

WORKING MEETING

February 8, 2017

Convened: 9:00 AM

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

Also Present: Don Reid of the Daily Reporter, Register Nancy Hutchins, WTVB Jim Measel, County Clerk Terry Kubasiak, Undersheriff Eichler, Amy Duff – COA, Administrator Norman.

Public Comment: Coldwater Township Supervision Don Rogers spoke to the Committee regarding his concerns on a recent presentation put on by Trent Arver from the Road Commission. The discussions were on the roads in Coldwater Township and the lack of funds the Road Commission has to maintain those roads. Mr. Arver proposed the Township could have a millage for their residents for roads. It was proposed \$235,000 a year, for 10 years, which would amount to 2.4 mills. Currently, the township is running a 0.94 Mill for township operation. This would be a 255% increase. Mr. Rogers feels this should not be a township responsibility, rather a County responsibility. If there is going to be a County Wide Millage for roads, then he is asking that the townships be informed. Additionally, he received an email from MTA; the Governor's recommendation on the budget they are working on he is proposing to cut 6.2 M in supplemental revenue sharing to townships and another 5.8 M of townships statutory revenue sharing. The Personal Property Tax excessive amount this year is \$150M that is equally divided between all units yearly. The Governor is talking about taking those funds and putting the \$150M in a grant fund for fire protection. Lastly, the Governor is looking at adding an additional \$175M to roads.

COA Director Amy Duff wanted to remind the Committee that the 20th Annual Valentine's Gala, that is put on by the Laurel's, is taking place tonight February 8th at 5:00pm; all precedes goes to the Burnside Center.

The amended Agenda was approved.

PERSONNEL, PLANS & POLICY

(Commissioner Norris)

Adopt 5-Year Recreation Plan (Park Trustees)

Branch County Road Commission Manager/Engineer Trent Arver spoke to the committee, asking for approval of a Resolution to adopt a 5 year recreation plan for the Branch County Parks. A Public Meeting will be on held February 12, 2018 at 10:00 am. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 5-Year Recreation Plan, as presented.

SHERIFF & PUBLIC SAFETY

(Commissioner Kolcz)

None

HOUSE

(Commissioner Hazelbaker)

HVAC Issues-Commission on Aging

COA Director Amy Duff briefed the Committee on the issues with the HVAC system and roof at the Burnside Center. The COA was having trouble with the regulation of humidity, temperature and building pressure. An improperly functioning HVAC system, led to a pressure imbalance that caused the membrane of the flat roof to inflate and was damaged. The work that was done at the Burnside Center is under warranty until the end of March. They are at the point where they need an official letter from the County, as the COA’s governing body, to present to the construction manager to get the repairs taken care of. Duff and the Administrator will draft the letter and present it to the Board for approval. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the letter to be presented to the construction manager, regarding the HVAC system and roof issues at the Burnside Center.

Security Scanner (Maintenance)

Administrator Norman spoke on the some of the issues that they are having at the front desk with the Security Scanner. The scanner was purchased in March 2016 at a total cost of \$14,442 with a \$3,500 credit for old equipment trade in. Administrator Norman said that they contacted the company and told them the issues they were having. They quoted a cost of \$8,000 to fix the issue. It was decided that they would monitor the situation, to see how frequent they have problems and go from there.

FINANCE

(Commissioner Vrablic)

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda: Bills & Accounts and 4th Quarter 2017 Investment Report.

Bills & Accounts

Administrator Norman presented a summary of the Bills and Accounts from 2017 and 2018 (Jail Operations-Board and Care-26%, Attorney Fees-11%, Building Repair & Maintenance-9%, Internet Service-9% and Misc. Contractual Expense-9%) to make up 64% of the invoices. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$256,634.57.

4th Quarter 2017-Investment Report-Treasurer

A copy of the 2017 - 4th Quarter Investment Report was provided to the committee for their review.

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report.

LEGISLATIVE

(Commissioner Gordon)

Resolution-Opposition HB 5096-5098 (Goegebic, Eaton, Wexford, Gratiot and Alger Counties)

Copies of the Resolutions in Opposition of HB's 5096-5098 were provided to the Committee for their review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.

Submitted by: Commissioner Vrablic

Commissioner Hazelbaker

Commissioner Kolcz

Commissioner Norris

Commissioner Gordon