MINUTES

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
Ways and Means Committee

Board of Commissioners' Room
County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor
200 Grand River Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060

September 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM

1. Roll Call/Opening

Commissioner Rushing called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Steve Simasko, Jorja Baldwin, Lisa Beedon, Dave Vandenbossche and Dave Rushing

Commissioners Absent: Jeff Bohm and Joi Torello

2. Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to approve the agenda as presented. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

3. Citizens to be Heard

Larry Jones, Port Huron - re: Utilizing the County parking lot for citizen parking and Grand Opening of Wrigley Center on 11/08/23

Linda Schweihofer, China Twp - re: Allocation of ARPA funds and Chairperson Bohm seeking State funds for the 26 Mile Rd. corridor

Tiffany Turke, China Twp - re: 26 Mile Rd corridor

Libby Prill, China Twp - re: 26 Mile Rd. corridor, grant funding secured by Chairperson Bohm for industrial loop and water/sewer enhancements and EDA

Commissioner Baldwin announced Chairperson Bohm was absent due to a family medical emergency.

4. Updates

None

5. Conceptual Initiatives

None

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

A. 2023 Budget Adjustments

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the 2023 budget adjustments as presented. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

B. Memberships and Dues

Administrator/Controller Hepting discussed the list of membership and dues that were included in the agenda packet. She indicated these items are approved with the adoption of the budget, however she wanted to give the Board an opportunity to review and discuss any changes.

Commissioner Simasko indicated his opinion is that the ThumbCoast TV agreement should be evaluated on a yearly basis. He also stated he would like time to review the benefit gained from each item. Commissioner Baldwin indicated she would like to specifically review the relationship with Keel, the Chamber of Commerce (as it is the only Chamber membership out of 4 existing Chambers) and payment to the CSCB.

When questioned, Administrator/Controller Hepting indicated she believes NACO, MAC and SEMCOG provide the most benefit to the Board. Commissioner Rushing added he believes there is also a benefit with MTA.

The list will be reviewed and discussed further at a later meeting.

C. Excess Workers Compensation Coverage - Midwest Employers Casualty

Tina Delia, Human Resources, indicated part of the reason for the large increase for this agreement is the inclusion of FBO services. She stated this item will be bid out and re-evaluated next year.

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Excess Workers Compensation agreement with Midwest Employers Casualty for a term of 09/01/23 through 08/31/24 in the amount of $87,447. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

D. Retiree Healthcare Trust Committee - Membership

Some discussion occurred.

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board the recommendation to remove two Commissioners and to add Karen Farr, CMH, and Tammy Holzberger, Road Commission, to the Healthcare Trust Fund Review Committee. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

E. Commissioner District 4 American Rescue Plan Project – Revised Request - Visiting Nurse Association

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to amend the District 4 American Rescue Plan Project for the Visiting Nurse Association to eliminate the purchase of medical equipment and to ad the purchase of an in-house call light system. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

F. Commissioner Vandenbossche District 7 American Rescue Plan Project - Warning Siren Project

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Lisa Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to allocate an additional $4,720 for the District 7 warning siren project. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

G. Commissioner Beedon District 3 American Rescue Plan Project - Blue Water Ally Center

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the District 3 American Rescue Plan Project allocating $9,675 for renovations to the Blue Water Ally Center. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

H. District Court Manning Table Reclassification Request

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Lisa Beedon, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the District Court manning table revision upgrading two (2) Clerk II positions to Clerk III positions. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

I. Library Manning Table Changes Request

Allison Arnold, Library Director, discussed the need for the manning table revision due to staffing issues. She stated the change from part-time to full-time will assist with recruitment and retention.

Moved by Dave Vandenbossche, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the Library manning table revision removing twelve (12) part-time Library Branch Assistants and additing twelve (12) full-time Library Branch Assistants. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

J. Administration Building Chiller# 2 Replacement

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to forward to the Regular Board meeting the recommendation to approve the contract with Miller-Boldt Inc. for the chiller replacement for the Administration Building in the amount of $361,120. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

8. Other Ways and Means Matters

Resolution 22-13 was discussed. Chairperson Bohm's signature will be secured on the corrected Resolution at the next meeting and filed with the County Clerk.

9. Information Only

None

10. Receive and File Packets

Moved by Jorja Baldwin, supported by Dave Vandenbossche, to receive and file packets and all information received. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

11. Adjourn

Moved by Lisa Beedon, supported by Jorja Baldwin, to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Carried - Voice Vote 5-0. Ayes: Baldwin, Beedon, Rushing, Simasko, Vandenbossche.

Committee Chair: Dave Rushing

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