

Medical Examiner – Re: Autopsy

Medical Examiner Dr. Troy Davis spoke to the Committee regarding the increase in autopsies over the last couple of years. They are mainly due to drug overdoses and suicides. Dr. Davis said that pathologists and coroners around the country are overwhelmed and in some locations they may have a waiting list for autopsies. Nationwide the drug overdoses went from 10,000 yearly to last year 65,000 and is expected to be even higher this year.

SHERIFF & PUBLIC SAFETY

(Commissioner Kolcz)

Sheriff Report

The Sheriff said that the Sheriff's Posse has been disbanded due to liability and training reasons. The three members will be retained under the Sheriff's Reserve Unit and will be available to help with large animal capture. The Hillsdale County Sheriff's Posse will also be available for back-up if needed.

Sheriff Pollack said a corrections officer was injured when he was assaulted by an inmate. The assault led to a lockdown at the county Jail. Pollack says the officer and the inmate were taken to the Community Health Center of Branch County for treatment. The officer's injuries were not serious, but he did require surgery. Coldwater City Police and the Michigan State Police had to be called in for assistance.

Sheriff Pollack says overtime for the department piled up over a busy Fourth of July holiday weekend. Deputies had to be called in Tuesday to handle the back log of complaints. Deputies were held over a total of 14 hours during the holiday weekend because of complaint volumes. In addition, the Marine Patrol had to be held over a total of nine hours to cover the Gilead Lake fireworks incident. They were assisted by the Michigan State Police and the Department of Natural Resources.

Service Recognition – 20 years

We have one employee who will have 20 years with the County. They will be invited to attend a Board meeting to be recognized by the Board of Commissioners.

MSUE Report-Highlights

Julie Pioch–MSUE District Coordinator provided the Committee with their 2016 Annual Report. The 4-H area has 166 adult volunteers with 824 youth enrolled. For 2017 they will be increasing their staff by two. They have hired a Swine Educator who starts next week and Dairy Educator who starts at the end of summer. The Committee watched a short video on Farm Stress that was put together by Suzanne Pish of the Branch County office.

HOUSE

(Commissioner Hazelbaker)

Soil Erosion Ordinance-Amendment (Drain Commissioner)

Drain Commissioner Mike Hard said that an audit had been done on the Soil Erosion Sedimentation Control Program by the Michigan Department of Environment Quality. One of the outcomes from the audit requires that the County's Soil Erosion Ordinance had to be updated, which has not been done since 2003. Changes need to be made to Section 5.4 (f) item 4 & 5; Section 5.6 (a) and Section 5.7 (b), (c), (d). The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to approve the amendments to the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance # 2003 – 15, as presented.

Animal Control Update

Administrator Norman said the contractors are ahead of schedule on the Animal Control building. The shell of the building is up, the walls are being completed and kennels are going in. The address for the Shelter is: 375 Keith Wilhelm Dr.

FINANCE

(Commissioner Vrablic)

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ that authorization is given to approve the following items by Consent Agenda; Bills & Accounts and Line Item Transfer.

Bills & Accounts

Administrator Norman presented a summary of the Bills and Accounts. (Jail Operations-Board and Care-41%, Attorney Fees-14%, Misc. Contractual Expense-13%, Jail Operations-Commissary Supplies-8% and Equipment Repair & Maintenance- 23%,) to make up 83% of the invoices. The Committee recommends:

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of \$210,489.58.

Line Item Transfer

Between budget transfer to cover the two part-time Security Officers-Courthouse Entrance from June 26, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the line item transfer for the Sheriff's Department from Contingencies in the amount of \$16,200 from 101.850-960.0000 to Misc. Contractual Expense 101-301-800.0000 in the amount of \$16,200.

2016 Audit Report

Aaron Stevens from Abraham & Gaffney presented the 2016 Audit Report. He spoke about audit standards and stated that his firm did not audit CHC or the Road Commission; however they did refer to the other auditor's reports for those components. The County received a fair "unmodified" opinion, which is the best you can receive for a set of financial statements. Mr. Stevens stated that the General Fund balance as of 12/31/2016 was \$2,735,806 with \$2,184,516 of that amount being unassigned and \$9,816 being assigned. The county's Fund Balance is at 18.3%. It is recommended that the Fund Balance be at 17%. Total revenues for 2016 were \$11,444.335; this is an increase of less than 1% over 2015 revenues. 2016 expenditures were \$10,327,684; this is a decrease of 3%, from the previous year. 57% of the county's revenue came from taxes. A copy of the audit report is available in the Clerk's Office.

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the 2016 Audit Report.

None

Other

It was moved and seconded to go into closed session to discuss the Pending Litigation. Upon roll call vote the committee went into closed session at 9:52 am, after a brief recess.

The committee returned to open session at 9:58 am.

It was moved and seconded to go into closed session to discuss an attorney/client letter dated 8/25/2016.

Upon roll call vote the committee went into closed session at 9:59 am.

The committee returned to open session at 10:14 am, at which time the meeting was adjourned.

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