HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
August 26, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Morgan (arrived at 6:26 pm., left at 7:10 p.m.), Naeyaert, Sebolt, Slaughter, Stivers, Tennis, and Trubac.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Commissioner Crenshaw, Tim Dolehanly, Teri Morton, Jared Cypher, Michael Townsend, Jill Bauer, Rich Howard, Linda Vail, Tim Morgan, Coe Emens, Su Alyn Holbrook, Lori Noyer, Beth Foster, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tennis at 6:03 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the August 19, 2019 Minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIRPERSON TENNIS STATED THE AUGUST 19, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Limited Public Comment

Rich Howard, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Executive Director, stated that he wanted to thank the County for their continued support.

Linda Vail, Health Officer, gave an overview of the implications of changes to Title X regulations for Ingham Community Health Centers (handout).

Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller, gave an overview of the Controller’s Recommended Budget for Human Services.

Chairperson Tennis gave an overview of the budget process.

The representatives from each of the following departments/affiliated entities indicated, either by verbal acknowledgement, absence, or silence, that they were satisfied with their respective portions of the Controller’s Recommended Budget:

Veteran Affairs
Tri-County Aging Consortium
Transportation Millage
MSHN Substance Abuse
Mid Michigan 2-1-1 Alliance
Medical Examiner
Medical Care Facility
Housing Commission
Health Department
Fair
Department of Health and Human Services
Cooperative Extension
Community Mental Health
Community Agencies

MOVED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE CONTROLLER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET:

1. Budget Hearings
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   o. Community Agencies....................................................4-1

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Morgan.

1. Budget Hearings
   d. Parks..............................................................................4-92

Tim Morgan, Parks Director, stated that he wanted to stress that the Parks Department was not dissatisfied in any way with the budget. He further stated that they did have $400,000 in Z List requests and that he was aware that amount exceeded what was available.

Coe Emens, Assistant Park Manager, gave a summary justifying the additional fulltime Park Ranger position *(handout)*.

Mr. Morgan gave a summary justifying the need for two new office clerks, He further gave an overview of the three Capital Improvement Projects, including Lakeview Shelter Roof at Lake
Lansing South, Snell Bathroom Roof at Lake Lansing North, Boat Launch Auto-Gate Lake Lansing North, and Entrance Sign Area Lake Lansing All Park Sites (handout).

Commissioner Morgan arrived at 6:26 p.m.

Mr. Morgan stated that if the Parks Department were to get any of the requested items they would be ecstatic and if they did not they would understand why.

Chairperson Tennis asked if the list of capital improvement projects was in order of priority.

Mr. Morgan stated that it was.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked why the position is called Park Ranger if it is a maintenance position.

Mr. Emens stated that that was a Parks thing.

Chairperson Crenshaw asked if there had been an issue with scoring the Park Ranger positions.

Mr. Morgan stated that he did not know a good answer for that.

Discussion.

Chairperson Tennis stated that the scoring was done by job duties and not by job title.

Mr. Emens stated that Park Rangers were indispensable.

Mr. Morgan stated that Park Rangers were the people who do the to-do list.

Chairperson Slaughter asked what the requirements were for the Park Ranger position.

Mr. Morgan stated that they looked for people with a background in skilled trades.

Chairperson Slaughter asked if he thought people looked at the posting and were confused.

Mr. Morgan stated that he did not think there was any confusion. He further stated that when you look at the job post you can see a summary of duties.

Discussion.

Chairperson Crenshaw asked if the individuals were licensed.

Mr. Morgan stated that they were not.

Chairperson Tennis stated that most licenses had exemptions for minor repair work. He further stated that he would assume any major work would be done by a licensed professional.
Commissioner Morgan asked if there a written policy that established that.

Chairperson Tennis stated that he thought that the Committee would be more comfortable knowing that the Park Rangers were only doing work for which they were licensed or for which they had an exemption.

Discussion.

Mr. Morgan stated that, as an example, there was a park bathroom with a pressure tank and the assistance of a professional well driller was sought to replace the tanks because it was not the everyday type of project that a Park Ranger would do.

Chairperson Tennis stated that the Committee could continue discussing this issue at the later meeting. He further stated that they should focus on the budget.

MOVED BY COMM. SEBOLT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. STIVERS, TO ADOPT THE CONTROLLER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR PARKS.

Chairperson Tennis asked if anyone wanted to add any of the items requested by the parks Department to the Z list.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that with all of the money the County is putting into Parks, they should consider increased staffing needs.

MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaERT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MORGAN, TO ADD THE PARK RANGER TO THE Z LIST.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY COMM. STIVERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SEBOLT, TO ADD CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS 1 AND 2 TO THE Z LIST.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONTROLLER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR PARKS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Health Services Millage

MOVED BY COMM. SEBOLT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. STIVERS, TO ADOPT THE CONTROLLER’S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES MILLAGE.

Lori Noyer, Ingham Health Plan, Executive Director, stated she wanted to say thank you for the support. She further stated that she wanted to bring forth information on two enrollment
initiatives that Ingham Health Plan (IHP) was working on with Ingham Department of Health and Human Services (Ingham DHHS).

Ms. Noyer stated that one initiative was to get emergency services only (ESO) and spend down beneficiaries enrolled in IHP. She further stated that this population was eligible for IHP but was hard to reach.

Ms. Noyer stated that IHP had been working with Ingham DHHS to identify more direct methods to connect with them. She further stated that the other initiative was the Medicaid healthy Michigan workforce requirements and healthy behaviors which were set to be implemented on January 24, 2020.

Ms. Noyer stated that IHP was still trying to figure specific details around the workforce requirements and healthy behaviors in order to determine the potential impact related to enrollment in IHP. She further stated that they did know that for the ESO/spend down, that could potentially double enrollment.

Ms. Noyer stated that she was not sure how timing worked regarding the millage or if that would be an option. She further stated that she did not know if this would fall under Z List criteria. Ms. Noyer stated that they wanted to bring these initiatives in front of the Committee so they would know if there was any potential opportunities moving into 2020 because that would assist IHP with planning their own budget as well.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked how emergency issues qualify to be clients of IHP under millage language, when they are hard to locate.

Ms. Noyer stated that for emergency services only and the spend down population that coverage was only for emergency services. She further stated that people who fell under those two categories did not receive primary care.

Chairperson Naeyaert asked if this was something new.

Ms. Noyer stated that there were a handful of emergency services only beneficiaries enrolled in IHP. She further stated that there were approximately 1,800 beneficiaries who fell under the ESO/spend down category and of those only 25% were currently enrolled in IHP.

Ms. Noyer stated that they are uninsured so that was how they fit the millage language.

Chairperson Tennis stated that it was a limited Medicaid category. He asked what the criteria were that separated someone who would qualify for ESO from someone who would qualify for Medicaid.

Su Alyn Holbrook, DHHS County Director, stated that she did not determine eligibility that was something her employees did. She further stated that Ingham DHHS is in hospitals and if someone is determined for ESO or spend down they can share with them about being on IHP.
She further stated that with a spend down, a person might have to spend $1,000 before their Medicaid kicks in and IHP can help with that spend down amount.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked if getting involved with the Healthy Michigan initiative and workforce development was a conflict with what Ingham County could do.

Ms. Noyer stated that IHP was coordinating and connecting clients with that care. She further stated that there would be certain activities that Medicaid beneficiaries would need to meet and if they did not meet them they would lose coverage. She further stated that if those folks were eligible to enroll in IHP they would be able to go to the Health Department and the Health Department would get reimbursed.

Ms. Noyer stated that IHP did not currently enroll individuals who could qualify for Medicaid but were not complaint.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she was hearing a lot of uncertainty.

Ms. Holbrook stated that the State of Michigan was working with the federal government on policies, but they have not rolled out yet. She further stated that 5,700 people, more or less, in Ingham County would receive letters.

Ms. Holbrook stated that starting in January people could request 3 months of hardship. She further stated that she was concerned about the group of people who would lose Medicaid and have a problem with getting prescriptions.

Ms. Holbrook stated that Ingham DHHS was trying to be proactive to find ways to help our clients.

Ms. Noyer stated that there were a lot of what ifs. She further stated that she wanted to be sure she had the information she needed to be able to give the information to the Commissioners that they needed.

Ms. Noyer stated that she was focused on the more concrete ESO/spend down number because they knew it was 1,800 people.

Mr. Cypher stated that this would become a budgetary issue for 2020 assuming that some of the 5,700 people would be eligible for IHP under the millage language. He further stated that IHP budget request was fully funded based on 1,800 recipients and that this new information might result in bumping that number up significantly.

Mr. Cypher stated that there was no more fund balance or new millage revenue. He further stated that IHP was operating at an annual loss and, absent doing something, they would not be able to fund the additional folks or the end was coming.

Commissioner Stivers asked if January 24, 2020 was the date where it will be certain how many of the 5,700 people would be eligible.
Ms. Holbrook stated that that was the implementation date and that there should be more information before then, hopefully by October.

Commissioner Stivers stated that in that case the Commissioners would have that information before they discussed the millage language in December.

Chairperson Tennis stated that he would disagree that they would have that much information before the date of implementation because there was no way to know how many people would apply for the waiver or dispute eligibility. He further stated that that could take months to go through.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked what would happen to the people currently enrolled if the money ran out and the millage was not renewed.

Ms. Noyer stated that the approximately 1,600 people currently enrolled would be left uninsured.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked if they could come to our Health Department for healthcare and have their needs met.

Chairperson Tennis stated that if IHP goes away, people would still be able to seek care, but IHP would no longer be a source of reimbursement for the Health Department.

Commissioner Naeyaert asked what other counties without a health plan do.

Ms. Noyer stated that some counties have agreements with hospitals or with a provider willing to write off the loss.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he wanted to provide context for the IHP running out of money. He further stated that the millage conceived of a implemented to fund IHP.

Commissioner Morgan stated that only after the passage of the Affordable Care Act, did the need for the millage to go to IHP reduce and it became a piggybank for every other health service they would think of in the County. He further stated that now that the potential need increased again, he thought the original intent of the millage needed to be looked at to make that was covered first.

Chairperson Tennis stated that the motion before the Committee tonight was the Controller’s Recommended Budget, which would fully fund the present need of the IHP and also provide nearly $1.4 million for mental health programming. He further stated that the Commissioners would be having many further discussions regarding the future of the millage and of these programs via the Subcommittee that would be appointed tomorrow night.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
3. **Final Ranking**

The Committee ranked the Human Services Z List items.

Commissioner Morgan left at 7:10 p.m.

The final ranking was as follows:

1. Lakeview Shelter Roof Lake Lansing South (Capital Improvement Project 1)
2. Park Ranger
3. Snell Bathroom Roof Lake Lansing North (Capital Improvement Project 2)

MOVED BY COMM. STIVERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NAeyaERT, TO APPROVE THE FINAL RANKING OF Z LIST ITEMS.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Morgan.

**Commissioner Announcements**

None.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD