

WORKING MEETING

July 2, 2019

Convened: 9:00 AM

Present: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Vrablic, Commissioner Kolcz and Commissioner Norris, Commissioner Hazelbaker

Also Present: Donald Reid of the Daily Reporter, Sheriff Pollack, Jim Measel-WTVB, Register of Deeds Nancy Hutchins, Treasurer Ann Vrablic, Complex Manager-Scott Walls, Undersheriff Eichler, Jail Administrator Fred Blankenship, Prosecuting Attorney-Val White and Administrator Bud Norman.

The agenda was amended to add 911 Staffing as an item for Action under P3.

The amended agenda was approved.

PERSONNEL, PLANS & POLICY

(Commissioner Norris)

911 Staffing

Two additional retirees are willing to help 911 dispatchers out temporarily with vacations, sick and to allow for training three new employees. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ that approval is given to hire Cindy Kochendorfer and Nancy Marson as temporary contract employees, as a 911 Dispatch Operator, at the rate of \$22.53 per hour with no benefits, not to exceed 160 calendar days, effective July 8, 2019.

Workforce Development Board Appointment

The County Board would like consideration and approval of the following appointment to the Workforce Development Board for Michigan Works.

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ that approval is given to appoint Chantal Paxton, owner, Pax Run Seeds and Maytag Laundry, both small businesses located in Branch County, as a Private Sector representative for the balance of a two-year term that ends September 30, 2019 and for an additional two-year term beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2021.

Request for Continuing Pay Rate-Prosecutor's Office

Prosecuting Attorney Valerie White is requesting her new Felony Clerk's rate of pay to be frozen at \$16.45 per hour, until raises for the job equaled the frozen wage. This individual was a current county employee who transferred to the prosecutor's office. Ms. White was told that the individual would stay at the current rate of pay or move to the next rate closest to her current wage, not be a reduction in her pay rate. Ms. White does have the money in her budget as this employee's rate of pay is less than what the previous felony clerk. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ that approval is given to the Prosecutor's Office to allow for the Felony Clerk's rate of pay be frozen at \$16.45 per hour, effective July 1, 2019, until raises for that position equaled the frozen wage.

MIDC Update

Administrator Norman says they are reviewing some issues therefore; the deadline has been extended to mid-July on the decision with regards to the Indigent Defense Attorney. All candidates have been notified.

911 Board

911 Board Chair and Coldwater Fire Chief Dave Schmaltz proposed a number of solutions to help eliminate the ongoing staffing problems with 911 Central Dispatch. The 911 Board would like a meeting with the dispatcher union executives and county officials to be set up. They would like to set up tentative dispatcher contract negotiations to begin no later than September 30, 2019. In those negotiations they would like to see the County get rid of the Tier 2 pay system and make the pay more comparable to other regions. The 911 Board is proposing that a letter of understanding between the dispatcher union and county is not extended past January 1, 2020, and then the dispatcher pay scale should be adjusted. Lastly, they have already addressed the request with bringing back former dispatchers on temporary basis and using employees who have been transferred to other departments as a cross shift.

SHERIFF & PUBLIC SAFETY

(Commissioner Kolcz)

None

HOUSE

(Commissioner Hazelbaker)

Jail Update

Administrator Norman gave a brief Jail update. The Jail review took place with MIDC and Department of Corrections. There needs to be a considerable amount of fill placed where the Jail may be built. The City of Coldwater is currently working on Jefferson Street, so they were able to have those contents delivered to the site, which was approved by the Jail and Clark Construction, to be used as fill. Finalization of the site location and design of the Jail will take place by the end of July beginning of August. Then Bonding will be finalized by the end of September beginning of October.

FINANCE

Commissioner Vrablic)

Motion by seconded by that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts and Budget Amendment Requests- General Fund (101-201, 101-850)

Bills & Accounts

Administrator Norman presented a summary of the Bills and Accounts (Jail Operations-Board and Care-35%, Jail Operations-Commissary Supplies-10%, Vehicle Repair and Maintenance-10%, Building Repair and Maintenance-10% and Conventions and Seminars-7%) to make up 72% of the invoices. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by and seconded by to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$129,757.81.

Budget Amendment Requests-General Fund (101-201, 101-850)

IT is requesting to increase revenue and expense lines to account for non-general fund purchases. Increase line #101.201-744.0500(Expense Line for Computer Parts & Supplies in the amount of \$10,000. A budget amendment to increase line #101.201-683.1403(Revenue Line for Receiving funds from various entities) in the amount of \$10,000.

Revenue from easement agreement from METC, located by Pines.

A budget amendment to increase line #101.850.956.0000 (Misc. Expense) in the amount of \$10,000. A budget amendment to increase line 101.850-695.0300 (revenue from easement agreement) in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to approve the Budget Amendments, as presented.

LEGISLATIVE

(Commissioner Gordon)

Legislative Update

State Senator Shirkey and Representative Eric Leutheuser spent about an hour updating the committee on their suggested topics: No fault insurance, Term Limit legislation, Current Status on Road Funding, Raise the Age and Septic Inspection. The committee also had an opportunity to ask questions.

Resolutions

A Resolution from Bay County, in opposition 2020 budget proposal cuts to education, was presented to the committee for review.

A Resolution from Cheboygan County, to support House Bill 530, was presented to the committee for review.

A Resolution from Bay County, in opposition to proposed 298 Pilots (MDHHS), was presented to the committee for review.

A Resolution from Bay County, in support of efforts to keep Section 928 Appropriations Act of 2018, was presented to the committee for review.

A Resolution from Wexford and Saginaw Counties, in support of Caro Center in Tuscola County, was presented to committee for review.

Other

Sheriff Pollack wanted to make the committee aware if there are any design changes to the Jail, to please have this done prior to the finalization of the design. The Committee requested to get a copy of the Jail Design

Submitted by: Commissioner Vrablic Commissioner Kolcz Commissioner Gordon
 Commissioner Hazelbaker Commission Norris