

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

9:00 A.M.

### MINUTES

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioners Jim Mott and Scott Hansen; Ben Dawson, Tim Vandermark, Chad Powers, Tom Reich, Diana Bosworth, Eric Daley, Kelley Cunningham, and Connie Sobie.

The January 12, 2024 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.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the December 15, 2023 closed session and regular minutes. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

No limited public comment.

A Delinquent Tax Borrowing Resolution was presented. Commissioner Brehler moved to recommend approval to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tim Vandermark, Director of Equalization, reported on the Remonumentation Grant. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to recommend approval of authorizing agreements with remonumentation surveyors for 2024 and moved to recommend approval of appointing a County Remonumentation Representative and contract to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded both. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Vandermark presented on median home sales in Eaton County and the usefulness of the BS&A software. The median home price in Eaton County is \$190,000.00.

Human Resources Director Ben Dawson presented a position and negotiation update. Commissioner Mulder noted more open communication with employees and applauded Connie Sobie, Controller / Administrator, and the rest of the executive staff for this improvement. Director Dawson spoke about discussions regarding Medicare. Commissioner Brehler moved to fill the position vacancies as presented. Commissioner Augustine seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held in reference to the Controller/Administrator's request to appoint Human Resources Director Ben Dawson as the Deputy Administrator for the County. Director Dawson would continue serving as the Human Resources Director role in addition to the added responsibilities of Deputy Administrator. Sheriff Reich, Facilities Director Chad Powers, County Clerk/Register of Deeds Diana Bosworth, Central Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, and Technology Services Director Eric Daley all spoke in favor of this request. Commissioner Brehler commended the efforts of Director Dawson, and expressed concern with the amount of work each position has, and noted two separate positions would be

best. Commissioner Augustine moved to approve a budget amendment supporting the Deputy Administrator addition. Commissioner Lautzenheiser seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Controller/Administrator Sobie presented the financial report.

Facilities Director Chad Powers gave an update on the progress of the Juvenile Facility expansion and other facility projects.

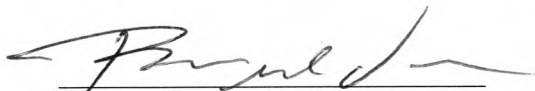
A budget amendment request was presented from the Public Safety Committee to use Commissary Funds for a Lucas chest compression system for the jail. Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved approval of the budget amendment. Commissioner Rogers seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved to approve the payment of claims against the County and immediate and electronic claims to the Board of Commissioners as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

No limited public comment.

Chairperson Mulder adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Ways and Means Committee will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Commissioner Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.

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Blake Mulder, Chairperson