HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
December 2, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Tennis, Trubac, Morgan, Naeyaert, Sebolt (arrived at 6:38 p.m.), Slaughter, and Stivers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mark Stevens, Lori Noyer, Candace Filonczuk, Jared Cypher, Michelle Wright, 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 November 18, 2019 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON TENNIS STATED THAT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 18, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. Absent: Commissioner Sebolt

Additions to the Agenda

1. a. Medical Care Facility Discussion

7. **Fair Board** - Resolution Authorizing Off-Season Fees for the Ingham County Fair

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaert, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

2. **Health Services Millage**
   a. Resolution Authorizing a Health Services Millage Contract with the Ingham Health Plan Corporation (IHP\(\text{C}\))
   b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties (CMH) for Health Services Millage Eligible Services

3. **Parks Department** – Resolution Honoring Jessy Gregg
4. **Health Department**  
   a. Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of Grant Funds from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Authorize an Agreement with Sparrow Hospital  
   b. Resolution to Approve the Health Department’s Plan of Organization  
   c. Resolution to Authorize Month to Month Lease Extension for 306 W. Willow Street  
   d. Resolution to Increase Position #601053 Community Health Rep II from .75 FTE to 1.0 FTE  
   e. Resolution to Authorize Agreements with Wayne Children’s Healthcare Access Program to Act as the Fiduciary/Payee for Agency Funding  
   f. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with CaptureRX  
   g. Resolution Amending Resolution #16-309 with NEC Networks, LLC DBA CaptureRX, for 340B Prescription Third Party Administrator and Resolution #19-247 to Rite Aid Corporation for 340B Prescription Drug Services to Include McKesson Corporation as 340B Drug Wholesaler

5. **Controller’s Office**  
   a. Resolution Approving Various Contracts for the 2020 Budget Year  
   b. Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2019 Ingham County Budget

6. **Human Services Committee**  
   a. Resolution Congratulating the Capital Area District Library

7. **Fair Board** - Resolution Authorizing Off-Season Fees for the Ingham County Fair

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Sebolt

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Sebolt

1. **Fair Board** – Interviews

Candace Filonczuk interviewed for the position on the Fair Board.

Commissioner Sebolt arrived at 6:38 p.m.

MOVED BY COMM. NAYAERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPOINT CANDACE FILONCZUK TO THE FAIR BOARD.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. **Medical Care Facility Discussion**

Mark Stevens, Medical Care Administrator, stated that the Medical Care Facility was about to open a 48-bed addition and would have an open house the upcoming Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. He invited the Commissioners to stop by.
Mr. Stevens stated that the Medical Care Facility had a foundation that raised funds for the facility. He further stated that the foundation had a number of people that had approached them to contribute funds to have their names placed on one of the rooms in the facility.

Mr. Stevens stated that the foundation had put their plans together and he had brought it to the Department of Health and Human Services Board, which was responsible for the Medical Care Facility’s daily operations. He further stated that they had supported and approved of the plan, contingent on the Human Services Committee’s feedback and guidance.

Mr. Stevens stated that there had been an interest of donating up to $150,000 for a name to be placed on a bistro they were building. He further stated that all funds raised would go back into the care of the patients.

Mr. Stevens stated that when he had brought this to the Department of Health and Human Services Board, the issue had been raised concerning vetting the names of those that had contributed the funds. He further asked if the Human Services Committee could provide their thoughts on vetting the names of donators before a room was named for them.

Mr. Stevens asked if the Human Services Committee would feel comfortable if the Medical Care Facility and the Department of Health and Human Services Board went through and vetted names. He further stated that those interested in contributing those funds were families that had connections with the Medical Care Facility over the years.

Mr. Stevens stated that the Medical Care Facility had been in existence for over 175 years and had taken care of almost every type of person in the community. He asked if someone contributed a significant amount of money, the County would be in support for the processing of names being vetted or if there were other suggestions the Committee had for fundraising.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he thought the Fair had wanted to do something similar with bricks for a walkway and it had been brought to legal counsel. He further stated that he thought the vetting of names should be brought to the attention of legal counsel as well, so it did not impede on any First Amendment issues.

Commissioner Morgan stated that $150,000 would be good vetting on its own. He further stated that beyond that, he did not know if the Board of Commissioners or the Department of Health and Human Services Board should get involved to have names vetted since they were both public entities.

Chairperson Tennis stated that going through legal counsel was always a good option. He further stated that he had been a part of a fraternity where a donor had a wing of their house named after them, and later, the donor had been indicted and the fraternity had taken the name off the wing of the house.

Chairperson Tennis stated that no matter what vetting the foundation did, there should be a caveat for removing names without refund of money for a number of different issues including any kind of criminality or shame.
Chairperson Tennis stated that Mr. Stevens should work with Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller, to talk over with legal counsel to see if there were obvious issues that they would need to do in the vetting process. He further stated that it was important to have some capability to have a name removed if something came up.

Discussion.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that her mother had been at the Dobie Road facility a number of times and everything had always been fantastic.

6. Human Services Committee
   b. Resolution Consenting to Continued Resettlement of Refugees in Ingham County

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

Commissioner Sebolt stated he was thoroughly disgusted the Board of Commissioners even had to sign a resolution to send to the President in order to say the County would want refugees to continue. He further stated these circumstances were appalling.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that a different resolution might be required to have legal counsel be asked when, or if, a legal change came up on this Executive Order, if the Board of Commissioners would sign on to an amicus brief in support. He further stated that he had not thought that it should require multiple layers of consent in order for refugee resettlement to be continued, as this was the entire reason why this country even existed.

Commissioner Sebolt asked if all the wording had been required to meet the Executive Order or not. He further stated that he had a few suggestions for the resolution to be a little better.

Chairperson Tennis asked Mr. Cypher how much of the wording had been boiler plate and how much was necessary.

Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller, stated that virtually all of the resolution had been boiler plate and had been forwarded on by Commissioner Crenshaw. He further stated that the Controller’s Office made minor edits to make sure it fit Ingham County and that was all he had known about it.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he had not wanted to change the intent of the resolution, but had thought a couple of things could be changed.

Chairperson Tennis asked that Commissioner Sebolt explain what he had wanted to have changed in the resolution.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that in the seventh “Whereas” clause, he thought it could be expanded to include community organizations and individuals.
Commissioner Sebolt stated that the following “Whereas” clause seemed exploitative to him. He further stated that he had thought it read as if they needed refugees as a source of potential cheap labor in the County.

Commissioner Sebolt thought that if that clause said, “WHEREAS, refugees are a welcome addition to the local economy,” it would have made the same point. He further stated that those would be his suggested edits to the resolution if they were able to edit the wording.

Commissioner Morgan stated he would support those edits to the resolution.

Chairperson Tennis stated that he liked all the changes Commissioner Sebolt had proposed.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked if the word “families” could be left in the resolution because some families had welcomed refugees.

Discussion.

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

WHEREAS, churches, community organizations, and families, and individuals have supported the arrival and integration of refugee families for several years; and

WHEREAS several local businesses depend on refugees to meet labor demands refugees are a welcome addition to the local economy.

This was considered a friendly amendment.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he would like a second resolution, to challenge the Executive Order.

Chairperson Tennis stated that a second resolution should be made solely for that issue.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he would work on the second resolution to bring to the Committee in January.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked if the Board of Commissioners had ever had to do a resolution before to allow the refugee population to reside in Ingham County. She stated that there had been a lot of refugee housing provided.

Chairperson Tennis stated that they had not needed to do a resolution similar to the current in the past. He further stated that the Executive Order had essentially required every local unit to reaffirm they wanted refugees to resettle in their communities.

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

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Stivers thanked the Committee for passing the resolution honoring Jessy Gregg.

Chairperson Tennis asked if Ms. Gregg was going to be at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Stivers stated that she was a friend and colleague and was not sure if there was a conflict with her schedule that would not allow Ms. Gregg to be in attendance at the board meeting.

Chairperson Tennis stated that if she would be there, Commissioner Stivers could present the plaque to Ms. Gregg.

Chairperson Tennis stated that he would not be in attendance at the Board of Commissioners meeting. He further announced that he had a wonderful time chairing the Human Services Committee and dealing with all of the new voices that had added an amazing perspective to the discussions.

Chairperson Tennis thanked each and every one of the Commissioners for their participation and work. He further stated that he looked forward to serving on the Human Services Committee under Commissioner Trubac.

Commissioner Slaughter stated that Chairperson Tennis had done a great job as Chairperson. He further stated that Chairperson Tennis provided great context and history behind some of the items.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD