HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
June 1, 2020
Minutes

Members Present: Trubac, Stivers, Tennis, Koenig, Morgan, Slaughter, and Naeyaert.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Jared Cypher, Commissioner Randy Maiville, Lindsey McKeever, Melissa Buzzard, Brian Collins, Joy Gleason, 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 2020-75 regarding the Open Meetings Act.

Approval of the May 18, 2020 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON TRUBAC STATED THAT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2020 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WERE APPROVED AS WRITTEN.

Additions to the Agenda

Late –
1. Fair Office
   b. A Memo from Fairgrounds Events Director Lindsey McKeever Regarding the Status of the 2020 Ingham County Fair (Discussion)

Limited Public Comment

None.

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

2. Parks Department
   a. Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with Signs by Crannie
   b. Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the City of East Lansing Trails and Parks Millage Agreements
   c. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Ratnik Industries

3. Facilities Department – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Du-All Cleaning Inc. for Janitorial Services at Several County Facilities
4. **Health Department**
   a. Resolution to Accept U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration Health Center Program Funds
   b. Resolution to Accept Funding from the Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) for Participation in the Michigan Network for Oral Health Integration (MNOHI) Project
   c. Resolution to Accept Funding Award from HRSA for Expanding Coronavirus Testing (ECT) Capacity
   d. Resolution to Convert the Clinical Data Analyst Position from ICEA 08 to ICEA 07
   e. Resolution to Authorize the Extended Cooperative Operational Agreement with the Ingham Community Health Center Board of Directors

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

1. **Fair Office**
   a. Resolution to Authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ingham County Fair Foundation to Provide Programming and Financial Assistance to the Ingham County Fair

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

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she mistakenly pulled the resolution from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. **Fair Office**
   b. A Memo from Fairgrounds Events Director Lindsey McKeever Regarding the Status of the 2020 Ingham County Fair *(Discussion)*

Lindsey McKeever, Fairgrounds Events Director, provided information to the Human Services Committee on the status of the 2020 Ingham County Fair.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that, with the latest Executive Order from the Governor, the stay-at-home order was lifted and outdoor activities could happen. She further stated that she thought it was premature to cancel everything at this point.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he respectfully disagreed with Commissioner Naeyaert. He further stated that anyone doing business with the Ingham County Fair needed to be able to plan out what their summer looked like, and the more certainty the County could give them at an earlier date, the better.
Commissioner Morgan stated that there were potentially out clauses for different contracts in place that might need to be considered. He further stated that, to go with a plan, the County needed to make a move now.

Discussion.

Commissioner Tennis asked if Ms. McKeever was rescinding her recommendation for cancelling the Ingham County Fair.

Ms. McKeever stated yes.

Commissioner Tennis asked if Ms. McKeever was now recommending that the County moved forward with only livestock showings.

Ms. McKeever stated yes.

Commissioner Tennis asked if the Commissioners needed to take any action regarding that or not.

Ms. McKeever stated that it was her intention to ask the Fair Board to cancel the Ingham County Fair, but she was not intending to that at this point. She further stated that she would ask the Fair Board to endorse her “Plan C”, which cancelled all of the entertainment and only included the livestock showings and horse shows.

Commissioner Tennis asked if she had done any estimates of costs and revenues for her “Plan C”.

Ms. McKeever stated that, with her “Plan C”, it would include $30,000 from camping revenues depending on if the Fairgrounds sold the spots. She further stated that if there was no camping, the County would not be in a situation to make money, but she did not think the County would be in a situation where they would lose money either.

Ms. McKeever stated that it would be a community give-back for the youth and a Fair Foundation would be footing most of the bill. She further stated that the bills were the judges and the ribbons, so it was not a large amount of money that would be spent.

Commissioner Nacayaert asked, if the Fairgrounds could do the horse shows and livestock auctions with people and events, why not also include the rides if the Governor felt it was safe to congregate outdoors.

Ms. McKeever stated that she thought that the rides could be cancelled later than the rest of the entertainment since the rides operators were in Michigan. She further stated that some of the food vendors and independent concessioners were in Florida, and it would cost them $40,000 to travel across the country.

Ms. McKeever stated that the vendors would have to make a business decision, or the Fairgrounds could look at hiring vendors that were in Michigan. She further stated that she thought, for the grandstand activities, they could be rescheduled until the fall and do them as one-off events.
Commissioner Naeyaert stated that the Fairgrounds had multiple Fair Food events that were widely successful, but the Ingham County Fair seemed to be up in the air and confusing to her. She asked if she would know more after the Fair Board meeting.

Ms. McKeever stated that she was unprepared for the Governor’s Stay-at-Home order to be lifted today.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that it sounded to her that the Fairgrounds was not sure of anything at this point since this changed so late in the afternoon.

Ms. McKeever stated yes. She further stated that it had been a lot to process on a regular basis on the direction of the Ingham County Fair, and while she was fine with any direction, she wanted to be pointed in that direction.

Jared Cypher, interim County Controller, stated that Ms. McKeever had to make decisions based on the best information available to her at that time. He further stated that the best information available today in regards to having a carnival was today’s Executive Order from the Governor.

Mr. Cypher stated that Section 12 of the Governor’s Executive Order stated that, “indoor services or facilities, or outdoor services or facilities involving close contact of persons, for amusement or other recreational or entertainment purposes, such as amusement parks” would remain closed, and thought that a carnival would fall under that section. He further stated that it was an impossibility to put a carnival on the Fairgrounds and not have people clustered closely together.

Mr. Cypher stated that was why Ms. McKeever proposed to rescue something with “Plan C” and have livestock showings. He further stated that, right now, under their interpretation, a carnival was not feasible with the available information.

Commissioner Morgan stated that, at the end of the day, he would rely on the recommendation of Health Officer Linda Vail and Ms. McKeever to make the best decision that for the County and for public health.

Chairperson Trubac stated that, to keep in mind, the Governor’s Executive Order cleared events for only 100 people or less. He further stated that Michigan’s number of COVID-19 cases could slide backwards, which the Governor’s administration had been clear about, and so this was not yet a straight-forward path to victory.

Chairperson Trubac stated that, if Michigan experienced a second-wave, the County did not want to be in the position of having things planned and found out two weeks beforehand that they could not happen.
Commissioner Koenig stated that the Fair Board members had a discussion about this at the last Fair Board meeting. She further stated that the Fair Board members were concerned about a lot of energy being spent on events that would not pan out financially or would create a lot of problems to enforce social distancing. She further stated that the Fair Board members, at that time, seemed relatively okay with calling it a day, especially because of the time and energy of producing events and not knowing if these plans were feasible.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that, as Commissioner Morgan said, she trusted Health Officer Linda Vail, and it seemed to her that Ms. McKeever had to make the decision, and she too did not want to see Michigan slide backwards. She further stated that she supported whatever decision Ms. McKeever and Mr. Cypher wanted to make.

Ms. McKeever stated that Fair Food events were very successful and she had a great time planning the events. She further stated that the Fairgrounds made a decent amount of money on donations back from their food vendors.

Ms. McKeever stated that she got a lot of positive feedback, so she thought the livestock showings option was their best option to salvage what was left and try to provide the community some kind of normalcy. She further stated that this was not what she had planned for her first Ingham County Fair, as she had only been here for a year, but she thought the Fairgrounds was in a good position to make life-long family memories for people this summer, even though it did not include the Fair as it normally happened.

Chairperson Trubac asked if the Fairgrounds had received input from Health Officer Linda Vail about the recommendation to have the livestock showings.

Mr. Cypher stated that he had emailed her earlier that afternoon, and she emailed back talking about the outdoor 100 people or less requirement. He further stated that it was up to Ms. McKeever to set up an event that complied with the Governor’s Executive Order.

Commissioner Koenig asked if Mr. Cypher could forward the Commissioners that email from Health Officer Linda Vail.

Mr. Cypher stated yes.

Commissioner Koenig stated that it was not an Ingham County 4-H event. She further stated that Ingham County 4-H and the MSU Extension Office had backed out of this event until September 1, 2020, as they did not want to be involved and felt it was risky.

Commissioner Koenig stated that this event was not going to be a regular livestock showing as it would not have 4-H children. She further stated that it would be the Fair Foundation taking over that role for Ingham County 4-H.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that information was important to know.
Ms. McKeever stated that she had forgotten about that part because it happened so long ago. She further stated that the Fair Foundation had taken on that role as a substitute for Ingham County 4-H. She further stated that she had recently talked to the livestock committee on the phone, and a lot of them would be changing to one-day shows, but believed the event would still be what was expected.

Chairperson Trubac stated that the opinion were a bit mixed from the Human Services Committee, but it seemed that they were trusting of Health Office Linda Vail and Ms. McKeever’s leadership. He asked Ms. McKeever to keep the Human Services Committee updated on the Ingham County Fair.

