

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, July 11, 2022, 4:00 PM  
Jack VanHarn Commissioners Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Administration Building, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888  
Remote Option: 1-833-201-6754 Conference ID: 315660106#

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

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Miller, Painter, Beach, Johnston, Kohn, Carr, Baker, Bresnahan and Petersen. Members absent: None.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Brenda Taeter, Michelle Becker, Mark Sabin, Matt Boilette, Mike Fitzpatrick, Sara Burkholder, Ryan Dreyer, Brandon Olejnik, Eric Smith, Deb Ballard, Helen Kennedy and Elisabeth Waldon.

Public comments were offered. None were given.

Mark Sabin, Solid Waste Committee, and Matt Boilette, Republic Services, were in attendance to request the board approve a \$40,000 grant program with a 50/50 match for local municipalities to build-out compactor pads and power hook-ups for community recycling compactors. Mr. Sabin and Boilette informed the board of how successful the pilot project in Lakeview has been and informed them that other municipalities are interested in moving forward now.

**The committee recommends to the full board that \$40,000 of the Solid Waste fund balance be used this current fiscal year in the development of infrastructure to support recycling compactors in a 50/50 partnership with the respective supporting municipalities.**

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided each committee member with ARPA Funding Request Rubric to keep track of their individual thoughts on each ARPA request. Commissioner Petersen suggested that given how many requests are coming in, and how many more will likely still come in for ARPA funds, that the committee should hear all of the requests, score them, and then make a decision on all of the requests in 2 months.

Mike Fitzpatrick, Montcalm County Fire Association, was in attendance to request ARPA fund to purchase 104 – 800 MHz's radios. Under discussion Commissioner Carr informed Mr. Fitzpatrick that at the Central Dispatch Authority meeting last week, the Central Dispatch Authority Board committed \$100,000 to this project in the FY 2023 budget cycle. That action will bring this request down from \$346,262.80 to \$246,262.80.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Painter to recommend to the full board to approve the ARPA request to purchase 104 – 800 MHz radios in the amount of \$246,262.80. Under discussion, Commissioner Johnston stated that he feels this request is a very high priority request that is a safety issue and therefore should take priority over other requests. Roll call vote was taken on the recommendation to the full board: Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Johnston, Beach, Kohn and Painter. Nays: Commissioners Miller, Petersen, Bresnahan and Carr. The motion to recommend the following to the full board carried:

**The committee recommends to the full board to approve the ARPA request to purchase 104 – 800 MHz radios in the amount of \$246,262.80.**

Sara Burkholder, Pierson Township Clerk, was in attendance to present the committee with a revised request in the amount of \$148,597.19 for their new Community Park. Ms. Burkholder explained to the committee that this park is unique and has 2 transfer stations for handicap access.

Moved by Commissioner Bresnahan, supported by Commissioner Petersen to recommend to the full board to grant Pierson Township \$148,597.19 to purchase recreation equipment for their new park.

Under discussion it was discussed that earlier in the meeting it was suggested that all of the ARPA requests on the agenda today be heard and considered but not voted on for 2 months. Roll call vote on the recommendation to send the request to the full board: Ayes: Commissioners Kohn, Painter, Petersen, Bresnahan and Baker. Nays: Commissioners Johnston, Beach, Miller and Carr. The motion to make the following recommendation to the full board carried:

**The committee recommends to the full board to grant Pierson Township \$148,597.19 to purchase recreation equipment for their new park.**

Kim Cain, Have Mercy, presented the board with a request for \$100,000 ARPA funding to remediate losses caused by COVID-19. Ms. Cain gave the board a packet of information regarding a Greenville Family Shelter.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to recommend to the full board to grant Have Mercy \$100,000 in ARPA funding to remediate their losses caused by COVID-19.

Roll call vote was taken on the recommendation. Ayes: Commissioners Beach, Kohn, Painter, Petersen, Bresnahan, Baker and Johnston. Nays: Commissioners Miller and Carr. The motion to make the following recommendation to the full board carried:

**The committee recommends to the full board to grant Have Mercy \$100,000 in ARPA funding to remediate their losses caused by COVID-19.**

