BOARD LEADERSHIP MEETING
January 28, 2020
Minutes

Members Present: Celentino, Crenshaw, Grebner, Koenig, Maiville, Morgan (left at 7:58 p.m.), Naeyaert, Polsdofer, Sebolt, Schafer, Slaughter, Stivers, Tennis, and Trubac.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Matt Nordfjord, Becky Bennett, Michael Tanis, and Elizabeth Noel.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Crenshaw at 7:04 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Ingham County Courthouse, 315 S. Jefferson St., Mason, MI 48854.

Approval of the January 15, 2020 Open and Closed Session Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. CELENTINO, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE OPEN AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2020 BOARD LEADERSHIP MEETING.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Limited Public Comment

None.

1. Infrastructure Priorities for Capitol Caucus

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that he had received an email from the Chamber of Commerce in regards to the list of infrastructure priorities submitted to State Senator Curtis Hertel, Jr. He asked if the Commissioners wanted to submit the present list of infrastructure priorities.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she supported the submission of the current list. She further stated that the improvement to the Ingham County Fairgrounds, especially the addition of a grandstand, would increase the chances that the Fairgrounds would collect additional revenue. She further stated that the Rayner Creek drain reconstruction project would improve the usability of the overnight campgrounds.
Commissioner Schafer asked about the 9-1-1 radio communication network upgrade project because of the previous 9-1-1 millage. He further asked if it was prudent to include all of the infrastructure projects, or whether some could be eliminated.

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that the 9-1-1 radio communication network upgrade through the millage was for First Responders, and the inclusion of the additional upgrade was meant for non-First Responders who used the 9-1-1 network in their occupations.

Commissioner Maiville stated that he supported Commissioner Naeyaert’s statement. He further stated that he thought that projects nine and ten on the list were completed last year, and that project thirteen was in the process of completion.

Chairperson Crenshaw asked if Commissioner Maiville recommended that projects nine, ten and thirteen be removed from the present list.

Commissioner Maiville stated that he thought that projects nine and ten should be removed, but project thirteen should be included in the present list as it was not yet complete.

Commissioner Slaughter asked why project three did not include an estimated cost.

Commissioner Koenig stated that the Rayner Creek drain reconstruction project involved the Ingham County Fairgrounds, who was in the negotiation stage, but the estimated cost would be close to $3.5 million.

Discussion.

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that former County Controller Tim Dolehanthy had helped to submit this present list last year, and that they were submitted to the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Polsdorfer stated that, while he did not have a current dollar amount, he had started a conversation with Michigan State University, Bill Conklin, Roads Department Director, and the Road Department relating to improvements near the new McLaren Hospital.

Chairperson Crenshaw asked Director Bennett to ask Teri Morton, Deputy Controller, to look into the cost of the road improvement project identified by Commissioner Polsdorfer, and to provide the cost to the Board of Commissioners by Friday, so that it could be included in the list of infrastructure priorities.

Commissioner Maiville asked Director Bennett to ask Ms. Morton to identify the infrastructure projects that had been completed, or that were nearly completed, so that the projects could be removed from the present list.

Chairperson Crenshaw asked whether the project list should be submitted in a general order or a priority-based order.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she thought that a general order should be submitted.
2. Closed Session

MOVED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, AT APPROXIMATELY 7:16 P.M., TO MOVE THE MEETING INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR A CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY PER MCL 15.268(h) IN REGARDS TO WRITTEN ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE LEGAL OPINIONS.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

Commissioner Morgan left at 7:58 p.m.

MOVED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFER, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Morgan

MOVED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON TO EXECUTE THE RESIGNATION OF TIMOTHY DOLEHANTY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Morgan

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD