training will be held throughout the remainder of April. The website should go live on May 16. Board members will be sent a link for their review prior to going live.

A resolution to implement audio recording archive for commission and committee meetings was presented and discussed. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried.

Technology Services Director Parshall provided updates on the Data Center project, update to the telephones on the network system to support required encryption and the 2019/2020 budget development which will be presented at the May meeting.

A resolution to recognize National Workers’ Memorial Day was presented. Commissioner Ridge moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried.

A proclamation recognizing the 45th anniversary of the Tri-County Aging Consortium was presented. Commissioner Whitacre moved to recommend approval of the proclamation to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion failed.
Commissioner Pearl-Wright will present the resolution at the May Health and Human Services meeting.

A resolution to proclaim May 2019 as Foster Care Awareness Month was presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried.

Chairperson Haskell adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Information Technology and Communication Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse, located at 1045 Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, MI 48813.

Brandon Haskell, Chairperson
WHEREAS, The Center for Public Integrity has ranked Michigan last among all states in Public Transparency; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Eaton County have expressed a direct desire for a more open and transparent local government; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners believe an open and transparent county government is necessary to keep the residents of Eaton County informed and involved; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of increasing transparency and openness to the public, the Eaton County Board of Commissioners initiated a pilot project to evaluate the audio recording capability of the equipment in the Board of Commissioners’ Room to create and make publicly available audio recordings of its proceedings in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the results of the testing were favorable and the Board of Commissioners is now interested in creating the audio archive to be made available on the County website and expanding the availability of audio recordings to include the meetings of its standing committees; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this objective in the most efficient manner the regular meetings for all standing committees will need to be held in the Board of Commissioners’ Room.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, effective with all meetings previously adopted and published after May 1, 2019, all meetings of the Board of Commissioners and its standing committees will be audio recorded; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is directed to make available on the County website audio recordings of all meetings within two (2) business days of the meeting; and

BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Controller/Administrator is directed to make any necessary changes to previously approved and published meeting schedules, including the change in the location of the meetings of the Public Safety Committee meetings, and post and publish revised schedules in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 28, 2019 AS NATIONAL WORKERS’ MEMORIAL DAY

APRIL 17, 2019

Introduced by the Information Technology & Communication Committee

WHEREAS, On December 28, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act, which went into effect on April 28, 1971; and

WHEREAS, April 28 is also the day OSHA first opened its doors in 1971, after Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and American workplaces have become much safer in the decades since; however one life lost is one too many; and

WHEREAS, Despite the OSHA Act, intended to provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and requiring employers to provide safe conditions, thousands of American workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease every year; and

WHEREAS, Tens of thousands more workers are permanently disabled, injured or made ill; and

WHEREAS, All employers, including local governments, are urged to dedicate their efforts to improving workplace safety and seeking stronger health standards enforcement, and to treating workers with dignity as we all pursue constant improvements in worker safety; and

WHEREAS, Americans can honor our workers by observing Workers Memorial Day as a day to remember those victims of workplace injuries and disease and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every American workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim, April 28, 2019, as WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY the Eaton County and ask all citizens to recognize and honor all workers killed, injured and disabled on the job, thank them for their service and offer sympathy to their families and loved ones and to respect today's workers by providing safe workplaces.
A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The Tri-County Aging Consortium was established by Eaton, Ingham and Clinton Counties and the cities of Lansing and East Lansing in April 2, 1974; and

Whereas, the original signers of the Consortium Charter included Gerald W. Graves, Mayor, City of Lansing, David C. Hollister, Chair, Ingham County Board of Commissioners, Dale Benjamin Jr., Chair, Eaton County Board of Commissioners, Derrill M. Shinabery, Chair, Clinton County Board of Commissioners, and Wilber B Brookover, Mayor, City of East Lansing; and

Whereas, Eaton County, Michigan, as a member of the Tri-County Aging Consortium, is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence; and

Whereas, the Tri-County Aging Consortium, doing business as the Tri-County Office on Aging, is the Area Agency on Aging serving Eaton County, whose mission is to promote and preserve the independence and dignity of the aging population; and

Whereas, meeting and taking care of basic needs is crucial to the livelihood and independence of older adults and persons with disabilities; and

Whereas, the Tri-County Office on Aging provided information, assistance, referrals, health and wellness programs, housing assistance, care management, home delivered meals, and a wide variety of other in-home supports and services to more than 19,000 individuals in Fiscal Year 2018; and

Now therefore, The Eaton County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize the Tri-County Aging Consortium’s 45th Anniversary.

We urge every resident to make themselves aware of the Tri-County Office on Aging, whose work provides meaningful support and service in our community.

Dated this ___ of _____, 2019
WHEREAS, May is National Foster Care Awareness Month and during that time, we reflect on the dedication of foster and kinship caregivers, faith-based and community organizations, and child welfare professionals who are improving the lives of children and youth in foster care throughout the country. Michigan is deeply indebted to these selfless and compassionate Americans. We also observe this month, with sadness, the plight of innocent children who are in foster care because their lives have been disrupted by neglect or abuse, and;

WHEREAS, providing a stable, secure, and nurturing home environment is one of the greatest gifts a foster parent or guardian can give a child. This critical investment in their well-being, safety, and sense of belonging brings precious hope to children in need. We acknowledge, with gratitude, the tremendous sacrifices made by our foster families as they open their hearts and lives and provide secure and supportive homes for the hundreds of thousands of infants, children, and youth in foster care, and;

WHEREAS, we also take this opportunity to acknowledge that there is still much more we can do to prevent the abuse and neglect that forces children into foster care placements. As the number of children placed in foster care continues to increase, driven in part by the opioid crisis and drug abuse, we are dedicated to bringing help and healing to families threatened by addiction so that parents and children can stay together in a safe and stable home environment, and;

WHEREAS, we are blessed that our country is filled with generous individuals and families who willingly welcome children in need into their homes so that they can experience loving guardianship and some of the joys of family life. Many of these heroic families provide foster care for children with complex medical and challenging psychological and behavioral needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eaton County Board of Commissioners proclaim May as National Foster Care Awareness Month. We call upon all Michiganders to observe this month, by taking time to help children and youth in foster care, and to recognize the commitment of those who touch their lives, particularly celebrating foster parents and other caregivers.