

**LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE**  
**November 1, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Banas, Celentino, Crenshaw, Maiville, and Schafer

**Members Absent:** Anthony and Hope

**Others Present:** Judge Thomas Boyd, Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, Teri Morton, Lindsey LaForte and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Crenshaw 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 October 11, 2018 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2018 LAW AND COURTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Anthony and Hope

Additions to the Agenda

4. Animal Control – Resolution to Accept a Bissell Pet Foundation Empty the Shelters Free Adoption Grant.

Limited Public Comment

Judge Thomas Boyd, 55<sup>th</sup> District Court, stated that he had heard about a recent hiccup in interviews for the Chief Public Defender. He further stated that he encouraged the Chief Public Defender Selection Panel to resume interviews as soon as possible.

Judge Boyd stated that once the funding was accepted a clock started, and the County had 180 days to put this office in place. He further stated that every day mattered.

Judge Boyd stated that in addition to complying with statute, every day without this office caused people to be in jail longer which was costly to them and the County.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. BANAS, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Sheriff's Office
  - a. Resolution to Purchase a Used 2018 Boston Whaler Boat for Ingham County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol from Gull Lake Marine
  - b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office and Robertson Research Institute
  - c. Resolution to Honor Sergeant Matthew Flint of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office
  
3. Controller's Office – Resolution to Authorize a Grant Between the State of Michigan, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) and Ingham County to Provide Funding to Assist the County in Complying with the Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis Approved by MIDC and Resolution #17-445
  
4. Animal Control – Resolution to Accept a Bissell Pet Foundation Empty the Shelters Free Adoption Grant.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Anthony and Hope.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Anthony and Hope.

2. 55<sup>th</sup> District Court – Resolution to Eliminate One Special Part-Time Deputy Court Officer Position Assigned to the 55<sup>th</sup> District Court and to Increase One Part-Time Court Officer Position in the 55<sup>th</sup> District to Full-Time (*Discussion*)

Commissioner Schafer stated the Committee had heard from Judge Boyd several times lately and further discussion was not needed.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. BANAS, TO PREPARE THIS RESOLUTION AND HAVE IT EXPEDITED THROUGH TO THE NEXT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Anthony and Hope.

Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Chairperson Crenshaw called the meeting back into order at 6:06 p.m.

Commissioner Banas asked about the process for the Chief Public Defender interviews and the need for an additional member of the Board of Commissioners on the Interview Panel.

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that the Board of Commissioners would appoint a new member to the Selection Panel, and include the incoming Board of Commissioners on this decision.

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that they would start with interviews after January 2.

Commissioner Banas stated that the current members of the Board of Commissioners were the most familiar with this issue.

Commissioner Maiville asked if a new member of the Selection Panel could be seated at the next Board of the Whole meeting.

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that the newly-elected members of the Board of Commissioners would not be acting Commissioners until January 2; therefore, not able to make decisions.

Commissioner Maiville asked if a current member of the Board of Commissioners could be appointed to the Selection Committee.

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that in the past, there was not much interest to serve on the Selection Committee.

Commissioner Celentino stated that at this point, two of the interested members had dropped out.

Commissioner Maiville stated that the timing of the original appointment was during time when the Board of Commissioners was handling the Animal Control issues.

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that the appointments were after that.

Commissioner Banas asked if anyone put out a request to see if there was additional interest.

Commissioner Celentino stated that interviews scheduled for November 2, 2018 needed to be postponed either way.

Discussion.

Commissioner Maiville asked that Becky Bennett, Board of Commissioners Director, be asked to send out a request for interest. He asked when the clock started for the 180 days.

Judge Boyd stated that it would happen after the grant is accepted.

Teri Morton, Deputy Controller, stated that they were hoping to not cut it too close.

Commissioner Celentino stated that Ms. Bennett could send out a Board Memo about this for the next Democratic Caucus meeting.

**Chairperson Crenshaw stated that he would ask Ms. Bennett to add this as a discussion item for November 13 Democratic Caucus meeting.**

Commissioner Schafer stated that he would be willing to serve on the Selection Panel.

Commissioner Maiville stated that he would also be willing to serve on the Selection Panel.

Commissioner Schafer stated that with a decision of this magnitude it would be nice for the members of the Board of Commissioners to have the background on the issues.

Discussion.

Chairperson Crenshaw stated that he would ask Ms. Bennett to add this as a discussion item during Democratic Caucus and if there was interest in appointing a member right away, they could decide that. He further stated that further interview dates depended on the schedules for the members of the Selection Panel.

Commissioner Banas stated that an Ingham Academy student wrote a letter published in the Lansing State Journal. She further stated that it was a very nice letter.

Commissioner Banas stated that she would like to congratulate Ingham Academy for their hard work and the difference they are making.

Commissioner Maiville stated that the Sobriety Court Graduation on Tuesday was their 49<sup>th</sup> graduation and the 50<sup>th</sup> graduation would be held on January 29.

Commissioner Maiville stated that it would be nice for the Board of Commissioners to do some recognition not only for the graduates, but also for Don Allen, 55<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge, and Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer.

Commissioner Maiville stated that their hard work made the program a success.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.



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**BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD**