FINANCE COMMITTEE
February 7, 2018
Minutes

Members Present: Grebner, Anthony, Crenshaw, and Tennis

Members Absent: Koenig and Schafer

Others Present: Brian Fisher, Tim Dolehantry, John Dinon, Deb Fett, Melissa Buzzard, Matt Bennett, Lance Langdon, Alan Fox, Dennis Louney, Younes Ishraidi, Travis Parsons, Michael Townsend, Liz Noel, and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Grebner at 6:02 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Chairperson Grebner invited Commissioner-Designate Dennis Louney to join the Committee.

Approval of the January 17, 2018 Minutes

WITHOUT OBJECTION, CHAIRPERSON GREBNER RECOGNIZED THAT THE JANUARY 17, 2018 FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. Absent: Commissioners Schafer and Koenig

Additions to the Agenda –

14. Controller/Administrator’s Office
   c. Resolution to Authorize Plante & Moran to Prepare an Audit of Ingham County for 2017, 2018 and 2019

Substitute –

4. Facilities Department
   b. Resolution to Authorize Construction Services for the Ingham County Family Center Kitchen Upgrade

Removed from the Agenda –

1. Human Resources Department
   b. Resolution to Approve Generic Service Credit Purchase
10. Human Services Committee – Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Miller Law Firm, P.C. to Represent Ingham County in Litigation Against Manufacturers and Wholesale Distributors of Opioids

14. Controller/Administrator’s Office
   b. Resolution to Approve a Social Media Policy

Limited Public Comment

Younes Ishraidi, Meridian Township Planning Department, addressed the Committee regarding Agenda Item No. 8b. He distributed materials regarding the Okemos Road pedestrian boardwalk to the Committee.

Mr. Ishraidi stated the project had been discussed at the Human Services Committee meeting and he understood that there had been a decision to allow entities whose projects had not been approved in this round to re-apply by March 15, 2018.

Mr. Ishraidi stated that the Okemos Road boardwalk project would be a regional connection of the MSU Trail to the Lake Lansing Trail, and it mitigated a safety problem on Okemos Road. He further stated that Meridian Township wanted to increase its standing by increasing its local match amount, because when they had first applied, the same amount of points were awarded for a 10% to 49% local match, so they had gone with the lower amount.

Mr. Ishraidi stated after realizing a higher local match amount might have garnered more interest or approvals, Meridian Township decided to increase its local match to $325,000, reducing the amount needed from the County to $975,000. He further stated that the project was shovel-ready, because it was on Meridian Township’s park property, so it would not require any easements and they would just need permits from the local and State entities, so it could be done in late 2018 or early 2019.

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

1. Human Resources Department
   a. Resolution to Approve an Agreement for the Employee Assistance Program

2. Circuit Court – Family Division
   a. Resolution to Amend Three Year Contracts with Various Residential Placements
   b. Resolution to Amend Acceptance of Michigan Drug Court Grant for the Ingham County Family Dependency Treatment Court

3. Animal Control – Resolution to Restore an Animal Shelter Clerk Position

4. Facilities Department
   a. Resolution to Provide and Install a New Dishwasher in the Family Center Kitchen
b. Resolution to Authorize Construction Services for the Ingham County Family Center Kitchen Upgrade

c. Resolution to Authorize Structural Renovations at the Human Services Building

d. Resolution to Authorize a Contract for Janitorial Services at Volunteers of America (VOA)

e. Resolution to Authorize a Contract Renewal Option with Granger Container Inc.

5. **9-1-1 Center**

   a. Resolution to Authorize Renewal of the 9-1-1 Telephone System Support Agreement with Carousel Industries, Inc.

   b. Resolution to Approve a Contract Renewal for Pre-Employment Testing

   c. Resolution to Authorize Purchasing Scheduling Software/Services for the 9-1-1 Center

   d. Resolution to Authorize a Software Support Agreement with Tritech for the Arcserve Maintenance and Support

6. **Big Brothers Big Sisters** – Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Big Brothers Big Sisters Michigan Capital Region to Provide Administrative Oversight and Programming Leadership to the Capital Area Mentoring Partnership Program for 2018

7. **Community Mental Health** – Resolution to Authorize a Contract with the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMH) for Health Services Millage Eligible Services

9. **Health Department**

   a. Resolution to Amend Resolution #17-356

   b. Resolution to Authorize Contract with Institute for Cultural Affairs to Carry Out Leadership Development Training

   c. Resolution to Amend Resolution #17-265

   d. Resolution to Authorize Conversion of Nurse Assessor Position

11. **Farmland and Open Preservation Board** – Resolution to Authorize Contracts for the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program

