HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
April 22, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Morgan, Naeyaert, Sebold, Slaughter, Stivers, Tennis (arrived at 6:32), and Trubac.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Thomas Trumble, Bill Hendrian, Joyce McGarry, Natrenah Blackstock, Jared Cypher, Beth Foster, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Trubac at 6:31 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the April 1, 2019 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SlaUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Tennis

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Limited Public Comment

None.

Chairperson Tennis arrived at 6:32 p.m.

MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SEbold, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

3. Veterans Affairs – Resolution to Authorize Acceptance of the 2019 County Veteran Service Grant

4. Health Department
   b. Resolution to Accept Funds for the Healthy Start Grant
   c. Resolution Honoring Sharon Verhoudstraete

5. Controller’s Office
a. Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2019 Ingham County Budget

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Veterans Affairs Committee – Interviews

Thomas Trumble interviewed for a position on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

2. MSU Extension – General Overview and Update on Activities

Bill Hendrian, MSU Extension District 8 Director, gave an update on the Ingham County MSU Extension.

Mr. Hendrian stated that, in addition to current staff, one new position has been added to focus on mental health first aid and another position has been added to educate in the area of farm stress. He further stated he hoped to work with DNR to bring someone in who was focused on invasive species.

Commissioner Slaughter asked if the Extension looked into the effects of climate change on agriculture.

Mr. Hendrian stated that climate change was constantly being looked at and that the program had an environmental educator who addressed that specific issue.

Chairperson Tennis asked if S.A.F.E Training was provided to Extension staff only, or other community agencies.

Mr. Hendrian stated that the immediate goal was to get all of the Ingham Extension staff trained first, then the University, and then possibly beyond that.

Chairperson Tennis stated he thought of many organizations who possibly wanted their staff trained as well.

Chairperson Tennis asked how long the Extension had offered S.A.F.E. training.

Mr. Hendrian stated that the training had been offered for about one year.

Joyce McGarry, MSU Extension Food Safety Educator, stated that she wanted to thank the County for the ServSafe requirements. She further stated that the Ingham Extension offered two classes a month and they were all full, with a very good passing rate in a difficult program.
Ms. McGarry stated the Ingham Extension also recently started a consumer hotline and that food safety questions were coming in steadily.

Chairperson Tennis asked how ServSafe worked in conjunction with the County Health Department inspections to make sure attendees passed inspections.

Ms. McGarry stated that the Extension works closely with Rod McNeill, from the County Health Department.

4. Health Department
   a. Resolution to Amend the Collaborative Agreement with the Capital Area United Way

MOVED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SEBOLT, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Sebolt disclosed that the Michigan Association of United Ways had a relationship with his employer, the Michigan AFL-CIO.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Controller’s Office
   b. Resolution to Accept the 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan

Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller, stated that the Strategic Plan had been tabled at the Law and Court Committee meeting on April 18, 2019, and it was requested it also be pulled from Human Services agenda.

Chairperson Tennis stated that the item would be removed from the agenda.

5. Controller’s Office
   c. Resolution Updating Various Fees for County Services (Discussion)

Mr. Cypher stated that the goal of fees charged was to recoup all County costs for services provided.

Mr. Cypher stated that there were new fees this year, specifically in the past the Fair had not participated in the fee process, but due to lack of off-season revenue, they now would be.

Mr. Cypher stated that only Human Services fees were listed in the packet and if Commissioners had questions, to feel free to call or email him and he would come prepared with answers for the next meeting.

Chairperson Tennis asked for an overview on the Fair fee items next meeting.
Commissioner Slaughter asked how the County increased the fees by Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Mr. Cypher stated that the target was to recoup one hundred percent of costs, factoring for inflation. He further stated that, for example, if CPI was two percent, then instead of being raised to eleven dollars, they might wait until it approached eleven before it was rounded up.

Commissioner Slaughter asked if increases were made across the board on an annual basis.

Chairperson Tennis stated that historically it was done annually to avoid sticker shock.

Mr. Cypher stated that annual increases came about after the County hired a consultant that suggested annual increases to prevent sticker shock that would occur if a fee was not updated for several years and then had a large increase.

Commissioner Morgan asked what STFU stood for.

Mr. Cypher stated that STFU stood for Special Transitory Food Unit.

Chairperson Tennis stated that next meeting there will be a resolution to adopt the updated County fees.

Discussion.

6. Board Referral – Resolution #19-05 from the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners Regarding the Revision of the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003

Chairperson Tennis stated that the board referral received from Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was noted received and placed on file.

Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Stivers stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission would put new numbers before the Human Services Committee at the next meeting due to concern regarding overspending the millage and running a deficit.

Chairperson Tennis stated that the Board of Commissioners had known they were overspending projections and many of them voted to allocate over the limit to get the money out the door with the thought that as revenue continued to be collected, it would make up the difference.

Discussion.

Commissioner Morgan stated, for the record, the Board of Commissioners had adopted the resolution allocating millage funds unanimously.
Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD