HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
March 4, 2019
Minutes

Members Present: Morgan, Naeyaert, Sebolt, Slaughter, Stivers, Tennis, and Trubac.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Tim Morgan, Linda Vail, Ronald Wilcox, Timothy Williams, Caitlin Carpenter, Nickell Dixon, Jared Cypher, Anne Scott, Tyler A Smith, and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tennis at 6:30 p.m. in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing, Michigan.

Approval of the February 25, 2019 Minutes

CHAIRPERSON TENNIS STATED THAT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2019 HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

Additions to the Agenda

3. Health Department
c. Resolution to Authorize a Re-Organization of Jail Medical

Limited Public Comment

None.

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

3. Health Department
   a. Resolution to Amend Agreement with MDHHS for HIV Care Coordination
   b. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with Graphic Sciences, Inc. for the Transport, Storage, and Retrieval of Health Department Files

4. Parks Department
   b. Resolution to Amend Resolution #19-047, Resolution to Authorize Contracts for Trails and Parks Millage Applications

5. Health Services Millage – Resolution Authorizing a Contract Extension with
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. **Fair Board** – Interviews

Ronald Wilcox interviewed for a position on the Fair Board.

Timothy Williams interviewed for a position on the Fair Board.

Caitlin Carpenter interviewed for a position on the Fair Board.

2. **Board of Health** – Interviews

Dr. Nickell Dixon interviewed for a position on the Board of Health.

3. **Health Department**
   c. Resolution to Authorize a Re-Organization of Jail Medical

MOVED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. NAeyaERT, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

Linda Vail, Health Officer, stated that the resolution was mostly the same as it had been in previous meetings concerning the Jail Medical issue. She further stated that the only substantial differences were that the reorganization would now be funded through monies from a settlement with Blue Cross Blue Shield several years earlier, and the requirement of updates monthly for one year had been moved from the Cross Country Staffing resolution to this one.

Ms. Vail stated that under this resolution, the reporting requirement would be reviewed when the contract with Cross Country was renewed. She further stated that all unions involved had given written support for the resolution, with the exception of the Ingham County Employees’ Association (ICEA), which had verbally expressed approval.

Ms. Vail stated that Human Resources was working on getting the written approval from ICEA. She further stated that the resolution stated that the reorganization would be effective March 1, 2019, which was in the past, but that if leaving that date in the resolution did not create any issues, she was not concerned about it.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he trusted Ms. Vail’s word that ICEA had verbally approved the resolution. He further asked Ms. Vail to forward emails from the unions to the Committee members.
Ms. Vail stated that Human Resources was meant to have provided copies of emails for the meeting.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she wanted to make sure that nobody would blame Ms. Vail for not having everything done by March 1, 2019, but would support the resolution as written as long as this was on the record.

Commissioner Stivers stated that there was a typo in the resolution.

MOVED BY COMM. STIVERS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MORGAN, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the MNA, UAW and ICEA Unions have reviewed and support the proposed re-organization.

This was a friendly amendment.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairperson Tennis stated that he gave heartfelt thanks to staff for working hard and putting together the reorganization proposal. He further stated that perhaps the County could look at other Jail Medical methodologies in the future to make the provision of services by the County more seamless.

Discussion.

4. Parks Department
   a. Resolution to Establish Additional Guidelines for Trails and Parks Millage Grant Recommendations

MOVED BY COMM. MORGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION.

MOVED BY COMM. MORGAN, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS:

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.

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

Jared Cypher, Deputy Controller, stated that the language was current, and had been included in a few recent resolutions.
COMM. MORGAN WITHDREW THE MOTION.

Chairperson Tennis stated that in the past there had been disagreements among Commissioners about the subject matter of the last two paragraphs, and this language had been inserted to make things clear.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that one Commissioner wanted the language inserted to show that he had the final say.

Commissioner Morgan stated that he did not like unnecessary language in resolutions, because it left things open to interpretation later.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Announcements

Discussion.

Commissioner Morgan stated that without diminishing from anyone, the County needed to recognize that the Fair was an important operation, and needed applicants who could provide oversight, ask questions, and come to things prepared.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that she appreciated how every Commissioner regarded the Fair as important, and that she liked the idea of getting the Capitol Area Transportation Authority (CATA) to bring kids out from the city to the Fair. She further stated she knew people who had never seen or touched a cow or a rabbit.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that being on the Fair Board was an important role, and that the board should be made up of people who were a little more farm-oriented. She further stated that she had liked Mr. Williams’ responses, and had really liked Ms. Carpenter as well.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that being a teacher in those fields was not easy, and that technology was taking over farms resulting in a high level of automation. She further stated that Commissioners needed to do a rural farm tour, and that she would be happy to set it up.

Chairperson Tennis stated that having events like Hagrid’s Animal Emporium, Star Wars Day, or Spiderman Day could help engage kids with Fair-related activities. He further stated that Joy Gleason, Fair Board Member, could talk for hours about the Fair.

Commissioner Stivers stated that the first applicant in the interview process was at a disadvantage, and that candidates should be interviewed separately in the future.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that in some interview processes, all the candidates came up at one time, and interviewed together in a more open, conversational format. She further stated that usually the process was not very formal, and that the second applicant in the process had an advantage, but seemed to have demonstrated good knowledge of the subject matter regardless.
Chairperson Tennis stated that at the beginning of the meeting, he was trying to remember what interview process had been recommended, but that he had not been able to recall. He further stated that he apologized.

Commissioner Morgan stated that the Committee could not require anyone to stand outside the room, because that would violate the Open Meetings Act. He further stated that they could only ask them nicely to do so.

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he had proposed language about the interview policy that the County Attorney had approved.

Commissioner Trubac stated that he agreed with Commissioner Stivers, and that he would also be interested in casting a wider net as far as Fair Board applicants. He further stated that he was curious as to what process was in place to recruit applicants, and determine how people are finding out about the opportunity and applying.

Commissioner Morgan stated that while it was nice to volunteer, the Fair Board had an oversight role, and needed oversight hawks. He further stated that the County needed better Fair Board members, and needed to actively seek them out in order to protect the Fair.

Mr. Cypher stated that the Fair Board was a working board during the event, and was expected to do eight to ten hours of work a day during the Fair.

Commissioner Naeyaert stated that it was interesting to see which Fair Board members were present around the Fair engaging in activities, because some members did not seem to be involved.

Commissioner Slaughter stated that new Commissioner orientation was Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:00 in Personnel Conference Room “D & E” of the Human Services Building.

Discussion.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.