

COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE
April 17, 2018
Minutes

Members Present: Nolan, Sebolt, Hope, Grebner, Celentino, Naeyaert, and Maiville

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Stacy Byers, Gordon Love, Bonnie Toskey, Travis Parsons, Becky Bennett, Tim Dolehanty, Lindsey LaForte, and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nolan at 6:00 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room "D & E" of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the April 3, 2018 Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, TO APPROVE THE OF THE APRIL 3, 2018 COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Additions to the Agenda

1. Farmland and Open Space Preservation
 - b. Resolution to Approve Recommended Selection Criteria (Scoring System) for The 2018 Farmland and Open Space Application Cycles and Approve the FOSP Board to Host a 2018 Application Cycle

Substitutes

5. Human Resources
 - c. Attorney Client (*Closed Session*)
6. Controller's Office
 - a. Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2018 Ingham County Budget

Removed from the Agenda

7. Board of Commissioners – Resolution Amending the Board Rules

Limited Public Comment

None.

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

2. Innovation and Technology Department
 - a. Resolution to Approve the Renewal of the Dell Compellent Support Agreement
 - b. Resolution Honoring Vicky Watson
3. Road Department
 - a. Resolution to Approve Proposed 2018 Ingham County Bridge Funding Applications
 - b. Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of 2018-2021 Seasonal Requirements of Processed Road Gravels, Crushed Aggregates, and 2NS Sand
 - c. Resolution to Approve Special and Routine Permits for the Ingham County Road Department
4. Potter Park Zoo
 - a. Resolution to Amend Resolution #17-066 Visitor Incentive Programs at Potter Park Zoo
 - b. Resolution to Authorize a Film Policy at Potter Park Zoo
5. Human Resources
 - a. Resolution to Approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Capital City Labor Program, Inc – 911 Non-Supervisory Unit
 - b. Resolution to Approve Reclassification Requests for the ICEA – Professional County Employees (LATE)
6. Controller's Office
 - a. Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2018 Ingham County Budget
 - b. Resolution to Accept the 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan
 - c. Resolution Honoring Travis Parsons on the Event of his Retirement

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

1. Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board
 - a. Presentation

Stacy Byers, Agricultural Preservation Board, presented information on the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board to the Committee.

Commissioner Celentino asked if it would be possible to lower the amount levied for the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board for the next 10 years.

Ms. Byers stated that 1.4 mills seemed to be the amount required and where it should stay for the next 10 years. She further stated that the County could continue to preserve two to three farms a year at this level.

Ms. Byers stated that the last cycle had the most applicants of any cycle and the demand had increased.

Chairperson Nolan thanked Ms. Byers for the presentation and for the members of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board for coming to the meeting.

1. Farmland and Open Space Preservation
 - b. Resolution to Approve Recommended Selection Criteria (Scoring System) for The 2018 Farmland and Open Space Application Cycles and Approve the FOSP Board to Host a 2018 Application Cycle

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

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he had proposed an amendment on the floor at the last Board of Commissioners meeting. He further stated that he had asked for the following amendment:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the role of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board is to receive, evaluate, and rate all proposals, and to forward them for the consideration to the Board of Commissioners, including for each proposal a description of its primary strengths and weaknesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the decision whether to fund a purchase of a given agricultural easement is reserved to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he had recommended that language based off of language adopted in another millage resolution.

Commissioner Maiville stated that the second “Be it further resolved” clause in the amendment should include open space as well. He further stated that the amendments made no change to the current process.

Commissioner Maiville stated that the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board had more time than the Parks Commission in reviewing applications and had criteria that worked well.

Commissioner Grebner stated that the first part of Commissioner Sebolt’s amendment did not apply to this situation. He further stated that there was not a parallel with the Trails and Parks Millage, as the farmland was complex and numerous.

MOVED BY COMM. SEBOLT TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the role of the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board is to receive, evaluate, and rate all proposals, and to forward them for the consideration to the Board of Commissioners, including for each proposal a description of its primary strengths and weaknesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the decision whether to fund a purchase of a given agricultural and open space easement is reserved to the Board of Commissioners.

THE MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he understood that some of the Committee members did not think that this was an apt comparison; however, he was disappointed in this Committee. He further stated if the Board of Commissioners said that the final decision was up to this body in some millage resolutions then it should be consistently applied across the board.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he was happy that the resolution was returned to this Committee because he was hoping to have a discussion on his proposed amendment and make it workable. He further stated that was flabbergasted and frustrated at the lack of consistency by the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hope stated that she did not see this as an apt comparison as there was no subjective criteria for this millage and it was very technical. She further stated that unlike the Parks Commission, the Farmland Board had input from professionals and land rights were bought from individuals rather than entering into a contract with municipalities.

Commissioner Maiville stated that this was different than the Trails and Parks Millage, because the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Millage had been in place for a number of years and was modeled after other successful programs; however, the Trails and Parks Millage criteria and method was developed recently and remained contentious. He further stated that the farmland process was complicated.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that many would agree that the trails process was also difficult.

MOVED BY COMM. SEBOLT, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the decision whether to fund a purchase of a given agricultural and open space easement is reserved to the Board of Commissioners.

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the **final** decision whether to fund a purchase of a given agricultural easement is reserved to the Board of Commissioners.

THIS WAS CONSIDERED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

Commissioner Grebner stated that he had no objection.

Chairperson Nolan stated that everyone should know that the Board of Commissioners held the power to make these decisions; however, since there would be at least five new Commissioners next year, perhaps this was a good thing to include.

Ms. Byers cited Section 7(K) of the Ingham County Farmland Purchase of Development Rights Ordinance, which required the Board of Commissioners' approval for each easement purchase and allowed the Board of Commissioners to alter the recommendations from the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board.

Discussion.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Grebner stated that he did not have a philosophic opposition to land preservation. He further stated due to the geographic make up of Ingham County, it was difficult to preserve the land most at risk of being developed.

Commissioner Grebner stated that the Greenbelt program in Washtenaw County worked because Ann Arbor was in the middle of the county. He further stated that buying land in out-county townships did not seem to bring the maximum benefits.

Commissioner Maiville stated that Ingham County was unique with the population center in the corner of the County. He further stated that Jackson National Life's expansion was a good example of expansion and growth outside of the cities.

Commissioner Maiville stated that the line needed to be drawn in the sand somewhere and this did help to preserve land in the County.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he was extremely sensitive to the Commissioner Grebner's criticism and he agreed with him. He further stated that as a member of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, he would like to see a tri-county effort.

Ms. Byers stated that she agreed with Commissioner Sebolt. She further stated that Clinton and Eaton Counties had Preservation Boards but they did not have funding.

Ms. Byers stated that she was happy to help in any way.

Becky Bennett, Board of Commissioners Office Director, stated that at the joint caucus there would be a Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) Presentation.

Commissioner Grebner stated that in his last 40 years of experience in governing had shown that resolutions to other counties are often ignored.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED.

Yeas: Nolan, Sebolt, Hope, Celentino, Naeyaert, and Maiville **Nays:** Grebner
Absent: None.

5. Human Resources
c. Attorney Client (Closed Session)

MOVED BY COMM. GREBNER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. HOPE AT 7:02 P.M., TO MOVE THE MEETING INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL CALL VOTE. Absent: None

MOVED BY COMM. GREBNER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT APPROXIMATELY 7:56 P.M.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Announcements

Commissioner Celentino thanked Travis Parsons, Human Resources Director, for all his years of service.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD