

# WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

9:00 A.M.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioners Jeremy Whittum, Barbara Rogers and Daruis Reynette; Tom Reich, John Fuentes and Connie Sobie.

The September 10, 2021, 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.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the August 13, 2021, Ways and Means Committee meeting. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried.

There was no Limited Public Comment.

An update of the position vacancies was presented and discussed (attached). Commissioner Brehler moved to refill the position vacancies as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Fuentes provided an update regarding the hiring process for the Central Dispatch Director and the Technology Services Director. The Central Dispatch Deputy Director is currently serving as the interim director. Mr. Fuentes requested to adjust the salary temporarily until the position is filled. Commissioner Augustine moved to temporarily adjust the salary for the Central Dispatch Deputy Director while acting in the capacity of the Director, as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Fuentes noted he would also request consideration for the Technology Services Director if the position is not filled prior to the vacancy.

Mr. Fuentes informed the committee the Drain Commissioner has change the designation of the Deputy Drain Commissioner, which is reflected in the 2021-2022 Position Allocations. The changed did result in a change in salaries for the employees.

The July Health Insurance Expenditure report was presented (attached). The report indicates an unfavorable variance of (\$426,448) compared to the budget projection for both the County and Health Department. The County's portion is an unfavorable variance of (\$393,901). The County's active employees' unfavorable variance is (\$314,428) and the retirees' unfavorable variance is (\$79,473).

Mr. Fuentes provided an update to the Dental renewal (attached).

An update of the Child Care Fund was presented and discussed (attached). Based on the updated projection of revenues and expenditures the estimated fund balance at September 30, 2021 is \$145,203. Transfers from the General Fund and Juvenile Millage funds were each reduced by \$200,000.

Mr. Fuentes provided an update to the Public Improvement project expense and status of the projects (attached). There was also an update on a potential energy efficiency and ventilation improvement project with Johnson Controls. There is also a possible solar energy generation project on the courthouse complex. Mr. Fuentes is pleased with the current progress of the project review and it does appear those projects will work together well and a proposal may be presented in November for the Committee's review.

A request was presented from the Drain Commissioner for the pledge of the County's Full Faith and Credit for the Church and McClintic Drain Drainage District. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of full faith and credit for the Church and McClintic Drain Drainage District in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried.

The December 31, 2020, Retiree Health Plan Valuation was presented (attached). It was reported the funding ratio increased to 33.2%, an approximate increase of 7.5% driven partially by the additional \$1,000,000 appropriation approved in 2019 to the fund.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of the payment of the claims against the County in the amount of \$371,414.87 and immediate claims in the amount of \$10,681,256.24 to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried.

The budget amendments were presented and discussed (attached). Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the 2020/21 budget amendments to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried.

#### 2021/2022 Budget

The proposed budget detail was presented for review. The budget represents the same amount submitted at the public hearing.

Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the 2021/2022 budget, to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried.

Tentative agreements for the Dispatch Non-Supervisory, Dispatch Supervisory, Maintenance and Animal Control bargaining units were presented (attached). Mr. Fuentes reviewed the provisions of each of the agreements. These tentative agreements have been ratified by the bargaining units. Discussion held.

Commission Pearl-Wright moved to recommend approval of the tentative agreements with the Dispatch Non-Supervisory, Dispatch Supervisory, Maintenance and Animal Control bargaining units to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried.

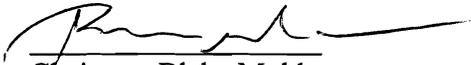
There was no Limited Public Comment.

Mr. Fuentes recommended closed session to discuss upcoming labor contract negotiations. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to enter into closed session at 9:49 a.m. pursuant to Section 15.268 Sec 8. (a) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss negotiation related to upcoming labor contract negotiation strategy. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Committee resumed the open meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Way and Means Committee will be held Friday, October 15, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.



Chairman Blake Mulder