FINANCE COMMITTEE
October 2, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Grebner, Maiville, Morgan, and Polsdofer.

Members Absent: Crenshaw, Tennis, and Schafer.

Others Present: Judge Tom Boyd, Andy Bouck, Darin Southworth, Tim Morgan, Bill Fowler, Ryan Buck, Morgan Cole, Bill Conklin, Michael Townsend, Liz Noel, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grebner at 6:09 p.m. in Conference Room D & E of the Human Services Building, 5303 South Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of September 11, 2019 and September 18, 2019 Minutes


Additions to the Agenda

2. Sheriff’s Office
   b. Resolution Amending Resolution #19-391 to Accept Grant Funds from the State of Michigan Emergency Management Performance Grant

Substitutes –

7. Equalization/Tax Mapping – Resolution to Approve the 2019 Apportionment Report

10. Health Department
    b. Resolution to Accept Grant Funds through Mid-State Health Network

11. Human Resources Department – Resolution to Approve Reclassification Appeal of the Administrative Analyst Position

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MORGAN, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:
1. County Clerk's Office – Resolution to Promote Enrollment in Permanent Absent Voter Lists by Qualified Registered Voters of Ingham County

2. Sheriff's Office
   b. Resolution Amending Resolution #19-391 to Accept Grant Funds from the State of Michigan Emergency Management Performance Grant

3. Circuit Court
   a. Resolution to Accept the FY 2020 Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant, Continue the Grant Funded Three-Quarter Time SSSPP Case Management Coordinator Position and Enter into Subcontracts
   b. Resolution to Accept the FY 2020 Michigan Mental Health Court Program Grant, Continue the Grant Funded Three-Quarter Time Mental Health Court-Court Services Coordinator Position and the Full-Time Mental Health Court-Case Coordination Specialist Position, and Enter into Subcontracts

4. Probate Court – Resolution to Authorize the Conversion of Deputy Probate Register III Position to Full-Time

5. Community Corrections – Resolution to Authorize Notice to Sentinel Offender Services, LLC that Justice Millage Funds Have Been Allocated and are Available to Continue Electronic Monitoring Services for Indigent Users through September 30, 2019

6. 55th District Court – Resolution to Authorize the Reorganization of the 55th District Court

7. Equalization/Tax Mapping – Resolution to Approve the 2019 Apportionment Report (Report to be Distributed at the Meeting)

8. Capital Area Transportation Authority – Resolution Authorizing the Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with the Capital Area Transportation Authority Dated January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020

9. Parks Department
   a. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with L. J. Trumble Builders, LLC
   b. Resolution to Authorize a Purchase Order with Tomco Asphalt, Inc.

10. Health Department
    a. Resolution to Authorize an Extension of the Agreement with Ionia County Health Department
    b. Resolution to Accept Grant Funds through Mid-State Health Network
    c. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Intelligent Medical Objects, Inc.
    d. Resolution to Accept Integrated Behavioral Health Plan
    e. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Michigan State University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine, Department of Family and Community Medicine
    f. Resolution to Accept Quality Improvement Funding Award from HRSA
g. Resolution to Amend Resolution #18-385 with Otech for Usign/Ustart Software
h. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Uber Health

11. Human Resources Department — Resolution to Approve Reclassification Appeal of the Administrative Analyst Position

12. Controller/Administrator’s Office — Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2019 Ingham County Budget

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Crenshaw, Tennis, and Schafer.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Crenshaw, Tennis, and Schafer.

2. Sheriff’s Office
   a. Resolution to Authorize the Renewal of a Contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections to Rent Up to 50 Beds to the Michigan Department of Corrections

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. GREBNER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

MOVED BY COMM. MORGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. POLSDOFER, TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION.

THE MOTION TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION FAILED. 

Yeas: Morgan, Polsdofner
Nays: Grebner, Maiville  
Absent: Crenshaw, Tennis, Schafer

Undersheriff Andy Bouck, Sheriff’s Office, stated that Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth was unable to be before the Committee because he was attending a street naming ceremony for a fallen officer. He further stated that the County jail used to be much larger and there was a contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) to house a larger number of inmates.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that as the facility grew smaller, the contract shrunk as well. He further stated that when Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth took office, there was no active contract with MDOC, but one was reinstated for 50 beds in October 2017.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that the original 50-bed contract ran from October 2017 to September 2018 at the negotiated rate of $35 per day, per inmate lodged. He further stated that there were some stipulations in the contract, such that the MDOC inmates be eligible for programming consistent with other inmates in the facility and that the County reserve 20 beds, if needed, for substance abuse treatment.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that the $35 per inmate, per day rate was very consistent across the State. He further stated that he had checked with Clinton and Eaton Counties about their contracted rates and they were the same or slightly less based on the size of the facility.
Undersheriff Bouck stated this resolution was the renewal of the original contract, which was for one year, with four one-year extensions to be allowed after that.

Commissioner Polsdofe demonstrated that he had voted against the resolution in the Law & Courts Committee meeting because he was under the understanding that the $35 per inmate per day rate had not been adjusted since the late 1990s. He further stated that he wanted more information to see if the rate could be adjusted, or if the contract could be set up again to apply a cost-of-living adjustment.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that he was not sure of the history of the rate, but the rate had to remain consistent across the State. He further stated that if the County renegotiated a higher rate, then the State would likely shift inmates to jails with lower rates.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that it was the nature of doing business, and if at the end of the contract term the County still was in the contract business, then the rate might be able to be revisited, but it would likely have to be done across the State.

Discussion.

Chairperson Grebner stated that $35 was regarded as reasonable rate because the State wanted to get inmates out of the State prison system, as it was more expensive to house them in the MDOC facilities. He asked if Federal inmates were housed in the County jail.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that the County had a Federal inmate every now and then, when other jails that more regularly housed Federal inmates did not have room.

Chairperson Grebner stated there were different rates for Federal or Immigration and Customs Enforcement inmates. He asked what inmates from the State were being housed at the County jail currently.

Major Darin Southworth, Sheriff’s Office, stated that he thought the State rate might have gone down over years, because of the State’s budget concerns and the fact that some counties relied on the State contract as revenue. He further stated that he did not know of any jail that received over $40 per inmate, per day from MDOC, and if there were any, the facility would likely have a lot to offer.

Major Southworth stated that the County currently housed about 15 parole violators, and the rest were usually in the Intensive Detention Reentry Program (IDRP). He further stated that no inmate was housed longer than 45 days, as they were usually cycled to another facility or released within that time.

Discussion.

Major Southworth stated that the average number of MDOC inmates housed in the County jail was fewer than the negotiated 50 beds, because the State was seeing a decline in inmates and the
cost of transporting inmates further away was also taken into consideration. He further stated that the MDOC inmates that came to the County were generally low-maintenance and medically stable, but if an incident did occur where a hospital detail was needed, the State would be billed for that.

Discussion.

Chairperson Grebner asked how many posts at the County jail had closed.

Major Southworth stated there were originally 10 posts in the County jail, and there were six posts in operation currently. He further stated that three of the closed posts were inoperable because of maintenance issues.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that MDOC inmates were commingled throughout the posts and classified like the other inmates, so it was not as simple just closing a post to get out of the contract business.

Chairperson Grebner asked how much money the County would save if it got out of the contract business.

Undersheriff Bouck stated he estimated the cost of each MDOC inmate to be about $3 per inmate per day for meals, as the rest of the costs to run the jail would still be incurred.

Discussion.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that when he had pulled the daily jail count for October 1, 2019, the capacity was 444 beds and there were 368 total inmates in the jail, 34 of which were MDOC inmates. He further stated that the County was not housing MDOC inmates at the detriment of County jail space.

Commissioner Maiville asked why the resolution had failed in the Law & Courts Committee.

Commissioner Polsdorfer stated that he personally had wanted to hear more information about the contract.

Discussion.

Chairperson Grebner stated that the contract had officially started on October 1, 2019. He asked if the County would continue to get inmates if the contract was not yet approved.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that he had begun the renewal process with MDOC in plenty of time, but had had to remind their contract department to get him the contract in time for the meetings. He further stated that he had told MDOC the resolution would not be before the Board of Commissioners until mid-October, and they had said it was not a problem.
Michael Townsend, Budget Director, stated that the revenue from this contract was factored in as part of the 2020 budget. He further stated that about $447,000 would be lost if the contract was not approved and would likely mean adjustments to staffing in the Sheriff’s Office.

Commissioner Polsdofer asked if there was an administrative fee billed to the State if an inmate is released directly from the County jail.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that there was just a $35 standard rate and did not take into consideration if an inmate was being released by the County.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the Sheriff’s Office had looked at the mechanism behind this funding from MDOC, because the whole program had been cut by the Governor. He further asked if the Sheriff’s Office was looking for approval for this contract in case the funding did come through.

Undersheriff Bouck stated he was aware of the line item veto for the program by the Governor, but he was confident that the funding would return because the State did not have a place to house the inmates.

Discussion.

Commissioner Maiville asked if the County intended to get out of the contract business once the new jail was built.

Undersheriff Bouck stated that the new facility was still in the design phase, but in the long-term he hoped to get out of the contract business. He further stated that he would like to have a further conversation with MDOC before they ceased the contract completely.

Discussion.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he would prefer to defer to his colleagues on the Law & Courts Committee and give them the opportunity to approve the resolution first before he would be comfortable approving the resolution.

Discussion.

MOVED BY COMM. MORGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

THE MOTION TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED.   Yeas: Morgan, Polsdofer, Maiville   Nays: Grebner   Absent: Crenshaw, Tennis, Schafer

Announcements

None.
Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD