

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jeremy Whittum and Dairus Reynett; Doug Lloyd, Amy Etzel, Margaret Debler, John Fuentes and Connie Sobie.

The October 15, 2021, 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.

Mr. Fuentes requested to amend the agenda to include Item 8A - 2020 Health Insurance Renewal Rates and Item 12A – 2021/2022 Budget Amendments. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the regular and closed session minutes of the September 10, 2021, Ways and Means Committee meeting. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Limited Public Comment.

An update of the position vacancies was presented and discussed (attached). Commissioner Brehler moved to refill the position vacancies as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

It was reported that the preliminary classification for the FOIA Specialist position was evaluated by the consultant, who established the County's classification system, and determined to be appropriately classified.

Tentative agreements reached through mediation for the Sheriff Non-Supervisory and Sheriff Command bargaining units were presented (attached). Mr. Fuentes reviewed the provisions of each of the agreements. These tentative agreements have been ratified by the bargaining units. Discussion held.

Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the agreements with the Sheriff Non-Supervisory and Sheriff Command bargaining units to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The August Health Insurance Expenditure report was presented (attached). The report indicates an unfavorable variance of (\$392,799) compared to the budget projection for both the County and Health Department. The County's portion is an unfavorable variance of (\$345,509). The County's active employees' unfavorable variance is (\$286,366) and the retirees' unfavorable variance is (\$21,597).

Mr. Fuentes provided an update to the BCBS insurance rate renewal and requested approval of the rates effective January 1, 2022. Commissioner Augustine moved to approve the 2022 BCBS administrative services contract rates. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

An update of the Child Care Fund was presented and discussed (attached). Based on the updated projection of revenues and expenditures the estimated fund balance at September 30, 2021 is \$162,937. Transfers from the General Fund and Juvenile Millage funds were each reduced by \$200,000.

Mr. Fuentes provided an update to the Public Improvement project expense and status of the projects (attached). There was also an update on a potential energy efficiency and ventilation improvement project with Johnson Controls as well as a solar energy generation. There was discussion regarding the solar project being evaluated for the employee parking area. Mr. Fuentes has an upcoming meeting with Johnson Controls to discuss the project and will begin working on a funding mechanism for the projects.

Proposed resolutions to approve applications for Farmland and Open Space Developmental Rights agreements for Edward Behrnt, Jr. for 10 years totaling approximately 150 acres in Kalamo Township. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the resolution to approve applications for Farmland and Open Space Developmental Rights agreements, as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of the payment of the claims against the County in the amount of \$2,548,002.71 and immediate claims in the amount of \$18,202,229.13 to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Mott seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A list of requests for the American Recovery Plan Act funding consideration was presented and reviewed (attached). Mr. Fuentes recommended reconsideration for the Prosecutor and Trial Court position requests and indicated he discussed this recommendation with Prosecutor Doug Lloyd and Trial Court Administrator Amy Etzel.

Amy Etzel, Trial Court Administrator, spoke regarding the request for a Pre-Trial Services Coordinator position.

Prosecutor Doug Lloyd, discussed his request for an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and also spoke in support of the Pre-Trial Services Coordinator position for the Trial Courts.

Discussion regarding the American Recovery Plan Act. No action taken.

Budget amendments were presented and discussed (attached). Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval of the 2021/22 budget amendments to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

There was no Limited Public Comment.

Chairman Mulder recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m. for a five minute recess.

Chairman Mulder reconvened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Commissioner Brehler moved to enter into closed session under Section 15.268 Sec 8. (e) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss trial and settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation in the matter of case 2020-

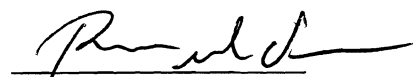
762-NI in the 56th Circuit Court of Michigan regarding Allen vs Eaton County at 10:04 a.m. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Committee resumed the open meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Commissioner Augustine moved to approve the recommendation of legal counsel in the case of Allen vs Eaton County. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Way and Means Committee will be held Friday, November 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.



Chairman Blake Mulder