

PERSONNEL / WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS

Ralph Tillotson, Terry Collins
Committee of the Whole

MEETING LOCATION

Via ZOOM

Minutes: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 – 10:04 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Tillotson, Collins, Bolton, Knoblauch, Bales, Lapham, Stimpson, Wittenbach, and Jenkins-Arno

Also Present: Kim Murphy, Jen Ambrose, Rebecca Borton, Martin Marshall, Burke Castleberry, Dmitriy Shapiro (The Daily Telegram), Cheryl Whipple, Scott Holtz, Jenny Escott, and Matt Shane

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Collins, seconded by Knoblauch, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020, meeting. Motion carried.

II. PERSONNEL BUSINESS

A. Employment Changes: Personnel changes were available for review.

B. Labor Negotiations: Administrator Martin Marshall reported that tentative labor agreement with two unions and five bargaining units for 2021, 2022, and 2023 have been reached. The changes to the contract include an annual wage increase of 2%, continued health insurance coverage following the current model, and revised union security and union dues language.

Motion by Stimpson, seconded by Collins, to recommend approval of the tentative agreements covering 2021, 2022, and 2023 with Government Employees Labor Council (GELC) and the United Steelworkers unions. Motion carried.

C. Medical Benefits Waiver: Waiver to extend exemption from Public Act 152 of 2011, Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

Motion by Knoblauch, seconded by Lapham, to recommend approval of the Medical Benefits Waiver to opt out of Public Act 152 of 2011 (MCL 15.568). Motion carried.

D. Other Personnel: There was no other personnel business.

III. WAYS AND MEANS BUSINESS

- A. Finance Reports:** Marty reviewed the finance reports; revenues are at 91%, expenses are at 80% while the benchmark is 83.3%. He also reviewed:
- The majority of tax collections have been received
 - He anticipates ending the year in the black
 - There are no major departmental concerns
 - The October 31st General Fund balance is 12.4 million
 - The debt service fund is currently in a deficit and will be made whole by transfer from the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund as will be the case with future bond payments
 - Budget adjustments for several accounts will be presented next month
 - Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund 25.6 million last year it was around 23.8
 - State has approved budget a providing revenue sharing funds comparable to last year.
- B. 2021 Budget:** The 2021 General Appropriations Act, General Fund Summary, and Non-General Fund Summary were available. The 2021 Lenawee County General Appropriations Act contains all required elements including the millage rates to be levied, the total General Fund and Non-General Fund budget totals, periodic allotment of budgeted amounts and review and reporting procedures.

Motion by Bolton, seconded by Wittenbach, to recommend adoption of the 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act. Motion carried.

- C. Red Mill Pond:** Drain Commissioner Escott explained that repairs to the Red Mill Pond were set up to be completed in three phases and the Drain Commission is ready to move into phase 2. Expenses exceeding \$10,000 for the project are to be approved by the County Board. Phase 2 will be funded through bonds that will be recovered through special assessments to the affected property owners. The Physical Resources Committee has reviewed the request and is recommending adoption of the Red Mill Pond Lake Level Preliminary Study Expense resolution.

Motion by Stimpson, seconded by Lapham, to recommend approval of the Red Mill Pond Lake Level Preliminary Study Expense. Motion carried.

- D. Campus Projects:** Marty shared updated photos of the Old Courthouse renovations.
- E. Other Business:**

- 1. 2021 BOC Scholarship:** Comm. Bales reported that the 2021 Scholarship applications will be available starting December 1, 2020. The Lenawee County Board of Commissioners currently offer one \$500 scholarship. The LISD would like to know if we desire to make any changes. Commissioners expressed their interest in continuing to offer at least one \$500 scholarship.

2. **New Commissioner Workshop:** There is a *new commissioner* workshop hosted by MSU; the workshop for our region is this Friday. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Administrator's Office for registration.
3. **Veterans Day:** Comm. Collins reminded the committee that tomorrow is Veteran's Day. Comm. Bolton added that WLEN will be holding the Thank A Vet collections tomorrow as well.
4. **Grant award:** The Veterans Office has been awarded a 2021 grant for additional services for veterans within Lenawee County.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Collins, seconded by Knoblauch, to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m. Motion carried.