

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

9:00 A.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Blake Mulder, Terrance Augustine, Joe Brehler, Brian Droscha, Brian Lautzenheiser, Jeanne Pearl-Wright, and Barbara Rogers.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Brian Droscha

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Scott Hansen, Frank Holmes, Mark Mudry, Jacob Toomey; Ben Dawson, Melissa Ballard, Chad Powers, Diana Bosworth, Tom Reich, Dan Skiver, Kelli Quiroga, and Connie Sobie.

The October 13, 2023 meeting of the Ways and Means Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Mulder.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Chairperson Mulder requested to remove items #6 Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report and #14 Budget Amendments. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rogers moved to approve the September 15, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

No limited public comment.

Human Resources Director Ben Dawson presented the positions update. Commissioner Brehler moved to refill the position vacancies as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A recommendation from the Public Works and Planning Committee was presented to reclassify the Resource Recovery Coordinator position, currently unfilled within the Resource Recovery Department, to better align with upcoming changes to the department and the County's Materials Management Plan. Commissioner Brehler moved to approve the position changes as recommended. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Discussion held. Commissioner Mulder opposed. Motion carried.

The annual dental and vision insurance renewals were presented and reviewed. Commissioner Augustine moved to approve the dental and vision renewals as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The annual health insurance renewals were presented and reviewed. The Controller's office is recommending opting out of Public Act 152 for the calendar year 2024 to maintain the current contribution rates for employees. The increase does not impact the County's overall budget but would impact the employees' net pay. Commissioner Brehler moved to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance renewal and to recommend the approval of the resolution opting out of PA152 to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

The December 31, 2022 Retiree Health Plan Valuation was presented. It was reported the funding ratio decreased to 32.3%, an approximate decrease of 3.8% driven partially by inflation. The actuarially determined unfunded liability is \$36.0 million. Discussion held.

The health insurance report for the calendar year 2023 was presented. The report indicates an unfavorable variance of (\$466,296) compared to revenues received. Discussion held.

The Child Care Fund update was presented. Based on the updated projection of revenues and expenditures, the estimated fund balance at September 30, 2023 is \$973,809. It was reported \$500,000 of that amount is a carryover from September 30, 2022 to retain funds due to the expansion of the Youth Facility. Discussion held.

Finance Director Melissa Ballard provided an update on American Rescue Plan (attached). Discussion held.

Facilities Management Director Chad Powers provided an update on the public improvement projects. Mr. Powers updated the committee on the progress of the Youth Facility expansion as well as other projects within the complex.

A Resolution to Waive Vital Record Fees for Residents Experiencing Financial Hardships was presented by Commissioner Jacob Toomey and County Clerk Diana Bosworth. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Brehler seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Skiver (Brown and Brown) and Kelly Quiroga (BCBS) were present to answer questions regarding the County's current health insurance plans.

A Resolution to Approve the License Agreement for the Prosecuting Attorney Economic Crime Unit Office Space was presented. The agreement includes the same rate as previously negotiated by Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend the resolution to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety recommended a Resolution to Authorize Application for Michigan Enhancement Grant Program to purchase a Sheriff Mobile Command Unit through a governmental cooperative purchasing contract. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend the resolution to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Pearl-Wright seconded. Discussion held. Commissioner Brehler opposed. Motion carried.

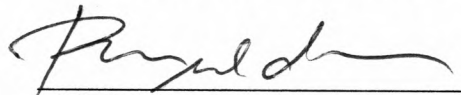
A Resolution to Approve the Extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Police Services for Delta Charter Township was presented. The extension is for a one-year period ending September 30, 2025 with the same terms as the most recent contract. Commissioner Augustine moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners, as presented. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend the approval of the payment of claims against the County in the amount of \$2,652,937.41 and immediate and electronic claims in the amount of \$20,964,372.45 to the Board of Commissioners as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Lautzenheiser. Motion carried unanimously.

No limited public comment.

Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ways & Means Committee will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte, MI 48813.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Blake Mulder', written over a horizontal line.

Blake Mulder, Chairperson