12. **Innovation and Technology Department** – Resolution to Approve Support Agreement from Oracle

13. **Equalization Department** – Resolution to Authorize an Agreement for Development and Implementation of an Online Mapping Application

14. **Controller/Administrator’s Office**

   a. Resolution to Authorize Negotiations to Recover Funds

   c. Resolution to Authorize Plante & Moran to Prepare an Audit of Ingham County for 2017, 2018 and 2019

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Schafer and Koenig
THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Schafer and Koenig
5. 9-1-1 Center
   e. 9-1-1 Dispatch Center Update (*Information*)

Lance Langdon, 9-1-1 Center Director, stated the 9-1-1 Center had been busy with hiring, and they had to slow down on hiring a bit, because he did not want staff to have more trainees than they could deal with. He further stated they had two more people starting training next week, and had two more offers ready to go once training was available, and there were more oral boards scheduled for more candidates.

Chairperson Grebner asked if Mr. Langdon was confident they were over the hump.

Mr. Langdon stated the 9-1-1 Center still had nine dispatcher positions to fill, so he thought they were still on the up slope but had not started coming down yet. He further stated that there were 20 people still in training out of 58 positions in the 9-1-1 Center, and it took almost a year to get an employee fully trained.

Mr. Langdon stated the last six employees that had been hired were doing very well.

Commissioner Tennis asked Mr. Langdon to give the Committee a thumbnail sketch of the different positions the 9-1-1 Center was training for.

Mr. Langdon stated the initial position employees were trained on was the Law Enforcement Information Network, then the person could be trained on the four Police Pod positions, a call taker answering 9-1-1 lines and administrative lines for the 9-1-1 Center, and then fire dispatch for the Metro area or Ingham Fire. Mr. Langdon stated there were a total of seven seats people were trained on.

Commissioner Tennis asked if the employees were cross-trained on positions.

Mr. Langdon stated after the year-long training, employees could work in any of the dispatch positions in the 9-1-1 Center.

Discussion.

Chairperson Grebner stated that the training process was like a ladder system, where once an employee was trained in one position, it then qualified them to be trained in the next level.

Mr. Langdon stated the Board of Commissioners had approved the call taker position as an entry-level position. He further stated that since the approval, the 9-1-1 Center had stopped hiring people at the call center position, because it created bottlenecks in the training process and created other issues with using those employees for overtime.

Mr. Langdon stated since there were so many employees in the call taker position that were moving on, they had not eliminated that position because if for some reason they could not complete the dispatcher job, the 9-1-1 Center could still take them on as a call taker.
Discussion.

Mr. Langdon stated once an employee was trained in a position, if overtime was available, then they were eligible to pick up those shifts.

Commissioner Anthony stated the Law & Courts Committee had a similar discussion, but they also discussed the Controller recently creating a new group under his control and disbanding the Joint Labor-Management Team (JLT) in order to help address some of the things that were happening in the 9-1-1 Center and implement some of the things from the Brockman report.

Commissioner Anthony asked what Mr. Langdon’s role would be in the implementation process.

Mr. Langdon stated that of all of the tasks that the 9-1-1 Center did, he was responsible for those things to get done. He further stated the Controller’s staff was still getting a good understand of what was going on with the 9-1-1 Center and the JLT after John Nielsen had left.

Mr. Langdon stated he agreed that the plan would change things up and he thought the plan would move the 9-1-1 Center forward in a positive direction, and it was up to him to make sure tasks were completed.

Commissioner Anthony stated when the unions had given input during the Law & Courts Committee meeting, they had a “wait and see” approach, and they were optimistic about how things were going, but they would give the plan until April to see what came of it.

Mr. Langdon stated he was already working on many of the tasks. He further stated there was a new Staff Services position in place, and he was pleased with how that was going. He further stated things were moving in that direction and their goal was to meet all of the dates on the timelines in place.

Commissioner Anthony stated she recalled there were similar initial work plans from a few years ago for the 9-1-1 Center. She further stated she did not know if the Committee had ever received a final report on those plans.

Mr. Langdon stated he did not remember if there had been a final report on the initial work plans.

Commissioner Anthony stated staff morale had been discussed at the Law & Courts Committee and a Commissioner had asked leadership what they thought about how things were going. She asked if staff morale was about the same, getting better, or getting worse.

Mr. Langdon stated he thought morale was about the same, but he hoped it was improving and it was different in the first part of the year as opposed to the second half of the year. He further stated that there were not enough overtime openings for employees to take in this part of the year when they wanted to build their overtime hours before they were forced to take overtime based on who had the lowest overtime average.
Mr. Langdon stated the overtime issue was balancing out a bit now that new employees were being trained and a former employee had come back from the Sheriff’s Department. He further stated that the Committee could ask each person how they felt and they would probably all have different answers, but he hoped things were starting to improve.

Commissioner Anthony stated she commended the Controller for stepping in at the 9-1-1 Center, as it was frustrating as a Commissioner to hear presentations from employees year after year and hear hiring was a challenge, while the Committee had not received the report from initial work challenges. She further stated she would be along with the employees to wait and see how the new plan worked out.

Discussion.

Mr. Langdon stated that if two internal applicants were selected for the supervisor positions, then one would start right away and the other would be delayed so the call center would not immediately lose two employees on the floor.

Discussion.

8. Parkinsons Department
   a. Resolution Clarifying Design Standards for Trails and Parks Millage Projects

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

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Schafer and Koenig

8. Parkinsons Department
   b. Resolution to Authorize Contracts for Trails and Parks Millage Applications

Chairperson Grebner stated he would temporarily step down as Chairperson for discussion on the resolution.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony took over chairing the meeting.

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

Melissa Buzzard, Trails and Parks Program Coordinator, and Matt Bennett, Park Commission Chair, introduced themselves to the Committee.

Ms. Buzzard explained the handout regarding the Trails and Parks Millage applications she distributed to the Committee.

Commissioner Grebner stated there was a distinction between how much money was allocated and how much money had been spent. He further stated he had recently asked Tim Dolehantry,
Controller, how much of the Trails and Parks Millage had been spent, and as of today approximately $2.8 million had been spent.

Commissioner Grebner stated at end of February, the amount of money received would be $14 million, which meant that there was $11.2 million sitting in accounts unspent. He further stated that the whole Trails and Parks Millage process had been defective because the County had been looking at the millage money as if it could not allocate money in advance, which was not the case as long as it was not spent, and now the County had fallen way behind and had currently spent less than one year of the Trails and Parks Millage’s receipts.

Commissioner Grebner stated voters would not be pleased if they knew the County was going to collect the Trails and Parks Millage money and not act on it. He further stated that there ought to be a target for how much Trails and Parks Millage money was unspent and generally, the County should have at least $1 million and maybe $4 or 5 million unspent at a time, but he was not comfortable with $11 million unspent, which meant the allocation process needed to be more aggressive.

Commissioner Tennis stated that information about the millage money was news to him, because he knew the County had allocated a lot of money for the Lansing River Trail, but he guessed it had not been spent yet.

Commissioner Grebner stated it turned out that some projects cost less than their estimate, some projects had not been finished yet, and some of the projects had not been fully billed or compensated.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony asked if that meant that the $2.8 million spent was not reflective of what was intended to go out for millage funds.

Commissioner Grebner stated there were all sorts of ways the money could be in accounts unspent. He further stated at each point, the County had money piled up and the projects took many years to complete.

Commissioner Grebner stated the County ought to be more aggressively allocating money. He asked how much of the Trails and Parks Millage money had been allocated up to now, exclusive of the projects in the resolution.

Ms. Buzzard stated she did not know had much had been allocated as of now.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony asked if Commissioner Grebner was suggesting that the County should be telling municipalities to hurry projects along or expedite the billing.

Commissioner Grebner stated that was not what he meant, he meant that the County should be allocating money more aggressively, so they could have it in the hopper and have a better idea of when the money would be spent. He further stated that was how financial planning worked, and for whatever reason the County had not been doing it correctly.
Discussion.

Commissioner Grebner stated the County should not allocate past the end of the millage unless the Board of Commissioners was confident they were going to put it back on the ballot, which he assumed would pass because it passed easily previously. He further stated he was not proposing that they throw all the rules out window.

Commissioner Tennis stated he would like to see a spreadsheet of all of the projects the County had allocated money for and if money had been spent on that project. He further stated he was concerned about driving off the edge of the millage amount, if money was allocated more quickly and the millage was not renewed.

Mr. Bennett stated there were a few different things compounding the disparity between what had been allocated and what had been spent. He further stated in the first two years of funding trails and parks projects, the County only funded existing trail and bridge repairs, a lot of money was allocated right off the bat, regardless of when it was going to be spent out or how long it would take to complete the projects.

Mr. Bennett stated in the third year was the first time the municipalities applied to the Park Commission for funding, and it occurred to the Park Commission they needed to think more about the application process and the entire span of the Trails and Parks Millage. He further stated in this round, the Park Commission started allocating money out in future years based on the applications.

Mr. Bennett stated in the first three years, the Park Commission had given all of the money whether or not the project was ready to go, and many were not shovel-ready. He further stated many of the projects were contingent upon receiving grants from the State, so they were using the Trails and Parks Millage money from the County as a match for those grants.

Mr. Bennett stated the Park Commission was not going to allocate Trails and Parks Millage funding past 2020 when the millage expired.

Ms. Buzzard stated Spicer Group was gathering information about where the municipalities were along their grant and the difference between the unallocated funds, the allocated funds, and the spent funds. She further stated that the millage was a reimbursement grant, so much of the money was not spent until the projects were completed.

Commissioner Grebner stated the Controller’s Office dealt with this type of problem all the time and he did not know if they could expect the Parks Department to have this kind of expertise they were talking about. He further stated the Board of Commissioners needed to be blunter about the millage money needing to move faster and he had raised this point last year.

Discussion.

Commissioner Grebner stated it was not up to the Parks Department or the Park Commission to decide policy, it was up to the Board of Commissioners to make the decision, and they ought to
have a general policy of pushing more aggressively on this and asking the Controller to watch to make sure they were not spending off the end of the Trails and Parks Millage. He further stated he did not think there was any practical danger that the millage would not be renewed if the Board of Commissioners wanted the millage to be renewed, because it passed fairly easily the first time around and a renewal would be easier especially if something useful was done with the money.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony asked if it was possible for the Controller to provide a quarterly update of projections of the Trails and Parks Millage money.

Discussion.

Ms. Buzzard stated once the Parks Department had the quarterly reports from Spicer Group and she learned the financial workings, she could put the spreadsheet on the County website for the public to view.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony asked if it was reasonable for the Committee to request a report by April.

Ms. Buzzard stated that was a reasonable request.

Discussion.

MOVED BY COMM. GREBNER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that entities with projects not recommended for funding in this resolution will have until March 15, 2018 to increase their match amount for further consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the role of the Park Commission is to receive, evaluate, and rate all proposals, and to forward them for consideration to the Board of Commissioners, including for each proposal a description of its primary strengths and weaknesses, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the decision whether to fund a given project is reserved to the Board of Commissioners.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign any necessary contract documents on behalf of the County after approval as to form by the County Attorney.
Commissioner Grebner stated the reason for the amendment was that there was a sense that the Board of Commissioners was intruding on the Park Commission’s prerogatives if the Board of Commissioners changed the allocation of the Trails and Parks Millage money. He further stated that the Board of Commissioners had put the Trails and Parks Millage on the ballot, so they were supposed to control its spending.

Commissioner Grebner stated the Park Commission should tell the Board of Commissioners what they thought of the proposals, but it was not up to them to decide how the money was spent, the Board of Commissioners really had to make those decisions.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony stated she agreed with Commissioner Grebner, that ultimately decisions were made at the Board of Commissioners’ table. She further stated she recommended the Commissioners did research by themselves on the projects if they were not going to go with the Park Commission’s recommendations, as the County did have a hardworking Park Commission to make recommendations and rate projects.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony stated she thought Commissioner Grebner’s language about the role of rating the proposals by the Park Commission was very appropriate.

Commissioner Grebner stated he wished the Park Commission had brought narrative descriptions of why or why not projects were recommended by them.

Discussion.

Commissioner Grebner stated the process would be like the Finance Committee approving a budget request from a liaison committee, where there would be fine tuning and ultimately the decision of the allocation lied with the Board of Commissioners.

Discussion.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Schafer and Koenig

MOVED BY COMM. GREBNER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, TO INCLUDE FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $960,000 FOR THE RAM 2 BURCHFIELD PARK IN DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF $975,000 FOR THE OKEMOS ROAD PEDESTRIAN BOARDWALK IN MERIDIAN CHARTER TOWNSHIP TO THE LIST OF APPROVED PROJECTS.
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Commissioner Grebner stated Delhi Charter Township had not received any funding from the Trails and Parks Millage so far. He further stated Delhi Charter Township had about 8% of the County-wide millage base and they had great system of trails they had built with their own money that made useful connections to other trails in the County.

Commissioner Grebner stated Delhi Charter Township had been treated like an ugly stepchild and been passed over for funding in each round of applications. He further stated that Delhi
Charter Township had put their own money into the trails which was why they did not have any local match funds, and now they were getting punished for that.

Discussion.

Commissioner Grebner stated the residents of Delhi Charter Township paid money for the Trails and Parks Millage and they should get something back. He further stated that both of these projects that ultimately did not get recommended by the Park Commission had been ranked relatively high, and above three projects that were recommended by the Park Commission.

Discussion.

Ms. Buzzard asked what years the Committee was recommending to approve the Delhi Charter Township and Meridian Charter Township projects for. She further stated at the Human Services Committee meeting on Monday, and in the current resolution, there was a provision to allow entities whose projects had not been approved to reapply by March 15, 2018 for reconsideration, and she wondered how that process would work.

Ms. Buzzard stated she did have the detailed minutes from the Park Commission available and Mr. Bennett was in attendance to answer to the reason for the Park Commission’s decisions. She further stated she could also make available the Spicer Group viability report for the projects.

Commissioner Tennis stated he was torn because he agreed with the points made about Delhi Charter Township and he had been involved in the Meridian Charter Township conversation, but his position at the Human Services Committee meeting was that he did not have adequate information to make a decision on approving those projects. He further stated that he was disappointed that the Committee did not have that information, because it was the Board of Commissioners that ultimately made those decisions, but until the Board of Commissioners received the information, he did not feel comfortable voting for this.

Commissioner Tennis stated he had already heard the language in the resolution that allowed for those municipalities to reapply for funding, but he was worried that Delhi Charter Township might not be able to provide any local matching funds because they had already spent all of their money building their trails, and he knew Meridian Charter Township would reapply with an increase in their local match funding.

Commissioner Grebner stated because he was the Chair of the Finance Committee and he had been around for a long time, he could assure the Committee that the County would not run out of Trails and Parks Millage money.

Discussion.

Commissioner Tennis stated he had no idea if Delhi Charter Township’s project was ready and if they would be able to spend money, if it was allocated to them, this year. He further stated the County might just be allocating more money that would be unspent.
Commissioner Crenshaw asked how many entities were expected to come back to reapply for funding.

Ms. Buzzard stated she was not sure how many entities would reapply, but she knew at least Meridian Charter Township would reapply. She referred to the minutes from the Park Commission meeting where projects had been discussed and stated the Spicer Group had said the project was viable.

Ms. Buzzard stated Delhi Charter Township’s project would go across multiple years.

Discussion.

Commissioner Grebner stated it was ultimately the Board of Commissioners’ decision to determine if something constituted as local match or not.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony stated she did know certain Commissioners that leaned more toward the amount of local match funding when choosing a project.

Commissioner Grebner stated the discussion about what constituted local match and what did not should not be at the Park Commission level, it should be at the Board of Commissioners level. He further stated that relationship was made clearer with the amendment to the resolution.

Discussion.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony stated she agreed with Commissioner Grebner, but the Board of Commissioners had approved the Request for Proposal process for the Trails and Parks Millage, and she thought it was unfair to go back now and say that it should not be that way when they had set the parameters in the first place.

Discussion.

Commissioner Tennis stated he felt that the ability of the local unit to pay should be factored into the decision, but it should not be given a huge amount of weight.

Discussion.

Vice-Chairperson Anthony stated she did not feel prepared because she had not seen the Park Commission minutes or the scoring, so she would vote against the amendment.

Commissioner Tennis stated Commissioner Grebner had assured him that they could get the information and sort it out as it came.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked if there was an urgency to vote on the resolution tonight, or if the Committee could wait on it.
Mr. Bennett stated that some trust fund grants entities were applying to had an April 1, 2018 deadline and they wanted to use the funding from the Trails and Parks Millage as a match for those grants.

Discussion.

THE MOTION TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION CARRIED.  Yeas: Crenshaw, Grebner, Tennis  Nays: Anthony  Absent: Koenig, Schafer

Commissioner Grebner stated the rating system the Park Commission used was a heuristic tool and should not be the deciding factor of which projects were approved and which were not. He further stated the only way the projects should be chosen was to do a cost-benefit analysis of the projects, and the Park Commission’s scoring did not take into any account cost or benefit of the project.

Discussion.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioners Schafer and Koenig

Chairperson Grebner resumed chairing the meeting.

Announcements

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD