

FINANCE COMMITTEE
January 16, 2019
Draft Minutes

Members Present: Grebner, Crenshaw, Morgan (arrived at 6:03 p.m.), Polsdofer, Maiville and Schafer.

Members Absent: Tennis.

Others Present: Brian Fisher, Deb Fett, Scott LeRoy, Paul Pratt, Lance Langdon, Tracy Smith, Ryan Buck, Stacy Byers, Bill Conklin, Michael Townsend, Liz Noel, and others.

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

Approval of the December 5, 2018 Minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIRPERSON GREBNER STATED THE DECEMBER 5, 2018 MEETING MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Absent: Commissioners Tennis and Morgan

Additions to the Agenda

None.

Substitutes –

10. Drain Commissioner
 - a. Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Cook and Thorburn Drain Drainage District Refunding Bonds
 - b. Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Gilbert and West Town Intercounty Drain Drainage District Refunding Bonds

Limited Public Comment

Lance Langdon, 9-1-1 Director, stated that Ingham County 9-1-1 had launched the Text to 9-1-1 system today. He further stated that there had been a press release, and the only other media was HOMTV.

Mr. Langdon stated that the Text to 9-1-1 system was now available, and they currently only had received couple of texts so far, but it was another way for people to reach them.

Commissioner Schafer asked Mr. Langdon about the mechanism for collecting surcharges from different area codes.

Mr. Langdon stated if an Ingham County resident with a different area code did not change their billing address to Ingham County, then the County did not see the surcharge funds. He further stated the biggest issue was students who were still on their parents' plans, as the home billing address area would see the surcharge funds.

Mr. Langdon stated that the County calculated that there were about 280,000 devices they received the surcharges from.

Commissioner Morgan arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Chairperson Grebner asked when the 9-1-1 surcharge would go into effect.

Mr. Langdon stated the 9-1-1 surcharge was currently 43 cents, but it would go up and the County would see that money on July 1, 2019.

Discussion.

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

1. Sheriff's Office – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with the LeadsOnline Company
2. Prosecuting Attorney – Resolution for the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office to Accept a \$5000.00 Donation for the Care and Maintenance of Support Dog
3. Circuit Court – Family Division – Resolution to Amend Acceptance of Michigan Drug Court Grant for the Ingham County Family Dependency Treatment Court
4. Facilities
 - a. Resolution to Authorize a Purchase Order from A&B Equipment & Sons, Inc. for the Replacement Dryer at the Jail
 - b. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with TAB Products Co. LLC. for the Mobile Filing System at the Hilliard Building and Veterans Memorial Courthouse (VMC)
 - c. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Safety Systems Inc. for the Reconfigurations of the Fire Suppression System in the 3rd Floor ITD's Server Room at the Hilliard Building
5. 9-1-1 Dispatch Center – Resolution to Authorize a Contract with AT&T for Telephone Services for the Ingham County 9-1-1 Center
6. Fair – Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Dietz Janitorial for as Needed Cleaning at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Hall
7. Health Department
 - a. Resolution to Extend Cooperative Operational Agreement with the Ingham Community Health Center Board of Directors

- b. Resolution to Authorize the Acceptance of Complimentary Movie Theater Passes from NCM
 - c. Resolution to Accept an Award through the National Maternal and Child Oral Health Resource Center at Georgetown University
8. Farmland and Open Preservation Board
- a. Resolution to Approve the Ranking of the 2019 Farmland and Open Space Preservation Programs Application Cycle Ranking and Recommendation to Purchase Permanent Conservation Easement Deeds on the Top Ranked Properties
 - b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Sheridan Land Consulting for Consulting Services to the Ingham County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board
9. Ingham Conservation District – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with the Ingham Conservation District
11. Innovation and Technology
- a. Resolution to Approve the Purchase of an Encryption Solution from Imagesoft
 - b. Resolution to Approve the Renewal of the AT&T Mobility Netmotion Software Annual Support
 - c. Resolution to Approve the UPS Support Contract from CDWG
12. Road Department – Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Softree Technical Systems, Inc. Design Software and Bentley Systems, Inc. Graphics Software

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Tennis

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Tennis

10. Drain Commissioner
- a. Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Cook and Thorburn Drain Drainage District Refunding Bonds
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MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTIONS.

Chairperson Grebner stated the amendments made to the resolutions at the County Services meeting were an attempt to get Drain Office staff and County staff to get language right in these resolutions. He further stated he did not want the County to be in a position where the Board of Commissioners had said the creditworthiness of drainage districts was evaluated if it had not been.

Chairperson Grebner stated if the Board of Commissioners did that, then they should hire an expert to review the drainage districts to make a determination that the bond issues would not put

the County at risk. He further stated since the evaluation was not taking place, the Board of Commissioners should instead indicate the Drain Commissioner had said there was no risk to the County if it pledged full faith and credit.

Chairperson Grebner stated that if something happened to the drainage district, this resolution would make it look like the Board of Commissioners actually reviewed the district, when they did not know anything about it. He further stated whenever there was a request for the County's full faith and credit pledge, the Board of Commissioners should either conduct an independent review, or they should include a statement by someone that they could blame for the political and moral responsibility, but it would not be the legal responsibility.

Discussion.

Chairperson Grebner stated the resolutions were rewritten at his request to include the clauses, but it was not as clear as he would like. He further stated that the substitute resolutions were acceptable, but would like to see language about the Drain Commissioner reviewing and determining the creditworthiness of the drainage district.

Paul Pratt, Deputy Drain Commissioner, stated that the Drain Commissioner's review and determination of the creditworthiness of the drainage districts was included in the meaning of the resolution language. He further stated that Drain Commissioner Pat Lindemann was willing to be politically and morally responsible for these projects.

Mr. Pratt stated that Drain Commissioner Lindemann had thought projects like Groesbeck Park drain were questionable because of the shaky condition of Lansing Township, so the Drain Board had hired its own experts and decided that it was still the least-bad alternative to give full faith and credit to the Groesbeck Park drain. He further stated that these particular resolutions were strange to raise this issue on, as these were to get lower interest rates for the last ten years of the bond issues if it was feasible.

Discussion.

Mr. Pratt stated the Drain Office would work with Chairperson Grebner to come up with better language for future resolutions. He further stated that there would be about five or six more full faith and credit resolutions presented to the Board of Commissioners this year.

Commissioner Morgan asked what the timeline was for the approval of these bond issues.

Chairperson Grebner stated the timeline was soon, otherwise they would start missing deadlines for the call of the bond.

Discussion.

Commissioner Morgan asked if there was enough time to table the resolutions and work on the language.

Chairperson Grebner stated he would not want to table the resolution, for fear of missing deadlines. He further stated that he was more speaking about future bond issues.

Discussion.

Chairperson Grebner stated that what he was reacting to was the historic tradition of pledging full faith and credit, as the resolution had read like the Board of Commissioners had discussed the drain and assessed the credit risk when in reality they had not.

Discussion.

Mr. Pratt stated Drain Commissioner Lindemann wanted to assure the Board of Commissioners that he would keep an eye on this issue going forward. He further stated that in each of the resolutions, Delhi Township was assessed an at-large amount above the 10% threshold, so the township would have to file continuing disclosures to the State Treasurer as to anything that would threaten the security of the bond holders.

Discussion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Tennis

13. Board of Commissioners – Appointments to the Equalization Subcommittee (*No Material*)

Discussion.

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. POLSDOFER, TO APPOINT COMMISSIONERS MAIVILLE, MORGAN AND SCHAFFER TO THE EQUALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Tennis

Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.