

FINANCE COMMITTEE
February 21, 2018
Minutes

Members Present: Grebner, Anthony, Crenshaw, Koenig (arrived at 6:11 p.m.), Louney, Tennis and Schafer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deb Fett, Bill Conklin, Tim Morgan, Andy Bouck, Michael Townsend, Liz Noel, and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grebner at 6:01 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room "D & E" of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the February 7, 2018 Minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIRPERSON GREBNER RECOGNIZED THAT THE FEBRUARY 7, 2018 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Absent: Commissioner Koenig

Additions to the Agenda –

None.

Substitute –

11. Controller/Administrator's Office
 - b. Resolution to Approve a Social Media Policy

Limited Public Comment

None.

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

1. Drain Commissioner – Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit to Ferley Consolidated Drain Drainage District Bonds
2. Sheriff's Office
 - a. Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Replacement Batteries and Microphones for Sheriff Portable Radios

- b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with PJ's Towing Service for Ingham County Sheriff's Office Vehicles and Seized Property or Evidence
 - c. Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to a Current Contract with the Michigan Department of Human Services for Transport Services of Specific Juveniles by Sheriff's Deputies
3. Homeland Security and Emergency Management – Resolution to Authorize Purchase of Outdoor Warning Siren from West Shore Services
 4. Community Mental Health – Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMH) for Mental Health Screening Services in the Ingham County Jail to Include On Call Personnel for Weekends and Holidays
 5. Parks Department – Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Splash Pad Equipment for Hawk Island
 6. Fair Office – Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Miller's American Rentals dba American Rentals Inc. to Provide Sanitation Services at the Ingham County Fair and at Various Ingham County Parks
 7. Health Department
 - a. Resolution to Authorize a Great Start Agreement with the Midland County Educational Services Agency
 - b. Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to Resolution #17-432
 - c. Resolution to Amend Resolution #18-024 to Authorize Amendment #1 to the 2017-2018 Comprehensive Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
 - d. Resolution to Authorize a Pharmacy Agreement with Meijer, Inc.
 - e. Resolution to Authorize a Pharmacy Agreement with Walmart
 8. Innovation and Technology Department – Resolution to Approve the Contract for E9-1-1 Software
 9. Road Department
 - a. Resolution to Authorize Acceptance of the Final Plat of Whitehills Lakes South No. 2 and Acceptance of Public Roads
 - b. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Delhi Township for Cedar Street Reconstruction/Complete Street Redevelopment Holt to Aurelius Roads, Delhi Township
 - c. Resolution to Acknowledge Award and Authorize Acceptance of Educational Training Vouchers
 11. Controller/Administrator's Office
 - a. Resolution Authorizing Continuation Funding for Jail-Based Break Out Programming from Wellness, InX

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig

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

Please note that later in the meeting, Commissioner Koenig stated she supported all items on the consent agenda.

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

Chairperson Grebner stated since there was no resolution to tell how many appointees to the Equalization Subcommittee there should be, the Committee would appoint two Commissioners to the Equalization Subcommittee.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. ANTHONY, TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER LOONEY TO THE EQUALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE.

The motion was amended as follows:

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. ANTHONY, TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER LOONEY **AND COMMISSIONER SCHAFFER** TO THE EQUALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE.

This was considered a friendly amendment.

THE MOTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER LOONEY AND COMMISSIONER SCHAFFER TO THE EQUALIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
Absent: Commissioner Koenig

11. Controller/Administrator's Office
b. Resolution to Approve a Social Media Policy

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Commissioner Anthony stated the policy read similar to other County policies, in that it outlined all of the things that you could not do and the appropriate ways you should be using social media. She further stated that nowhere in the policy or resolution did it express how it could effectively provide services for County residents and constituents.

Commissioner Anthony stated she read the resolution where it mentioned an interest in the County not being sued, and making sure staff was using it properly. She further stated since the County was forward-thinking, she thought the policy or resolution should highlight the positive ways social media could be used to spread information about things and to inform the citizenry about services provided.

Chairperson Grebner stated he thought the resolution could have a few whereas clauses that mentioned how the world was changing and there were new technological opportunities and new methods of communicating with people instantaneously, and a resolved clause that stated the Board of Commissioners supported departmental efforts to communicate with citizens.

Discussion.

Commissioner Louney asked where Countywide officials fit in with the social media policy. He further stated the policy mentioned all employees and departments within the County, and then went on to mention Public Information Officers, Communication Managers, and Program Leads.

Commissioner Louney asked if those mentions in the policy bound the Countywide officials or people they had doing social media for them to the social media policy.

Commissioner Anthony stated the Countywide officials were probably not bound to the social media policy.

Michael Townsend, Budget Director, stated the Countywide officials could be presented with a policy, but the County could not instruct them to follow it, as the Countywide officials were in control of their departments. He further stated he recalled a similar issue had come about with the County Suspension of Operations Policy, where the various elected officials and departments like that were encouraged to follow the policy, but there was no force from the Controller's standpoint to make them follow the policy.

Chairperson Grebner stated the force was that the IT Department was under the control of the Board of Commissioners, and unless a department wanted to set up its own IT Department, then the IT Department would try to get them to do the right thing.

Commissioner Louney asked what would happen if the County Clerk or Register of Deeds had their own Twitter account.

Chairperson Grebner stated there was nothing they could do.

Discussion.

Chairperson Grebner stated he presumed a similar thing happened with the judicial bench, where IT services were provided to them, but if they wanted to do something else, they could. He further stated there was a delicate interplay, where the County tried to be cooperative, but the legal interface between the Board of Commissioners and the Countywide officials and the judicial bench was limited.

Commissioner Tennis asked when the amendments to the resolution would be made.

Chairperson Grebner stated he thought the amendments could be made at the full Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Schafer stated he agreed with the other Committee members' comments. He further stated that he recalled back in the 1980's, some elected officials did not have pre-bid conferences, and that had become an issue, so the ethics policy in pre-bid conferences became essential.

Commissioner Schafer stated the Board of Commissioners had more power than they thought, when they said County Commissioners expected all people to follow something.

Commissioner Koenig arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Chairperson Grebner stated he thought the Board of Commissioners had just passed a resolution for compensation to Commissioner Schafer's point, where it had stated the Board of Commissioners expected the Countywide officials to follow policies.

Discussion.

Commissioner Anthony asked who would oversee the social media usage for the County.

Mr. Townsend stated the IT Department would monitor the social media activity. He further stated each department would develop a Social Media Action Plan (SMAP) to outline how they would use social media.

Discussion.

Commissioner Anthony asked if the IT Department would be the ones who would constantly review accounts and make sure posts were appropriate.

Mr. Townsend stated that was correct.

Chairperson Grebner stated he did not think the IT Department would monitor outgoing tweets, but if there was a complaint, he would assume the complaint would be referred to the IT Department.

Discussion.

Commissioner Anthony asked if there was a requirement that departments had to use social media to reach constituents.

Mr. Townsend stated there was no requirement for departments to use social media, as there had not been a policy regarding social media before that. He further stated this policy had come from the 2017 IT malware issue.

Mr. Townsend stated the SMAP would be important to outline what each department needed to do and to allow the IT Department to police the accounts and make sure it conformed to County standards.

Commissioner Louney asked if he decided to write something on his personal Twitter account that, for instance, attacked the Health Department, if he would be bound by the social media policy.

Commissioner Anthony stated he was an elected official, so he would not be bound by the social media policy.

Discussion.

Commissioner Schafer stated he advised employees not to use County resources for anything other than their direct work.

Discussion.

Chairperson Grebner stated that anyone had the right in their private life to have their own beliefs and disseminate them however they wanted, but the issue became if it was done as a representative of the County, then it probably needed to comport with departmental policy.

Discussion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Announcements

Commissioner Schafer moved to suspend the rules to allow Commissioner Koenig to vote on the consent agenda.

Discussion.

Commissioner Schafer withdrew his motion.

Chairperson Grebner asked if Commissioner Koenig would like it noted in the minutes that she would have been in support of the items on the consent agenda if she had been present for the vote.

Commissioner Koenig stated she would like that noted in the minutes.

Discussion.

Public Comment

Andy Bouck, Undersheriff, updated the Committee regarding flooding in the County. He stated that the most affected areas would be Lansing Township, the Urbandale neighborhood, and the Flowerpot neighborhood.

Undersheriff Bouck stated the City of Lansing Emergency Operations Center had been activated to some extent, and the Dive Team and Fire Department boats were ready to go in the event they were needed if people did not heed the warnings. He further stated that this flooding event was considered a moderate but significant flooding event.

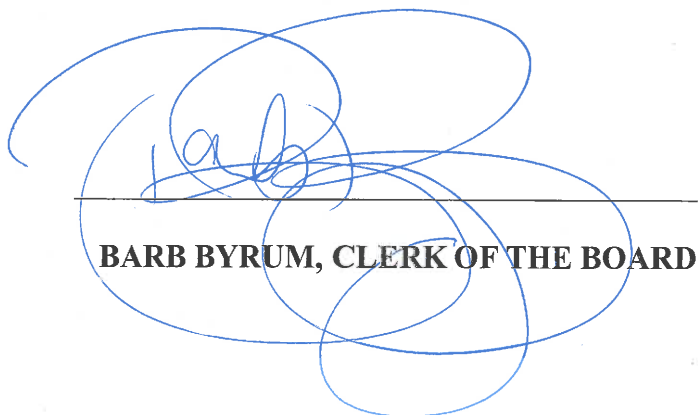
Commissioner Anthony asked if that information had been communicated through social media.

Undersheriff Bouck stated the Sheriff's Office had posted that information and it had been sent out on the Countywide alert system.

Commissioner Koenig stated the Potter Park Zoo had also communicated that they were closed and the moose might need to move to a new exhibit. She further stated that Animal Control had indicated that they would be willing to help with pets if people needed to evacuate their homes.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.



BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD

