

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, November 7, 2022, 4:00 PM  
Jack VanHarn Commissioners Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Administration Building, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888

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

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

Others present: Kristen Millard, Michelle Becker, Brenda Taeter, Eric Smith, Jennifer Schwandt, Kristi Jeffrey, Deb Ballard and Elisabeth Waldon.

Public comments were offered. None were given.

Jennifer Schwandt and Kristi Jeffrey were in attendance to request the board enter into a contract with Graphic Sciences to complete the digitizing project in Probate Court and the Juvenile Office.

**The committee recommends to the full board to enter into a contract with Graphic Sciences, under the State of Michigan pre-qualified bidding arrangement, to complete the digitizing project in the Probate and Juvenile Offices, not to exceed \$35,000 from ARPA funding.**

Eric Smith, EMS, was in attendance to give the committee an update and provide them with response times and mutual aid reports.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the committee that additional ARPA funding will be available to revenue sharing counties that qualify for Federal PILT payments. Montcalm County is in line to receive \$50,000 this calendar year and \$50,000 next calendar year.

**The committee recommends to the full board to allow the County Controller to create a submission requesting the LATCF funding of \$50,000 in 2022 and \$50,000 in 2023.**

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, brought the possible restructuring of the Animal Control Department before the committee. As reliable volunteer sources of help at the shelter is becoming futile, Ms. Taeter is recommending 3.2 FTE's with two employees having full benefits. The cost to restructure to this format would amount to approximately \$55,000 over what was budgeted for this year.

**The committee recommends to the full board to move Kalie VanLeeuwen to a full-time Kennel Attendant status and hire an additional part-time Kennel Attendant for up to 29 hours per week.**

**The committee recommends to the full board to approve warrant number 11072022 in the amount of \$1,088,792.71.**

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, presented the committee with the budget review documents. She explained that there will still be 2022 expenses paid out even though we are currently in the 2023 budget year. She doesn't have any concern with the reports.

Under Controller Updates, Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the board that there has been a request from AFSCME to re-open the contract up for wages. A meeting will be set up on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Public comments were offered. Commissioner Petersen wished everyone running for election good luck tomorrow.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Painter to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.



Kristen Millard, County Clerk



Jeremy Miller, Acting Chairman