2. Parks Department
d. Resolution to Approve the Application Form, Scoring Criteria for the Trails and Parks Millage, and Declaring that a Sixth Round of Applications for the Trails and Parks Millage Funds will be Taken Beginning June 10, 2020

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

Chairperson Trubac stated that he thought the Human Services Committee might want to have a discussion about the sixth round of applications for the Trails and Parks Millage funds and if the Commissioners wanted to move forward with at this time given the County’s budgetary concerns. He further stated that he thought the Human Services Committee might want to come up with creative possibilities for cutting things coming out of the general fund and replace with millage funds.

Chairperson Trubac stated that these were strange, unique, and difficult times right now. He asked if the Commissioners had any thoughts, for or against what he proposed, he would be happy to hear them.

Commissioner Tennis stated that, for all of the County’s special millages, it was risky if the Board of Commissioners went down the road of using special millage funds for something other than for what the voters approved. He further stated that, even if they were legally allowed to do so, he thought they needed to be careful about it.

Commissioner Tennis stated that, every time that the Board of Commissioners considered having a special millage, there was always the thought that it would ease up some of the burden on other parts of their budget, and he thought that was the wrong way to look at it. He further stated that the Trails and Parks Millage was meant to create something the County did not already have, and using it to maintain some things the County already had.

Discussion.

Commissioner Tennis stated that he did not want to take any of their tools off the table until what was probably going to be a nightmare budget year, but he did not want to make any changes right now and would rather come back and visit this issue at a later date.
Commissioner Morgan stated that he wanted to echo what Commissioner Tennis said. He further stated that it had been floated before that the County could pay for the entire Parks Department out of the Trails and Parks Millage, but that was not what the voters approved, and to do anything less than to spend the millage funds on a specific millage function would show disdain for the people who graciously voted for this millage. He further stated that, as Chairperson of the Finance Committee, he would not be entertaining anything like that as it was a dangerous move and flew in the face of what the voters intended.

Chairperson Trubac stated that he agreed with all of their concerns, and generally would never be considering an idea like this if it were not for the craziness of the present moment. He further stated that he did have a sense of constituents counting on him to come up with creative solutions when they had a looming budget shortfall.

Chairperson Trubac stated that he wanted to put the idea out there, but he was not married to it one way or another. He further stated that, to clarify, that this would just prevent them from currently welcoming another rounds of applications if there were not to go forward with this, and it would not reallocate money that had already been allocated.

Commissioner Stivers stated that it was important to move forward with this round of applications because it did not necessarily mean that they had to spend any money on any of the projects in terms of what the different communities applied for. She further stated that it kept the ball rolling in case things improved.

Commissioner Stivers stated that the Parks Commission had spent a lot of time working out the criteria for this round, and they were going to make it even easier for communities to submit their applications. She further stated that the County needed to get shovels in the ground sooner because they were going to put people back to work who desperately needed that income.

Commissioner Stivers stated that these were outdoor, construction jobs where social distancing was really easy and were the types of jobs needed to get the economy back on track. She further stated that instead of this being a time to tighten up how the County was spending money, it was a time where the County-level needed to stimulate the economy with these types of construction jobs.

Melissa Buzzard, Parks Department, stated that before the Trails and Parks Millage was renewed, the Parks Department talked about how they were slightly over-allocated with the last millage, and were looking forward to another round of applications to keep the ball rolling as Commissioner Stivers said. She further stated that, down the road, the County could talk to the voters and say that they were experiencing a financial crisis within the Parks Department.

Ms. Buzzard stated that, to ease their minds, the Commissioners could slightly edit the resolution in front of them, and instead of doing multi-year funding, to allocate $3,800,000 a year in case they needed to address that.

Discussion.
THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Announcements

None.

Public Comment

Commissioner Maiville stated that he wanted to follow-up on comment about the Ingham County 4-H cancellation as it had happened before the peak of COVID-19 cases. He further stated that Ingham County 4-H was not only about the fairs, and that it had been done quite a long time ago, in early April.

Joy Gleason, Fair Board, stated that she wanted to speak in support of leaving options open for the Fair Board to do as much as possible when August 3, 2020 approached. She further stated that, in response to a comment about the possibility of food vendors at the livestock showings, 2 months from now, the Fair Board would be able to have that as part of the offering in a way that would fit in with the social distancing. She further stated that the Fair Board could not tell at this time, but there may be the option of including the ride entertainment with a limit.

Ms. Gleason stated that the Fair Board was not there at this time, but she did not want to close out the option of the possibility of it. She further stated that, like today’s Executive Order from the Governor changed the conversation for this meeting, something in the future could happen that would change the conversation again, and so she wanted people to be flexible and include as much of the community and commercial activity as possible.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD