HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
May 4, 2020
Minutes

Members Present: Trubac, Stivers, Tennis, Koenig, Morgan (arrived at 6:31 p.m.), Slaughter, and Naeyaert.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Treasurer Eric Schertzing, Jared Cypher, Timothy Morgan, Elizabeth Noel, and Michael Tanis.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trubac at 6:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order 2020-48 regarding the Open Meetings Act.

Approval of the March 16, 2020 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON TRUBAC STATED THAT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2020 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN. Absent: Commissioner Morgan

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Commissioner Morgan arrived at 6:31 p.m.

Limited Public Comment

None.

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

1. Treasurer - Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from the Ingham County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund to the Ingham County General Fund to Support the Greater Lansing Food Bank

2. Parks Department
   a. Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with Johnson Sign Company for Wayfinding Sign Installation
3. **Veterans Affairs** - Resolution to Authorize the Ingham County Department of Veteran Affairs to Accept a 2020 County Veteran Service Grant in the Amount of $102,074.07

4. **Health Department** – Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with the Ionia County Health Department for Medical Direction and Program Consultant

5. **Health Services Millage** – Resolution Authorizing a Contract Extension with MaLamnoye Consulting, LLC to Review Member Eligibility and Expenses Relative to the Health Services Millage Contracts with Ingham Health Plan Corporation

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

2. **Parks Department**
   
   b. Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with Brock & Associates Inc. for a New Dock at Lake Lansing South Park

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

Commissioner Koenig stated that she had not been able to follow this since the incident occurred last year where the dock sank into the lake. She asked if there was any liability or error determined by who installed it.

Jared Cypher, interim County Controller, stated that Timothy Morgan, County Parks Director, was the person handling that for the most part. He asked Mr. Morgan if he could answer her question.

Mr. Morgan stated that this dock being installed was unrelated to the dock that collapsed last year. He further stated that it was in the pipeline for a grant application to replace the floating dock.

Mr. Morgan stated that after the Parks Department applied and received the grant, the other dock collapsed. He further stated that to answer her question, forensic engineers came out on several different occasions, met with staff as well as the company and their representative, and their Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) people and their representative, and it was a long, painstaking process of communicating back and forth.

Mr. Morgan stated that, at the end of the day, they valued the repairs of the dock about $1,500, when there was a $1,000 deductible, but he did not have the numbers in front of him. He further stated that the Parks Department received $500 back and reimbursed all of the lost items to the individuals last summer.

Commissioner Koenig stated that she was not interested in the money, but rather in the liability. She further stated that she was interested in why the incident happened, so that it did not happen again.
Mr. Morgan stated that, as to why the incident happened, he was not sure that they ever came up with an answer for that. He further stated that they came to the conclusion that some of the bolts had broken.

Mr. Morgan stated that the company was there and had said that they could replace the dock, but the Parks Department was not putting the dock back into the water because the new dock from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was going to replace both of the docks. He further stated that he did not think anything ever came out of the incident as far as the insurance.

Commissioner Koenig asked Mr. Morgan how much load was allowed on the dock and how much was on it at the time that it broke.

Mr. Morgan stated that he was not sure. He further stated that when his department talked to the company, and when the company looked at it and had their forensics people out there, that was never discussed as far as the number of people versus what was there.

Commissioner Koenig stated that he could understand that they were lucky that nothing terrible happened, and that it was a very serious issue. She further stated that it was pretty traumatizing for the people that were there.

Commissioner Koenig stated that it was a handicap dock for people in wheelchairs, and she was concerned that somehow she never got the answers about what went wrong.

Mr. Morgan stated that he would be happy to reach out to their insurance company and get some additional dialogue, and would share it with the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Koenig stated that she did not need the insurance company. She further stated that she would like the report that would tell her what happened because after the engineers had looked at it, someone had to have come up with some conclusion.

Mr. Morgan stated that it had been a real struggle working with the insurance company throughout this whole process. He further stated that he would reach out and ask for specifics.

Commissioner Koenig stated that the reason she was not interested in the insurance company was because she cared about why it happened, so that the County could make sure that it did not happen again.

Mr. Morgan stated that the insurance company was the one who had done the forensic investigation and came up with all of the investigative work.

Commissioner Koenig asked Mr. Morgan if he could send her the report the insurance company came up with.

Mr. Morgan stated yes.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
6. **Controller's Office**
   a. Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2020 Ingham County Budget

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

Commissioner Tennis stated that in the schedule, he thought that there was some money put in the wrong line. He further stated that the narrative talked about $50,000 going to the Department of Human Services (DHHS) for child care, but in the actual column, there was $50,000 going to Community Mental Health (CMH), which was one line above the Department of Human Services.

Commissioner Tennis stated that he thought that was a typographical error.

Mr. Cypher stated that it was a typographical error and it should be one line below that to DHHS.

Discussion.

MOVED BY COMM. TENNIS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. STIVERS, TO AMEND THE TABLE CHART BY REMOVING THE $50,000 LINE FROM COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND INSERTING THE $50,000 LINE TO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **Controller's Office**
   b. Resolution Updating Various Fees for County Services *(Discussion)*

Commissioner Tennis stated that this was an annual thing, where the Board of Commissioners asked staff to update fees based on price indexes. He further stated that, in most cases, it attempted to get them as close to cost of providing the service as possible, but sometimes a political decision based on one reason or another to have it cost less than the service provided.

Commissioner Tennis stated that he did not see anything unusual that jumped out at him. He asked if he should assume that the Commissioners would expect to see the actual resolution at the next meeting.

Chairperson Trubac stated yes.

**Announcements**

Commissioner Slaughter stated that he wanted to thank the Ingham County Health Department for their work of pulling together a group that was focused on people of color who had contracted COVID-19, and for working on different avenues for getting accurate messaging out to the public. He further stated he had been working with this group for a week-and-a-half to two weeks, and
had pulled together pastors of the Greater Lansing area to talk about COVID-19 and how to support their congregants going forward.

Commissioner Slaughter stated that the group was also looking at different segments of black and brown populations going forward, and so he wanted to give kudos to the staff at the Ingham County Health Department for all of the work they have been doing.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD