

WORKING MEETING

December 5, 2019

Convened: 9:00 AM

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

Also Present: Jim Measel-WTVB, Coldwater Daily Reporter -Don Reid, Sheriff Pollack, Register of Deeds Nancy Hutchins, Complex Manager-Scott Walls, Undersheriff Eichler, County Clerk Terry Kubasiak, Treasurer Ann Vrablic and Administrator Bud Norman.

Agenda was approved

Public Comment: Sheriff Pollack said that the Senate and House have passed the request to restore the funding to the secondary road patrol.

PERSONNEL, PLANS & POLICY

(Commissioner Norris)

Personnel Staffing

The Administrative Office is requesting approval to have Verna Winger come back under contract to help with year-end close out, due to new staff in payroll. The rate of pay would be \$29.98 per hour and the term would be from December 11, 2019 through February 1, 2020, if necessary. There is money in the Payroll budget to cover this. The Committee Recommends

Motion by seconded by that approval is given to the Administrative Department to contract with Verna Winger to help with year-end close out, at a rate of \$29.98 per hour, effective December 10, 2019 through February 1, 2020, if necessary.

SHERIFF & PUBLIC SAFETY

(Commissioner Kolcz)

Animal Control Ordinance (Proposal Extreme Weather Conditions)

Animal Control Officer Ernie Baker spoke to the committee regarding the suggestion of an animal control ordinance addressing extreme weather conditions. He stated that it would be best to look at the animal ordinances from other counties to see what would be best for this county. He has opposed proposed legislative changes, as they would be very difficult to enforce. It was recommended that a committee be formed to include representatives from Animal Control, Humane Society, Prosecutor's office, Law Enforcement Agencies within the County and a Commissioner. They would report back when they have come up with suggestions for a county ordinance.

New Employee Information and Road Staff

Handouts were provided regarding the Sheriffs request to add two road deputies. To hire one road deputy, it will cost approximately \$125,026.85. This would include uniforms, equipment, new vehicle cost, wages and benefits. Currently there are 12 full time Road Division Deputies – 6-Road Deputies, 2-Road Sergeants, 1-Secondary Road Deputy, 1-Transport Deputy, 1 Court Deputy and 1-Detective Sergeant. There are 4 deputies that cover Platoon A and 5 deputies that cover Platoon B. Adding two

new deputies would allow the department to expand their hours by adding one deputy to each 12-hour platoons. The Sheriff says they are handling 28% more complaints over the last three years. The Committee agreed to keep the two additional road patrol deputies in the 2020 budget.

HOUSE **(Commissioner Matthew)**

None

FINANCE **(Commissioner Hazelbaker)**

Bills & Accounts

Administrator Norman presented a summary of the Bills and Accounts (Juvenile Detention Treatment-37%, Jail Operations-Board and Care-19%, Printed Forms & Bindings-8%, Attorney Fees-7% and Capital Outlay-5%) to make up 76% of the invoices. The Committee Recommends:

**Motion by and seconded by to approve the Bills and
Accounts in the amount of \$210,543.50**

LEGISLATIVE **(Commissioner Gordon)**

Governor Whitmer Letter (from Crawford County)

A copy of Crawford County's letter to Governor Whitmer regarding the 2020 budget was provided to the committee for their review.

Resolution-Great Lakes Coast Disaster Area (Manistee County)

A copy of Manistee County's resolution requesting to declare the Great Lakes coast a disaster area and seeking assistance, was provided to the committee for their review. They will bring this back at a later meeting, if they decide to move forward with it.

OTHER

It was moved and seconded to go into closed session to discuss ongoing Union negotiations. Upon roll call vote the committee took a 5-minute recess and went into closed session at 9:36 am.

The committee returned to open session at 9:41 am.

It was moved and seconded to go into closed session to discuss the attorney/client legal opinions issued by Bonnie Toskey of Cohl, Stoker & Toskey dated 09/10/19 and 09/18/19. Upon roll call vote the committee went into closed session at 9:42 am.

During closed session the committee took a short recess at 10:44 am, returning at 10:50 am.

The committee returned to open session at 11:30 am. at which time the meeting was adjourned.

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