Jamie Gorby, CASA, presented the committee with a formal request for the remainder of the original ARPA funds designated for the CASA program that were approved by the ARPA Committee in November 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Kohn to authorize the Controller to issue a check to CASA, from the ARPA funds, in the amount of \$200,000 for COVID-19 related crisis intervention for program years 2023 and 2024. Under discussion Commissioner Carr stated that he does not feel the way this meeting has gone today has been fair or equitable to other organizations that have brought ARPA requests before the Committee at previous meetings. Additionally, he stated that if Commissioners are supporting recommendations to the full board today, then he certainly hopes those same Commissioners do the same at the full board meeting so people don't leave the meeting today thinking their request is being approved, only to find it's overturned at the full board meeting. Roll call vote on the recommendation: Ayes: Commissioners Kohn, Painter, Petersen, Bresnahan, Baker, Johnston and Beach. Nays: Commissioners Miller and Kohn. The motion to make the following recommendation to the full board carried:

**The committee recommends to the full board to authorize the Controller to issue a check to CASA, from the ARPA funds, in the amount of \$200,000 for COVID-19 related crisis intervention for program years 2023 and 2024.**

Ryan Dreyer, Commission on Aging Director, presented the committee with a request to approve an AAAMW Contract Amendment to move \$7,000 from their allocated funding for Congregate Meal Services and allow for its use for our home delivered meal program.

**The committee recommends to the full board to approve for signature the AAAM Contract Amendment to move \$7,000 from COA allocated funding for Congregate Meal Services and allow for its use for home delivered meal program instead.**

Mr. Dreyer also presented the committee with a Reliance CCP Contract Amendment that increases the reimbursement for the transportation program to \$.62 per mile.

**The committee recommends to the full board to approve for signature the Reliance Contract Amendment that increases the reimbursement for the transportation program to \$.62 per mile.**

Brandon Olejnik, District Court Administrator, was in attendance to request that Shannon Doolittle be reclassified from a Clerk I to a Clerk II and to have her pay at the Clerk II rate start retroactively from June 15, 2022, the day she received her certification as a Certified Electronic Operator (CEO).

**The committee recommends to the full board that Shannon Doolittle be recognized as a Clerk II CEO, that her pay rate increase from \$16.04/hour to \$18.06/hour, and that pay rate increase be retroactive to June 15, 2022.**

Eric Smith, Emergency Services Director, presented the committee with FY 2021-22 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Program Grant Agreement, CFDA NO. 20.703.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner to approve FY 2021-22 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Planning Program Grant Agreement, CFDA NO. 20.703 and allow for the proper signatures. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith also provided the committee with the April-June Emergency Services update and the Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and Montcalm County.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Miller to approve the Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium and Montcalm County and allow for signatures. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk, requested approval to reclassify the Office Assistant position in the Vital Records office to an Administrative Aide position so that she can re-hire Candis Thomas back at the position and pay scale she was at when she left the County's employment.

**The committee recommends to the full board to reclassify the Office Assistant position in the Vital Records/Elections Office to an Administrative Aide, and allow the County Clerk to rehire Candis Thomas at the top of the Administrative Aide pay scale, starting at \$19.44 per hour.**

**The committee recommends to the full board to approve warrant number 07112022 in the amount of \$257,554.47.**

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator provided the committee with the budget review documents that included revenue and expenditure reports. She stated that she does have a few revenue concerns that she outlined and stated that she will follow up with the department heads on those items. She stated that she really doesn't have any concerns on the expenditure side at this time.

Ms. Taeter distributed the 2023 Budget Books to each commissioner. Budget work sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. She informed the board of the list of the

departments that she feels need to meet with the Committee due the requests turned in for the next budget year.

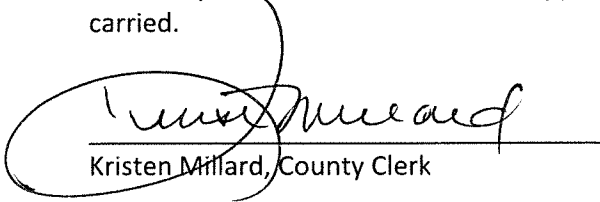
Under Controller Updates, Ms. Taeter informed the Committee that the full board will have to hold a public hearing at the July full board meeting for the CDBG funds.

Ms. Taeter informed the Committee that MERS has asked if the Board would like him to come to a meeting and give the board an update. No action was taken.

Commissioner Carr made a motion to give \$50,000 in ARPA money to each school District and the Community College. Motion failed for lack of support.

Public comments were offered. Deb Ballard informed the board that Nicole Flowers has passed her testing and is now a Certified Assessing Officer for the County.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Painter to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. Motion carried.



Kristen Millard, County Clerk



Michael Beach, Acting Chairman