HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
November 4, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Tennis, Trubac, Morgan (left at 7:58 p.m.), Naeyaert, Sebolt, Slaughter, and Stivers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Treasurer Eric Schertzing, Edwardeen Jones, Leon Clark, Tim Morgan, Melissa Buzzard, Anne Scott, Linda Vail, Rick Terrill, Marion Owen, Jared Cypher, Liz Noel, and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tennis at 6:30 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the October 14, 2019 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON TENNIS STATED THAT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

Additions to the Agenda

Substitute –
3. Facilities Department – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Laux Construction LLC for the Renovations at New Hope Community Center, and the Health Department’s Administration, and Women’s Health

Limited Public Comment

Treasurer Eric Schertzing, Treasurer’s Office, stated he was before the Committee in support of the Medical and Senior millage proposals after reading the deliberations from the referring Subcommittee. He further stated his Office oversaw delinquent properties, and he wanted to bring to light the broad array of social services needed to implement effective programs.

Treasurer Schertzing stated he thanked the Committee for the work they did and he appreciated the County millages as it was important to work done in the Treasury. He further stated he hoped to have an in-depth conversation about how to get the most bang for the County’s buck with these millages.

MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. STIVERS, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:
2. **MSU Extension Office** – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement for Michigan State University Extension Services between Michigan State University and Ingham County Approving the Annual Work Plan for 2020

4. **Parks Department**
   b. Resolution to Authorize the Application to the Ingham County Trails and Parks Millage Fund for Three Projects within the Ingham County Parks
   c. Resolution to Authorize a New Park Ranger Position

6. **Health Department**
   a. Resolution to Authorize Amendment of Resolution #19-351
   b. Resolution to Authorize a 2019-2020 Americorps State Grant
   c. Resolution to Authorize an Administrative Service Agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan at the Ingham County Jail
   d. Resolution to Convert Medical Assistant Position
   e. Resolution to Extend Curis Consulting Agreement
   f. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Family and Community Development Services
   g. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for Refugee Health Promotion
   h. Resolution to Authorize Agreement with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for Refugee Health Screenings
   i. Resolution to Authorize Amendment #1 to the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
   j. Resolution to Extend Agreement with Michigan State University Department of Psychiatry
   k. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Feldesman, Tucker, Leifer, and Fidell, LLP
   l. Resolution to Authorize the Amendment to Resolution #19-309
   m. Resolution to Amend Resolution #18-083 with Walmart Pharmacy
   o. Resolution to Accept the FY20 Grant Agreement with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – Tobacco Use Reduction for People Living with HIV – 2020

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. **Veterans Affairs Committee** – Interviews

   Edwardeen Jones interviewed for a position on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

   Leon Clark interviewed for a position on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

3. **Facilities Department** – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Laux Construction LLC for the Renovations at New Hope Community Center and the Health Department’s Administration
MOVED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SEBOLT, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Chairperson Tennis stated this had been in planning stages for some time, and the upgrades represented the grand scheme of changes that were being made to the Health Department service locations. He further stated that back when the Board of Commissioners had agreed to move forward, the estimates for these upgrades were much lower than the actual costs they were now seeing.

Chairperson Tennis stated that the current budget level was three times what was initially expected. He further stated that at the Community Health Centers (CHC) Board meeting, there had been an unhappiness with the sticker shock of the projects, and the CHC subcommittees had looked at different options but ultimately decided to approve the agreement even though the cost was more than had been predicted, because so many other changes to health centers were waiting on this update.

Rick Terrill, Facilities Director, stated that he was not surprised at the sticker shock of the projects. He further stated that over the past two years, there had been higher price tags on Capital Improvement Projects across the board in the County, because the amount of workload that was being passed up by the contractors and the cost of the materials.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Parks Department
   a. Resolution to Submit to the Electorate a Special Millage Renewal Question for a Countywide System of Trails and Parks

MOVED BY COMM. STIVERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NAeyaert, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Chairperson Tennis asked what election date had been decided for this millage.

Commissioner Stivers stated the millage language was proposed for the March 10, 2020 ballot, as it was a straight renewal with no changes.

Discussion.

Commissioner Trubac stated in the interest of trying to spread out the millage proposals across all elections in 2020, he thought it might be prudent to move the millage to the August 4, 2020 ballot.

MOVED BY COMM. TRUBAC, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Ingham County at the primary election to be held on March 10/August 4, 2020.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposal to be stated on the March 10th, 2020 ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

Commissioner Sebolt stated he was generally supportive of the concept to change the date of the millage, but given the several other millages to go on the ballot in 2020 and the fact that the full Board of Commissioners had not had a conversation about when to put all millages on the ballot, he would like to see the resolution passed with the date as-is to move it out of Committee, and then the resolution could be changed once a larger conversation was had.

A discussion ensued regarding the placement of millages on the ballot.

Commissioner Stivers stated that Williamstown Township would have a road millage on the ballot in March 2020, and if that millage was on the ballot along with other increases, the Williamstown Township road millage might be at risk of defeat. She further stated that it would be generous of the Board of Commissioners to let Williamstown Township have their increase alone on the March 2020 ballot and have the millage increases for the County on other ballots in 2020.

Chairperson Tennis stated he thought there needed to be a larger conversation about millages in front of more than just the Committee. He further stated that he preferred to keep the date of the millage as-is, as there was still time for a broader conversation.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated she thought that the Committee was charged with making the decisions about when to put their respective millages on the ballot. She further stated that if this discussion was to happen at a Democratic Caucus meeting, she would request a Board Leadership meeting or joint caucus meeting so all Commissioners would be involved, as this was important to the Republican Commissioners’ constituents as well.

Discussion.

Commissioner Slaughter stated that there would be a Joint Republican and Democratic Caucus meeting on November 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., and all Commissioners would be invited.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CARRIED. Yeas: Morgan, Naeyaert, Slaughter, Trubac Nays: Sebolt, Stivers, Tennis Absent: None

Melissa Buzzard, Trails & Parks Millage Coordinator, stated that having the millage on the ballot later in the year would give the local Friends groups and advocacy organizations more time to campaign in support of the millage.

Tim Morgan, Parks Director, stated there were also many projects slated to be finished in spring of 2020, which would allow voters to see the success of the Trails & Parks Millage projects.
Commissioner Slaughter stated that the City of Lansing was also planning to have a parks millage, so the County should coordinate so those millages were not on the ballot at the same time.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Human Services Committee
   a. Resolution to Submit to the Electorate a Special Millage Renewal Question for a Countywide Transportation System Primarily for the Disabled and Elderly

MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

MOVED BY COMM. MORGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Ingham County at the primary election to be held on March 10, November 3, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to cause the proposal to be stated on the March 10, November 3, 2020 ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

Commissioner Morgan stated he would like to reserve the March 2020 ballot for the millages with the biggest lift. He further stated that this millage was not a big lift as it was a straightforward renewal.

Commissioner Stivers stated Williamstown Township had asked the County to not put new millages on the March 2020 ballot, because there was a chance the road millage would not pass if other new millages were on the ballot.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that the Board of Commissioners had the whole County to be aware of when deciding when to put millages on the ballot. She further stated that the County would not ask a township not to put a millage on the ballot for a certain election to benefit the County.

Commissioner Stivers stated she thought the County’s new millage would be successful, whereas this was Williamstown Township’s only chance to get the road millage passed.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CARRIED. Yeas: Morgan, Naeyaert, Slaughter, Tennis, Trubac Nays: Sebolt, Stivers Absent: None

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. **Human Services Committee**
   b. Resolution to Submit to the Electorate a Special Millage Question Authorizing Funding for Elder Persons Services and Certifying Ballot Language

MOVED BY COMM. MORGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Chairperson Tennis introduced the resolution.

Commissioner Morgan stated he was in strong support of putting this millage on the friendliest ballot possible, which would be the March 10, 2020 ballot.

MOVED BY COMM. STIVERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TRUBAC, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate in the election to be held on **March 10 November 3, 2020**:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to place the proposal on the **March 10 November 3, 2020** ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated she would like to hear from more of her colleagues about their reasoning to change the date that the millage would be on the ballot. She further stated that she liked the idea of having the Transportation and Elder Persons Millages on the same ballot, and she thought turnout in November 2020 would be good.

Chairperson Tennis asked what staff from the Tri-County Office on Aging thought about the change to the date the millage would be on the ballot.

Marion Owen, Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA) Executive Director, stated TCOA would prefer if the millage was on the ballot earlier in the year, as there were waiting lists for programs.

Joe Reeves, TCOA Finance Director, stated if the millage was defeated in March, then it could be put on the ballot later in the year.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated she supported this millage, and thanked the Subcommittee for its work on the millage language.

Commissioner Sebolt stated he supported keeping this millage on the March 2020 ballot. He further stated he did not anticipate there being a campaign against this millage and it might help the Williamstown Township roads millage.
Commissioner Trubac stated he agreed with Commissioner Sebolt, in that it would likely not be controversial, which was why it would be well-placed on the November 2020 ballot.

Commissioner Stivers stated she could anticipate the Chamber of Commerce putting a mailing out in opposition of all millages.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that perhaps the membership of the Chamber of Commerce should have a conversation with their leadership about any public opposition to millages.

Commissioner Morgan stated that the County could not get a friendlier electorate than the March 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

Commissioner Stivers stated that could change if the other political party had a primary, and she thought putting the millage on the March 2020 ballot would be kicking Williamstown Township in the shin. She further stated that historically, the Board of Commissioners had not been great at advocating for millages and March would not give them a lot of time to prepare a campaign.

Commissioner Stivers stated that if the millage was on the August or November ballot, then the Commissioners would be out in the community for their own re-election campaigns and be able to talk to more voters about the millage.

Discussion.

Chairperson Tennis stated he supported putting this millage on the ballot in November 2020. He further stated that if the amendment to change the date to November failed, then he would suggest putting it on the August 2020 ballot.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CARRIED. Yeas: Slaughter, Stivers, Tennis, Trubac Nays: Morgan, Naeyaert, Sebolt Absent: None

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Human Services Committee
   c. Resolution to Submit to the Electorate a Special Millage for Continuing Health Services for Low Income, Uninsured Families and Adults Living in Ingham County

MOVED BY COMM. MORGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Chairperson Tennis stated that Commissioner Grebner had raised the issue of including the language in the millage regarding 250% of the federal poverty guidelines, as some voters might think that was too high. He further stated that even though 250% of the federal poverty guideline was similar to the threshold currently used, including it in the millage language might be detrimental to the passage of the millage.
MOVED BY COMM. SEBOLT; SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the millage would be used to support Ingham County residents whose household income is at or below 250% of federal poverty guidelines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate at the primary election to be held on March 10, 2020.

**INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES MILLLAGE**

For the purpose of reauthorizing funding for providing basic health care and mental health services to low-income Ingham County residents who are not eligible for Medicaid under the Federal Affordable Care Act, and whose household income is at or below 250% of federal poverty guidelines and who do not have medical insurance, including use of these funds to help pay for access to doctor visits, generic medications, mental health services and essential care such as preventive testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other serious illnesses, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan be increased by up to 70/100 (0.7000) of one (1) mill, $0.70 per thousand dollars of state taxable valuation, for a period of four (4) years (2020-2023) inclusive? If approved and levied in full, this Millage will raise an estimated $5,378,021 in the first calendar year of the levy, based on state taxable valuation.

YES [ ]   NO [ ]

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this question is hereby certified to the County Clerk.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION WAS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the millage would be used to support Ingham County residents whose household income is at or below 250% of federal poverty guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the millage would be used to support Ingham County residents whose household income is at or below 250% of federal poverty guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this question is hereby certified to the County Clerk.

This was considered a friendly amendment.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated she approved of the amendment, and she liked having the three objectives included in the language.
THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TRUBAC, TO AMEND THE
RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, a millage of 0.70000.6000 of one (1) mill is needed to continue to provide for this
program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners seeks to have the voters of Ingham County determine
whether or not they desire to raise funds at a millage rate of 0.70000.6000 of one (1) mill for a
period of four (4) years to continue to support funding for healthcare services for low income,
uninsured families and adults residing in Ingham County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the
electorate at the primary election to be held on March 10, 2020.

INGHAM COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES MILLAGE
For the purpose of reauthorizing funding for providing basic health care and mental
health services to low-income Ingham County residents who are not eligible for
Medicaid under the Federal Affordable Care Act, and who do not have medical
insurance, including use of these funds to help pay for access to doctor visits,
generic medications, mental health services and essential care such as preventive
testing and treatment for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and other serious illnesses,
shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be
assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Ingham, Michigan
be increased by up to 7060/100 (0.70000.6000) of one (1) mill, $9.700.60 per
thousand dollars of state taxable valuation, for a period of four (4) years (2020-
2023) inclusive? If approved and levied in full, this Millage will raise an estimated
$5,378,9214,609,732 in the first calendar year of the levy, based on state taxable
valuation.

YES [ ] NO [ ]

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that the millage was currently at 0.35 mills, and the Board of
Commissioners had the ability to reset it to 0.52 mills with a simple vote. She further stated that
she thought the proposed 0.7 mills was extremely high.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that increasing the millage to 0.6 mills rather than 0.7 mills would
be good to see some accountability from the Ingham Health Plan (IHP) and Community Mental
Health (CMH) at that increased level.

Commissioner Stivers stated that the proposed amount of 0.7 mills was based on math that had
been presented to the Committee. She further stated that currently, CMH only received funding
to get through about half their year, and IHP had to plan for uncertainty in enrollment numbers in
the coming years, as even a few hundred more enrollees could affect the funding.
Commissioner Stivers stated that at the proposed 0.7 mill level, both IHP and CMH could be fully funded and would meet more needs for mental health care, and IHP would no longer need to dip into their fund balance each year.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated she understood the concern and saw the need CMH had, but IHP had a scenario, not an immediate need. She further stated that every time, she heard a scenario from IHP about increases in enrollment, but she had not seen that reflected in enrollment numbers.

Discussion.

Commissioner Stivers stated she thought it was frustrating for the Committee, as well as IHP, for the uncertainty around enrollment numbers. She further stated that the County could always lower the amount of the millage that was levied, as she would rather have too much allowed, than not enough and leave people in the community to fall through the safety net.

Commissioner Sebbolt stated that he also would like to see the 0.7 mill amount and then if it was not needed, the County would not collect as much. He further stated he did not want to see a lower rate and then have a catastrophic need.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated the difference was the need CMH had, versus the fund balance IHP had.

Commissioner Trubac stated he thought that most constituents who went to the ballot and saw the millage language assumed the County would levy the amount specified.

Discussion.

Lori Noyer, IHP Executive Director, stated that each year, IHP was spending down its fund balance in an effort to offset services provided by the millage. She further stated that with this millage opportunity, IHP would be able to fund services not currently supported by the millage funds, and continue to stretch services further.

Ms. Noyer stated that scenarios might come down the pike that the County or IHP had not been planning for.

Commissioner Slaughter stated he supported the 0.7 mill amount, as there were a lot of IHP clients in his district that needed the services provided.

Chairperson Tennis stated he would have left the millage rate at 0.52 mills and levied the full amount. He further stated that he was willing to go along with expanding the services, though he worried about reaching the threshold that the population would bear for millages.

Ms. Noyer stated that there were some IHP members that were not able to access CMH, because their diagnosis was mild to moderate, which then caused them to use community providers
instead. She further stated that with the addition of mental health services to the millage language, she planned to come back to the Committee to discuss this issue with them at a future date.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION FAILED. Yea: Naeyaert, Trubac
Nay: Tennis, Morgan, Sebolt, Slaughter, Stivers Absent: None

MOVED BY COMM. STIVERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate at the primary election to be held on March 10 August 4, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to place the proposal on the March 10 August 4, 2020 ballot and to be prepared and distributed in the manner required by law.

Commissioner Stivers stated she would like to change the date of this millage for the same reason as the others, to accommodate Williamstown Township’s request to not put new County millages on the March 2020 ballot.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION FAILED. Yea: Stivers, Tennis
Nay: Morgan, Naeyaert, Sebolt, Slaughter, Trubac Absent: None

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Health Department
n. Resolution to Authorize Agreement with St. Vincent Catholic Charities

MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaert, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Sebolt disclosed he had a relative that was employed by St. Vincent Catholic Charities (SVCC). He further stated that he did not support this resolution, as the organization was outwardly against allowing same-sex couples to adopt, and he did not have faith that they would not be discriminatory in this agreement.

Commissioner Stivers stated she stood with Commissioner Sebolt.

Chairperson Tennis asked what the impact would be if the agreement was not renewed.

Linda Vail, Health Department Health Officer, stated that SVCC was the designated resettlement agency for the State of Michigan, so whether the County wanted it or not, that was the agency refugees went through. She further stated that it could be detrimental to remove the agreement,
because as refugees came to the Health Department for health care and screenings, they would be disconnected from the translation and case management services SVCC provided to them.

Ms. Vail stated if that was not a strong enough argument to continue the agreement, then the Health Department would need more time to transfer services to another organization. She further stated that some SVCC staff was almost at the Health Department full-time assisting with refugees, and the Health Department staff knew them well and they worked well together.

Anne Scott, Ingham Community Health Centers Executive Director and Deputy Health Officer, stated she shared Commissioner Sebolt’s concerns, and the concerns had been discussed in the Community Health Centers (CHC) Board meetings. She further stated that the CHC Board had ultimately approved the agreement, because the refugees served were often LGBT individuals seeking asylum.

Ms. Scott stated that it was a challenge of principle, but the translation and case management services provided were to the benefit of those refugees.

Chairperson Tennis stated that this was not the first time an issue had been raised with SVCC, as the organization had previously been unwilling to abide by the County’s Living Wage Policy. He further stated about seven years ago, the County had discussed bringing the services in-house due to the ongoing issue of the difference of ideology and treatment of community members.

Commissioner Stivers stated she appreciated some work that had been done by the organization and she assumed not everyone at SVCC was anti-LGBT, however the organization had also been implicated in the separation of families at the border. She further stated that she wished the Health Department had more time, but on principle she could not support working with the organization.

Commissioner Slaughter asked if there were any other organizations that provided translation services in the area.

Ms. Vail stated that the use of telephone interpreters had been tried in the past, but it had not worked as well as an in-person translator.

Ms. Vail stated that the Health Department also worked with Family and Community Development Services to provide translation services.

Commissioner Morgan stated he noticed on the staff report for the resolution that it stated there were no alternatives. He further stated he preferred to have staff allude to alternatives or list them in the staff report, as he was not glad to see there were no alternatives listed.

Commissioner Stivers asked if the resolution could be tabled to give staff more time to find alternatives.

Chairperson Tennis stated the agreement was already past its deadline. He stated he would like to approve the resolution and ask staff to come back with options for other options in the future.
Chairperson Tennis stated that in the past when the County had considered other options for services, it had galvanized SVCC to agree to the County’s terms. He further stated that by approving the current agreement, it would give staff more time to find options and would not put refugees’ health in jeopardy.

Commissioner Sebolt stated the Board of Commissioners could not table a resolution that had come from the CHC Board, it could only be approved or rejected. He further stated that in other states, charities were agreeing to these terms, but SVCC chose not to.

Commissioner Trubac asked if there would be a lapse in services needed by refugees if the resolution was rejected.

Ms. Scott stated if the SVCC contract was not continued, then the other interpreter services could not fill in to provide services immediately. She further stated that the case management services provided by SVCC were also important to make sure patients got to their appointments and understood what follow ups were needed.

Ms. Scott stated that this service was initially part of the Medicaid outreach, and the health centers relied on the services provided by SVCC. She further stated that the health centers would struggle to provide patient care without the resource, and there would be a concern of how to stabilize the refugee population without it.

Commissioner Trubac stated he lamented that the contract had not come before the Board of Commissioners sooner. He further stated that if the resolution was rejected, it would affect a sensitive population.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated she wanted to support her fellow colleagues, and she suggested to shorten the contract length to give SVCC the opportunity to change the organization policy if they wanted to work with the County within the County’s policies. She further stated this option would not cause the services to be lost now, but it would give another opportunity for SVCC to comply with the County policies.

Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller, stated previously, the Committee had amended contracts from one year to six months. He further stated he had spoken with Jim Hudgins, Purchasing Director, and procured recent contracts signed by SVCC, which did include the Living Wage Policy and Anti-Discrimination Policy.

Mr. Cypher stated that the enforcement of contractors following the County’s policies was not proactive, but if a complaint was brought to the County that they were not following the policies, it would be investigated.

MOVED BY COMM. STIVERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, TO ASK THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND STAFF TO RESEARCH ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:
WHEREAS, Ingham County Health Department’s (ICHD) Community Health Centers (CHCs) wish to enter into an agreement with St. Vincent Catholic Charities (SVCC) to sustain interpreter/translation services and supportive case management services effective October 1, 2019 through September 30 March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the term of the agreement shall not exceed $42864,000 and ICHD will cover up to $70,53735,268.50 of services which support client’s services throughout non-health center/public health programs through the Fiscal Year 2020 general fund budget; and

WHEREAS, the remaining cost ($57,46328,731.50) will be covered through 340B savings as a reinvestment of funds to support enhanced patient care through the CHCs; and

WHEREAS, the Ingham Community Health Center Board of Directors supports entering into an agreement with St. Vincent Catholic Charities (SVCC) to sustain interpreter/translation services and supportive case management effective October 1, 2019 through September 30 March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer recommends that the Board of Commissioners authorize entering into an agreement with St. Vincent Catholic Charities (SVCC) to sustain interpreter/translation services and supportive case management effective October 1, 2019 through September 30 March 31, 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ingham County Board of Commissioners authorizes an agreement not to exceed $42864,000 with St. Vincent Catholic Charities (SVCC) to sustain interpreter/translation services and supportive case management effective October 1, 2019 through September 30 March 31, 2020.

Ms. Vail stated she apologized that the contracts had not come before the Board of Commissioners sooner, but they needed to go through the CHC Board and the Board of Commissioners, and with the summer schedules of the boards it was difficult to have much time to get the contracts in place.

Chairperson Tennis stated he supported changing the contract length. He further stated that there were always alternatives, and Ms. Vail’s explanation for why no alternatives were listed in the staff report was spot on.

Chairperson Tennis stated that there were only two agencies offering these services in the area, and the choice was either to go with them or not. He further stated he did not think there was any intent for staff to pull the wool over the Committee’s eyes.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CARRIED. Yeas: Tennis, Trubac, Naeyaert, Slaughter, Stivers Nays: Morgan, Sebolt Absent: None.
Chairperson Tennis stated it was unusual for the Board of Commissioners to take action that second-guessed the CHC Board, because the CHC Board was in charge of the operation of the health centers. He further stated that the CHC Board might be unhappy with the change the Board of Commissioners made, but it was not something that the Board of Commissioners did lightly or made a habit of, because the federal regulating agencies reviewed whether the CHC was truly independent from the County government.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED.

**Yeas:** Tennis, Trubac, Naeyaert, Slaughter, Stivers  
**Nays:** Morgan, Sebolt  
**Absent:** None.

7. **Board Referral** – Letter from Brett Kaschinske, Lansing Parks and Recreation Department Director, Requesting an Increase in Budget for the Grand River North Section, Moore River Drive Trail, and Overlay and Reconstruction

Chairperson Tennis referred to the Parks Commission.

**Commissioner Announcements**

Chairperson Tennis stated he would not be present at the next Committee meeting, which was when community agencies presented to the Committee.

Commissioner Morgan left at 7:58 p.m.

Chairperson Tennis stated he had had some concerns about the organization WAI-IAM, Inc. & Rise Recovery Community and their reported outcomes, patient base and services provided in the past. He further stated that he had done some research and had spoken with members of the WAI-IAM, Inc. Board of Directors and he now felt more comfortable with the organization.

Chairperson Tennis stated he would like more information about WAI-IAM, Inc. & Rise Recovery Community outcomes of their patient base in the future.

**Commissioner Naeyaert asked that staff send an update to Commissioners about what election each millage would be on, before the meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2019.**

**Commissioner Stivers asked staff to also include the amount currently levied by each millage and how much of an increase the Board of Commissioners was allowed to make.**

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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