

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, May 9, 2022, 4:00 PM
Jack VanHarn Commissioners Room, 3rd Floor,
Administration Building, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888
Remote Option: 1-833-201-6754 Conference ID: 157368147#

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson, Commissioner Petersen at 4:00 p.m.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Miller, Painter, Beach, Johnston, Carr, Baker, Bresnahan and Petersen. Members absent: Commissioner Kohn.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Brenda Taeter, Michelle Becker, Kevin Everingham, Doug Gietzen, Ryan Dreyer, Todd Olson, Kristi Jeffrey, Eric Smith, Helen Kennedy and Elisabeth Waldon.

Public comments were offered. None were given.

Kevin Everingham, Community Corrections was in attendance to request approval of the FY 2023 Community Corrections Plan and Grant Application.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve the FY 2023 Community Corrections grant application for Community Corrections funds to the State office of Community Corrections.

Mr. Everingham also provided the committee with a request to approve the Community Hope Counseling for female cognitive class facilitation.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve the Community Hope Counseling for female cognitive program agreement and authorize the appropriate signatures.

Doug Gietzen, Maintenance Director, provided the committee with a request to tint all exterior windows at the court complex for security reasons. Mr. Gietzen recommends accepting the bid from West Michigan Glass Coatings in the amount of \$17,076.00.

The committee recommends to the full board to hire West Michigan Glass Coatings to put security film on all exterior glass doors and windows of the Court Complex in the amount of \$17,076.00.

Mr. Gietzen provided the committee with roofing bids for the east end of the court complex. Mr. Gietzen recommends going with Shain Roofing and Sheet Metal in the amount of \$242,238.00.

The committee recommends to the full board to contract with Shain Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. to replace the entire roof section #4 of the court complex in the amount of \$242,238.00, payable out of the ARPA funds.

Mr. Gietzen provided the committee with bid for replacing all roof top units (RTU's) on the Sheriff's Department/Jail and the Court Complex. Mr. Gietzen recommends accepting the bid from Hurst Mechanical in the amount of \$1,826,469.00. Brenda Taeter explained that \$1.3 million will have to come from the Commissioners revenue replacement funds that were transferred from the ARPA money to the General Fund. She also stated that Hurst Mechanical stated that these units will increase in cost between 30-40% after the first of the year.

The committee recommends to the full board to use Hurst Mechanical for all RTU replacements for the Sheriff's Department/Jail and the Court Complex at a contracted price of \$1,826,469.00.

Ryan Dreyer, Commission on Aging, informed the board of a \$1.00 unit rate increase for Community Living Supports reimbursement through AAAWM-Choice Waiver Program which has resulted in the need for a contract amendment.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve for signature the Care Management/Waiver Programs Purchase of Service Agreement Amendment.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the committee with a request to transfer sick time from one FOP member to another. Ms. Taeter informed the board that Jacob Snyder will be leaving the County's employment and has not worked long enough to be paid out his sick bank balance. Discussion took place on donating sick time that doesn't actually belong to the employee that is leaving.

The committee recommends to the full board to allow Jacob Snyder to donate 213.5 hours of sick time from his sick bank to Sergeant Olson's sick bank as presented.

Ms. Taeter informed the committee that she has received a request from John Kroneck, Substance Use Disorder Advisory Council, to assist the Board of Commissioners in spending the opioid dollars the County will receive. There are restrictions on how these dollars can be spent.

Ms. Taeter also informed the committee that the County will receive \$169,360.32 in recreational marijuana dollars from the State. One suggestion has been to gift those dollars to Pierson Township for their park project. She reminded the committee that last year the board gave \$20,001.32 to the Drug Court Fund and the remaining \$8,000 to the Substance Use Disorder Advisory Council.

The committee did not take any action on recommending how to disburse the opioid or recreational marijuana dollars.

Ms. Taeter provide the committee with the ARPA committee's recommendation to approve the list of county's municipalities requesting ARPA funding to assist in their respective park projects as follows:

1. Friend of the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail	\$ 12,000
2. City of Carson City	\$ 10,000
3. City of Greenville	\$116,350
4. Village of Howard City	\$ 26,914
5. Village of Sheridan	\$ 42,000
6. Bushnell Township	\$ 40,755
7. Cato Township	\$ 50,000
8. Eureka Township	\$ 51,053
9. Richland Township	\$ 50,500
10. Sidney Township	<u>\$ 61,400</u>
Total Expenditure:	\$460,972

Discussion took place on how equitable the recommendation from the ARPA Committee is to all jurisdictions. Commissioner Carr expressed his concern on not giving each local unit of government the same amount of funding. While he appreciates the work the ARPA Committee has done, he stated that those committee members do not answer to those township, city and village boards, the commissioners do. He feels that each of the 29 incorporated municipalities should be given \$50,000.

Kristi Jeffrey, member of the ARPA committee, explained that the ARPA committee was tasked with reaching out to local units of government asking for parks related projects to assist with bringing people

into the county and getting people outside. She feels the committee did what was asked of them and were very thoughtful in their recommendation.

Commissioner Petersen stated that the ARPA Committee did do what was asked of them, and those municipalities that applied knew that there was a chance that their request may not be approved. The committee was tasked with providing funds for those jurisdictions with outdoor venues and their recommendation does just that.

Ms. Taeter stated that after all of the discussion today, she would be in favor of giving each local unit of government \$50,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commission Bresnahan to recommend the full board approve the list of county municipalities requesting ARPA funding to assist in their respective park projects as presented. The motion failed in a tie vote. Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Johnston, Beach and Miller. Nays: Painter, Petersen, Bresnahan and Carr.

The committee recommends to the full board to use \$1,450,000 of ARPA funds to grant \$50,000 to every township, city and incorporated village.

Ms. Taeter requested that the ARPA requests from the Stanton American Legion for \$2,000 for an AED, and the request from the Crystal/Evergreen/Ferris Township Fire Departments in the amount of \$10,574 for new radios for their respective departments, be tabled at this time.

Ms. Taeter informed the committee that the ARPA Committee is recommending two requests received from District Court and Maintenance to improve remote access and improving negative societal impact project areas. District Court is asking for up to \$24,500 to renovate four Attorney/Client meeting rooms in the Court Complex into Remote Zoom Attorney/client meeting rooms. Maintenance is asking for up to \$75,000 to install touchless flush lever toilets and faucets in all of the bathrooms in all of the county buildings.

Discussion took place on waiting on the touchless flush toilets and faucets. No action was taken.

Commissioner Carr stated that he is going to vote no on the District Court Remote Zoom rooms request due to the disrespectful nature of people attending court hearings via zoom.

A motion to recommend to the full board to approve up to \$24,500 to renovate four Attorney/client meeting rooms failed in a tie vote. Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Johnston, Beach and Miller. Nays: Commissioners Painter, Petersen, Bresnahan and Carr.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve warrant number 05092022 in the amount of \$5,498,470.34.

Ms. Taeter provided the committee with the budget review documents. She stated that she is comfortable with all of the reports and doesn't see anything alarming.

Commissioner Petersen informed the committee that the evaluation of Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator is due. He distributed evaluation forms to all of the commissioners in attendance and the committee went thru the questions with Ms. Taeter. Each commissioner was asked to return their evaluation form to Commissioner Petersen who will compile the results and bring them to the next Board meeting.

Public comments were offered. Elisabeth Waldon thanked Ms. Taeter for having her evaluation held in open session. She feels the public appreciates the openness.

Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Miller to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Adam Petersen, Acting Chairman