

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Joseph Brehler, Brian Droscha, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jim Mott and Jeanne Pearl-Wright.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jeremy Whittum, Dairus Reynnet, and Barbara Rogers; Sheriff Tom Reich, Tim Vandermark, Claudine Williams, Steve Barnett, John Ingraham, John Fuentes and Connie Sobie.

The April 15, 2022, regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Mulder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

It was requested to remove the Treasurer's Annual Report from the agenda. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Pearl-Wright moved to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2022, Ways and Means Committee meeting. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Reich spoke regarding the statewide difficulty with recruitment and retention of police officers, also indicating some departments are offering sign up bonuses. Sheriff Reich is requesting the County assist in recruitment and retention by becoming more competitive related to an increase in pay.

The final audit report was presented and it was reported that the County received an unqualified opinion, as expected (attached). The PA 202 Pension and OPEB Report was presented for review (attached). The County is not considered underfunded at this time based on the statutory calculations. The report was submitted to Michigan Treasury and posted on the County website as required. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend acceptance of the 2021 Audit Report to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried by unanimously.

Equalization Director, Tim Vandermark, distributed the recommended 2022 Equalization Report (attached) to the Committee for their review and presented a summary of the reports. The total increase in equalized value from 2021 to 2022 was 7.01%. Discussion held. Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the 2022 Equalization Report to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried by unanimously.

Mr. Vandermark discussed consideration to establish a fee for land divisions and lot line adjustment processing, based on the staff time involved in completing this process. It was reported that some local units currently have such a fee in place which would need to be taken into consideration. Discussion held. It was requested that the Equalization department research further and develop a recommendation for consideration by the Committee.

A request was presented from the Drain Commissioner for the pledge of the County's Full Faith and Credit for the Bentley and DePue Drain Drainage District. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of full faith and credit for Bentley and DePue Drain Drainage District in an amount not to exceed \$3,760,000 to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The positions update was presented for review (attached). Commissioner Brehler moved to refill the position vacancies as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The February Health Insurance Expenditure report was presented (attached). The report indicates an unfavorable variance of (\$298,940) compared to the budget projection for both the County and Health Department. The County's portion is an unfavorable variance of (\$272,675). The County's active employees' unfavorable variance is (\$208,428) and the retirees' unfavorable variance is (\$64,247).

An update to the Public Improvement project expense and the status of the current projects was provided (attached). Physical Plant Director Barnett discussed utilizing savings from the fire alarm project for additional repair and replacement projects within the fund. Commissioner Augustine moved to approve the reallocation of the current budget within the Public Improvement fund from the fire alarm system savings for the other projects. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions to approve the public health and energy performance contract and to authorize the tax exempt lease program agreement were presented and discussed (attached). An executive summary of the project by Johnson Controls was presented and discussed (attached).

Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the Johnson Controls, Inc., public health and energy performance contract and the authorization of the equipment lease and purchase agreement as presented, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Discussion was held regarding moving the solar from the rooftop to the front parking area. Commissioner Droscha expressed his concern that further evaluation of alternative solar installations should be completed before the project is finalized. It was further expressed that insufficient information on the financial implications of suggested alternatives had been provided by the vendor. Commissioner Droscha opposed. Motion carried.

Budget amendments were presented and discussed (attached). A proposal from the County's current hiring system to add solutions for onboarding, online forms, and learning software was provided. A schedule of the current requested and allocated American Rescue Plan Act funds was presented (attached). Discussion held. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the 2021/22 budget amendments to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Updated resolutions to submit for a vote of the electorate for renewals of the 911 Millage and Juvenile Millage were presented (attached). It was reported that the prior resolutions included an inaccurate estimate of the revenues to be provided and captured. The updated resolutions include the updated correct revenue information and rescind the prior resolutions approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of the resolutions to submit to a vote of the electorate for the renewals of the 911 Millage and Juvenile Millage to the August election to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously. An informational sheet regarding the 911 Millage was provided (attached).

The Police Officers Association and the Command Officers Association of Michigan submitted a request to provide off the record compensation in two payments to their membership with the first payment on January

1, 2023 and the second on January 1, 2024. The combined total of these payments are \$20,000 for sworn officers, \$10,000 for non-sworn and \$3,000 for clerks. Discussion held. No action taken. Chairman Mulder indicated the Committee would take it under advisement during the budget development.

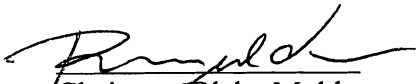
Commissioner Mott moved to recommend approval of the payment of the claims against the County in the amount of \$581,306.17 and immediate claims in the amount of \$13,386,273.58 to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2022/2023 preliminary revenue and expenditure projections were presented. A list of the positions requests was presented along with the request forms completed by the departments. These requests are not included in the current presented budget. Discussion held. The Controller's Office will review the projections with departments and elected officials as part of the development of the recommendation to be presented.

No limited public comment.

Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 10:24 am

The next regular meeting of the Way and Means Committee will be held on May 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room at the County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.


Chairman Blake Mulder