COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE
October 1, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Celentino, Grebner, Maiville, Naeyaert, Sebolt, and Stivers.

Members Absent: Koenig.

Others Present: Judge Thomas Boyd, Julie Pingston, Jack Schripsema, Ryan Buck, Bill Fowler, Tim Dolchany, Bill Conklin, Sue Graham, Becky Bennett, Liz Noel, and others.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Celentino 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 September 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NAEYAERT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig.

Additions to the Agenda

7. Road Department
   b. Resolution to Approve Stop Sign Traffic Control Order for Olmsted Court at Belvedere Avenue in Central Park Estates Subdivision Section 22, Meridian Township

Substitutes –

8. Health Department – Resolution to Accept Grant Funds through Mid-State Health Network

9. Human Resources Department – Resolution to Approve Reclassification Appeal of the Administrative Analyst Position

Limited Public Comment

None.
MOVED BY COMM. NAeyaert, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MAIVILLE, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ACTION ITEMS:

2. Probate Court – Resolution to Authorize the Part-Time Deputy Probate Register III Position to be Converted to a Full Time Position

3. 55th District Court – Resolution to Authorize the Reorganization of the 55th District Court

5. Equalization Office – Resolution to Authorize Participation in the 2020 Michigan Statewide Authoritative Imagery and Libar (MiSAIL) Intergovernmental Agreement for Data Exchange Between Ingham County and State of Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB)

6. Facilities Department – Resolution Honroing Kent Larson

7. Road Department
   a. Resolution to Approve the Special and Routine Permits for the Ingham County Road Department
   b. Resolution to Approve Stop Sign Traffic Control Order for Olmsted Court at Belvedere Avenue in Central Park Estates Subdivision Section 22, Meridian Township

8. Health Department – Resolution to Accept Grant Funds through Mid-State Health Network

9. Human Resources Department – Resolution to Approve Reclassification Appeal of the Administrative Analyst Position

10. Controller’s Office – Resolution Authorizing Adjustments to the 2019 Ingham County Budget

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig

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

1. Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau – Initiatives for Promoting the Region as a Destination (Presentation)

Julie Pingston, Greater Lansing Convention and Visitors Bureau (GLCVB) Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, introduced herself and the GLCVB initiatives that were bringing visitors to the Lansing area. She stated that the GLCVB had initially begun working with the Wharton Center to promote sensory-friendly performances three years ago, and there were now a variety of sensory-friendly programs offered in the area.
Ms. Pingston stated that the GLCVB also worked with the Potter Park Zoo and other area partners to promote sensory-friendly events. She further stated that the GLCVB had created a webpage to highlight the programs, and many of the attractions had sensory-friendly toolkits available.

Ms. Pingston stated that virtual tours of local attractions were also available on the GLCVB website to assist in planning visits. She further stated that the GLCVB had trained over 850 people from businesses and organizations in the Lansing area on how to better serve their neurodiverse guests.

Ms. Pingston stated that the GLCVB was partnering with the Capital Region International Airport in 2020 to offer a sensory-friendly experience of going through the check-in and boarding process to prepare for trips. She further stated that the GLCVB planned to work with restaurants more to promote sensory-friendly experiences.

Commissioner Sebolt stated he was excited about this opportunity in the Lansing area. He asked if there was a special designation from national groups that the GLCVB or Lansing area could receive to promote their sensory-friendly offerings.

Ms. Pingston stated that she had received a Certified Autism Travel Professional designation through the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES), but more options for the area were being explored.

Commissioner Maiville asked if the GLCVB could provide an update on occupancy rates for hotels and motels in the area.

Jack Schripsema, GLCVB President and CEO, stated that the region had seen hotel and motel occupancy growth since 2012, and 2018 saw historic numbers for the region. He further stated that the area had gone from the bottom of the occupancy rate list in Michigan, to close to the top.

Mr. Schripsema stated that because of the growth in the hotel and motel occupancy, the region had seen a lot of development in the past three years, including eight new hotels in the area. He further stated that the average daily rate for hotels and motels in the area had increased to about $100 per night, which indicated the profitability of the businesses and led to reinvestment in those properties.

Commissioner Grebner stated that “sensory-friendly” seemed like a specialized designation for tourism. He asked if there were other areas in the Midwest that were pushing that same market.

Mr. Schripsema stated that the Lansing area was leading the way.

Ms. Pingston stated she could not think of any other Midwest cities that promoted sensory-friendly programs. She further stated that there were some cities in other parts of the country that had special designations, but the GLCVB was focusing more on programming rather than certifications.
Discussion.

Chairperson Celentino thanked the presenters for coming.
4. **County Clerk’s Office** – Resolution to Promote Enrollment in Permanent Absent Voter Lists by Qualified Registered Voters of Ingham County

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

Commissioner Grebner stated he recalled that not all jurisdictions in the County had a Permanent Absent Voter (AV) List. He asked if White Oak Township had a Permanent AV List.

Ryan Buck, Chief Deputy County Clerk, stated that White Oak Township did have a Permanent AV List.

Commissioner Grebner stated that the estimated number of voters targeted with the mailing appeared to be less than the amount of registered voters in the County that were not currently on a Permanent AV List.

Mr. Buck stated that the estimate did not include any Lansing voters, as Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope had already done a mailing to this effect to voters in his jurisdiction.

Commissioner Grebner stated that he thought there would likely be a lot of voters that were not currently living at their registered address, such as students from Michigan State University that registered to vote in 2016.

Discussion.

Chairperson Celentino asked if this project was spurred by the passage of State Proposal 18-3.

Mr. Buck stated that the project was driven by the passage of State Proposal 18-3, as it greatly expanded voting rights in Michigan, including the adoption of no-reason AV voting.

Discussion.

Chairperson Celentino asked if State Proposal 18-3 changed the number of voting booths needed at each precinct.

Mr. Buck stated that that figure was unrelated to State Proposal 18-3, but the County did experience an uptick in AV voting since the passage of the proposal.

Discussion.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Koenig

**Announcements**

None.
Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

BARB BYRUM, CLERK OF THE BOARD