

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

JULY 13, 2012

8:30 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Blake Mulder –Chair, Daryl Baker, Joe Brehler, John Boles, Roger Eakin, Glenn Freeman, and Jeremy Whittum.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Sue Hoffman and Wayne Ridge, Tim Vandermark, Teresa Catey, John Fuentes and Connie Sobie.

The July 13, 2012, regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chairperson Mulder.

No public comment.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the meeting minutes of the June 15, 2012 and June 22, 2012, Ways and Means Committee meeting. Commissioner Eakin seconded. Motion carried.

An update of the position vacancies was presented (attached). There are three new position vacancies: two Correction Deputies and one Youth Specialist. All three positions are recommended to be refilled. Commissioner Baker moved to approve refilling the Correction Deputies and Youth Specialist vacancies. Commissioner Boles seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried.

An update on the Health Insurance expenditures was presented (attached). The report indicates a favorable variance of \$440,040.82 compared to the renewal budget projection for both the County and Health Department. The County report indicates a favorable variance of \$345,071.58. It was reported that the bids for health insurance were received and are being reviewed. A recommendation for the 2013 Health Insurance will be presented at the August regular meeting.

The monthly update of the Child Care Fund was presented (attached). Based on the initial projection of revenues and expenditures the estimated fund balance at September 30, 2012 is (\$19,281).

An update of the 2011/2012 Public Improvement Fund expenditures was (attached). The total expenditures to date are \$341,448. Bids for carpet installation in the Health Department and 551 Building were presented. Steve Barnett, Physical Plant Director, recommends the bid from Lansing Tile and Mosaic due to the floor prep being included in the bid. Commissioner Brehler moved to accept the bid from Lansing Tile and Mosaic. Commissioner Eakin seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sue Hoffman was present to discuss the Prevailing Wage Policy (attached) passed in 2008 and is requesting the Committee consider recommending its repeal. Discussion was held regarding the creation and intent of the policy. Commissioner Eakin moved to recommend repealing the Prevailing Wage Policy, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Baker seconded.

Discussion held. Roll call: Boles – yes, Freeman – no, Brehler – no, Eakin – yes, Baker – yes, Whittum – no, Mulder – yes. Motion carried.

A Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Award a Bid for Banking Services was presented (attached). It was reported that the Charlotte branch of Bank of America is closing September 1, 2012. The Treasurer met with local banks and has sent Requests for Proposal to those banks able to provide the services currently being used. Commissioner Baker moved to recommend approval of the Resolution Authorizing the County Treasurer to Award a Bid for Banking Services striking Independent Bank from the Resolution. Commissioner Whittum seconded. Commissioner Eakin opposed. Motion carried.

Resolution to Authorize Application for Byrne – Adult Drug Court Grant Renewal was presented. Commissioner Baker moved to recommend approval of the Drug Court Grant Application as presented, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Motion carried.

The 2011/2012 Revenue and Expenditure Report for the month ending June 30, 2012 was provided.

An intergovernmental agreement to provide certain equalization services to Barry County was presented (attached). It was reported that Barry County has experienced difficulty in searching for a new Equalization Director and has been interested in contracting with Eaton County for services. These services would be provided by Eaton County, through its Equalization Director Tim Vandermark, through an intergovernmental agreement between the counties and Mr. Vandermark would be compensated for those services through an extra-services agreement with Eaton County (attached). The Barry County Board will discuss the agreement at their Board meeting next week.

Commissioner Eakin moved to recommend approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between Barry and Eaton County contingent on approval from the Barry County Board of Commissioners, to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Baker seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved to recommend approval of the Extra-Services Memorandum to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Whittum seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried.

The budget amendments and contingency update were presented and discussed (attached). Commissioner Baker moved to recommend approval of the 2011/2012 Budget Amendments to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Eakin seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Baker moved to recommend approval of the budget amendment to purchase security cameras to be installed in the Courthouse as previously recommended by the Public Safety Committee to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Boles seconded. Discussion held. Roll call: Boles – yes, Freeman – no, Brehler – no, Eakin – yes, Baker – yes, Whittum – no, Mulder – yes. Motion carried.

The list of appointments expiring on December 31, 2012 were provided. The appointments will be advertised and posted on the County website and the applicant information will be provided at a later meeting.

Information regarding the 911 and Juvenile Millages was provided and will be posted on the County website.

The annual Michigan Association of Counties Dues invoice was presented and discussed. Commissioner Boles moved to recommend approval of the payment of Michigan Association of Counties dues to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Baker seconded. Discussion held.

The Michigan Employees' Retirement System annual meeting will be held October 3 – 5, 2012. A commissioner may attend as an employer delegate. Commissioner Mulder will attend as the employer delegate.

A resolution to authorize the use of credit cards in the County Clerk's Offices was presented. Currently, the County Clerk accepts debit cards and would like to allow the use of credit cards as well. Commissioner Baker moved to recommend approval of the Resolution to Authorize the Use of Credit/Debit Cards for Payments in the County Clerk's Offices, to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Boles seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Eakin moved to recommend approval of the payment of the claims against the County in the amount of \$376,643.08 and immediate claims in the amount of \$9,890,414.15, to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Whittum seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Workshop

Updated revenue and expenditure summary estimates and updated multi-year projections were presented to the Committee for their review (attached). The updated estimates total \$30,379,804 in revenues and \$31,475,494 in expenditures. Discussion was held regarding the health insurance bids and the cost to employees under the updated rates as provided by BCBS. There was discussion regarding the requirements of PA 152 - the employer hard cap, 80/20 cost sharing by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners or opting out by a two-thirds majority vote. There was discussion regarding the direction of the budget in future years and the impact of this budget on the future fund balance.

No public comment.

Commissioner Mulder adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ways and Means Committee will be held on Friday, August 10, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in Board of Commissioners Room at the Courthouse.

Chairperson, Blake Mulder