

FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Monday, June 19, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.  
MINUTES



CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Courts called the Finance Committee meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.



ROLL CALL

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** Nolden, Ellenburg, Courts, Young, Shapiro, Cousineau, Martin.

**Excused:** Clack, Henry.



MINUTES – June 5, 2017

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 Finance Committee as presented

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Young, **Seconded by** Nolden.

Motion passed unanimously.



PUBLIC COMMENT TO COMMITTEE

None



COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) Jason Weller – Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
- 2) Elizabeth Kelly – Michigan ID Task Force
- 3) Debra Hayes – Executive Director My Brother's Keeper Shelter for Men.

(These three presenters are here presenting in support of Item D to have reduced or waived fees for vital records for those facing financial hardship)

Chairman Kim Courts introduced the three presenters.



John Gleason, Clerk/Register spoke regarding fees for vital records



Jason Weller gave presentation



Elizabeth Kelly gave presentation



Debra Hayes gave presentation



John Gleason spoke again stating they need support from the Board to reduce the fees for homeless to get vital records.



Mark young commend the presenters for their work and asked if any of the three are involved in the Flint/Genesee County Continuing Care of Veterans homelessness. They advised that they are.

**Motion:** To refer Item D to Finance Budget Subcommittee to review the reduction of fees for vital records. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Young, **Seconded by** Martin.



Celeste Bell, Corporation Counsel advised that the State Legislature has set a schedule for fees. The Board cannot exceed those fees but legally the Board can set these for less than the State designated amounts. There is a cap and the prior Board did nothing wrong when setting the fees, it was acting within the constraints of the Statute.

Discussion ensued.

John Gleason also thanked his Chief of Staff, Leslie Raleigh for all of her work on this

Motion passed unanimously.



OLD BUSINESS

None



NEW BUSINESS

A. F061917VIA: CONTROLLER'S OFFICE – Request approval for overnight travel For Nerhaoo Hemraj to attend the AGA Professional Development Training July 9-11, 2017 in Boston, MA – Attached **(ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED)**

**Motion:** To approve overnight travel For Nerhaoo Hemraj to attend the AGA Professional Development Training July 9-11, 2017 in Boston, MA

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nolden, **Seconded by** Young.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Courts, Cousineau, Ellenburg, Martin, Nolden, Shapiro, Young.

**Excused:** Clack, Henry.



B. EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT

1. F061917VIIB1: EQUALIZATION – Request approval to create, fill and post Chief Examiner position – Attached (**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**)

**Motion:** To approve Equalization Department to create, fill and post Chief Examiner position

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Young, **Seconded by** Ellenburg.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Courts, Cousineau, Ellenburg, Martin, Nolden, Shapiro, Young.

**Excused:** Clack, Henry.



2. F061917VIIB2: EQUALIZATION – Request approval to contract with Bill Thompson for assistance with Equalization Study – Attached (**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**)

**Motion:** To approve contract with Bill Thompson for assistance with Equalization Study

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Young, **Seconded by** Nolden.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Courts, Cousineau, Ellenburg, Martin, Nolden, Shapiro, Young.

**Excused:** Clack, Henry.



C. F061917VIIC: OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF - Request approval to upgrade two positions from Deputy to Sergeant: one in District Court and one in the Paramedic Division – Attached

**Motion:** To approve to upgrade two positions from Deputy to Sergeant: one in District Court and one in the Paramedic Division

**Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Nolden, **Seconded by** Ellenburg.

Motion passed unanimously.



D. F061917VIID: REGISTER OF DEEDS – Request approval to reduce or waive fees to obtain vital records for those facing financial hardship – Attached (**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUESTED**)

This action item was voted on following Communications and was referred to the Finance Budget Subcommittee.



#### OTHER BUSINESS

None



#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** To adjourn **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Young, **Seconded by** Nolden.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Courts adjourned the Finance Committee meeting at Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Transcribed by:  
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Administrative Secretary