HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
June 17, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Morgan, Naeyaert, Sebolt, Slaughter, Stivers, Tennis and Trubac.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Matt Nordfjord, Tim Morgan, Melissa Buzzard, Jared Cypher and Beth Foster.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tennis at 6:30 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the June 3, 2019 Minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIRPERSON TENNIS STATED THE JUNE 3, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Additions to the Agenda

3. Parks Department
   e. Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of the Project Agreement for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant

5. Board of Commissioners – Resolution Amending Resolution #06-029 to Increase the Number of Commissioners Serving on the Ingham County Fair Board

Substitute –


Limited Public Comment

None.

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

1. Facilities Department – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Moore Trosper Construction Co. for the Renovations at Forest Community Health Center

2. Health Department
   a. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with RS Biomedical
Chairperson Tennis stated that after the search committee meeting to select a new Fair Director, there was discussion with current Fair Board members and Commissioners which concluded that it may be helpful to have an additional Commissioner member as a liaison to the Fair Board.

Commissioner Stivers asked how Commissioner Koenig’s attendance had been at Fair Board meetings.

Chairperson Tennis stated that he did not know. He further stated that he spoke with Commissioner Koenig and that she was in favor of adding another Commissioner to the Fair Board.

Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller, stated that, as he recalled, Commissioner Koenig was present at all of the Fair Board meetings that he attended.

Chairperson Tennis stated that he spoke with Commissioner Koenig regarding this Resolution and she was very up to speed with all the issues going on with the Fair Board. He also stated that this had nothing to do with attendance.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she thought giving Commissioner Koenig support from an additional Commissioner would be helpful. She further stated that there had been past issues with the Fair Board acting without Board of Commissioners’ approval, like repairing a roof and getting gardening work done without going through any of the County processes.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that the Fair Board had indicated through their actions that they felt very autonomous and that she thought a backup for Commissioner Koenig would be a good reinforcement, as well as a review of the bylaws.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he hoped the Board of Commissioners would be extremely judicious as reappointments came up. He further stated that it was time to see turnover.

Commissioner Morgan stated that with the new Fair Director coming in, it was important to give her the best opportunity to be successful. He further stated that included not having a Fair Board that was not necessarily so autonomous.

Commissioner Sebolt asked if staff could find out the specifics of the expensive gardening work that took place.

Commissioner Slaughter asked if there was a limit to what the Fair Board had to bring in front of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Cypher stated that the Fair Board was subject to every County policy that any other Department was subject to. He further stated that the bylaws of the Fair Board delegated certain authority to the Fair Board and that the trouble came in when they did not follow County procurement policies.
Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Naeyaert asked, regarding Agenda Item 5, if the new Fair Board Commissioner Representative would be named at the upcoming Caucus meeting.

Chairperson Tennis stated that they would be and that his suggestion was Commissioner Maiville.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that her suggestion was also Commissioner Maiville. She further stated that with his expertise, he would be a great addition.

Commissioner Slaughter stated that he would put it on the Caucus agenda.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD