LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE  
June 12, 2019  
Minutes

Members Present: Celentino, Crenshaw, Koenig, Polsdofer, Slaughter and Trubac

Members Absent: Schafer

Others Present: Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, Major Darin Southworth, Scott LeRoy, Rick Terrill, Teri Morton and Beth Foster

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Koenig 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 May 30, 2019 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. CRENSHAW, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SLAUGHTER, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 30, 2019 LAW & COURTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Absent: Commissioner Schafer

Additions to the Agenda

6. Resolution in Support of Reforming the Cash Bail System and Recognizing the Efforts of Ingham County Courts and the Pretrial Division of the Circuit Court

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. CELENTINO, SUPPORTED BY COMM. POLSDOFER, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

2. Sheriff's Office
   a. Resolution to Authorize an “Ingham County Mutual Police Assistance Agreement”
   b. Resolution to Authorize a Contract with Wellness INX to Provide Parenting Programming

5. Board Referral – Ingham County E911 Technical Surcharge Pool Financial Statements for the Period January 1, 2018 through May 4, 2018

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

1. **Circuit Court/Family Division** – Impact of State “Raise the Age” Legislation to Ingham County *(Presentation)*

Scott LeRoy, Deputy Court Administrator, gave a presentation on the impact of “Raise the Age” Legislation (handout).

Commissioner Crenshaw asked approximately how many days the juvenile detention was full.

Mr. LeRoy stated that projections show they would be one hundred percent full every day.

Discussion.

Chairperson Koenig asked if the caseload increased 13%, why there was also a 13% increase in detention if everyone does not go to detention.

Mr. LeRoy stated that there was zero correlation between the two numbers and that he was surprised at the coincidence.

Chairperson Koenig stated that two years was not a lot of time to collect data.

Mr. LeRoy stated that the data fell squarely in the range of what was typical across the state.

Mr. LeRoy continued the presentation.

Teri Morton, Deputy Controller, stated that a lot of the numbers Commissioners might be interested in referencing were including in the Budget information that was distributed at the June 11, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth stated that “Raise the Age” would reduce the amount of 17 year olds housed in the jail.

Chairperson Koenig asked if it would eliminate the juvenile population in jail.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth stated that it would not completely eliminate it.

Chairperson Koenig what determined if a kid went to juvenile detention or jail.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth stated that the decision was made by the juvenile facility whether they would take them or not.

Chairperson Koenig asked what made a kid bad enough to go to jail instead of juvenile detention.
Mr. LeRoy stated that in rare cases a menace order, by motion of the Youth Center Director and order of the judge, would be made because an individual was an extreme danger to others.

Chairperson Koenig asked if that was based on people they had encountered previously.

Mr. LeRoy stated that menace orders were rare and even when they occurred, they were reviewed every 30 days. He further stated that the second way a juvenile might end up in jail was by designation or waiver and explained that process.

Discussion.

Chairperson Koenig stated that she knew that housing juveniles complicated the jail system and asked, if a transition was made and the juvenile facility changed, how that could be eliminated.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth stated that he did not see a way to get completely away from having to house juveniles.

Mr. LeRoy stated that part of the “Raise the Age” legislation eliminated the menace order.

Chairperson Koenig asked what if there was menace order you that could not be gotten rid of.

Mr. LeRoy stated that his office would figure it out, but that it was not typical.

Chairperson Koenig asked how many menace orders there were a year.

Mr. Leroy stated that there were maybe two a year.

Discussion.

Chairperson Koenig thanked them.

Commissioner Celentino asked where the bills were now.

Commissioner Slaughter stated that the bills were in conference committee right now.

Discussion.

3. Facilities Department
   a. Resolution to Authorize an Agreement with LJ Trumble Builders, LLC. for the Sound Attenuation Improvements at the 9-1-1 Center

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

Chairperson Koenig asked about the amount being spent.
Rick Terrill, Facilities Director, detailed all of the measures that would be taken to reduce the noise in the 9-1-1 Center.

Discussion.

Ms. Morton stated that the noise was one of the things that 9-1-1 Center employees consistently identified as an issue negatively impacting job satisfaction.

Discussion.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CARRIED. Absent: Commissioner Schafer

Ms. Morton noted a typo in the title of Agenda Item 2.b. As it was passed on consent, she stated that staff would provide the amended version at the next Finance Committee Meeting.

3. Facilities Department
   b. Justice Complex Update

Mr. Terrill gave an update on the Justice Complex (handout).

Commissioner Celentino asked, in reference to on the owner’s selection criteria, number five, what specifically they were looking for.

Mr. Terrill stated that there were complexities, usually involving programming, which fell under number 5, and that he could not specifically state what those were.

Commissioner Celentino stated that he saw two local vendors who came in much higher than the other vendors and asked why that was.

Mr. Terrill stated that those vendors did not include anything over and above the other vendors and were very comfortable with the numbers they provided.

Commissioner Celentino asked why the company that was chosen was able to come in so low.

Mr. Terrill stated that if you looked at the criteria and qualifications and experience, they had done many similar projects and felt very comfortable in their pricing.

Commissioner Celentino asked if they had done work in the area.

Mr. Terrill stated that they had in the past. He further stated that the engineering firm they partnered with was local and they were also partnering with other local companies.

Major Darin Southworth, Corrections Major, stated that they were a large company that has done some big projects and many of the partners have justice, police, courts, or behavioral health
projects as their forte and that the partners likely to be tapped were here in Michigan even though the company itself was not local.

Mr. Terrill stated that there was a lot of due diligence done in evaluating each bid and they had a very good idea of what each company brought to the table that was unique to this project.

Commissioner Crenshaw stated that the original plan was to build the jail first and then administrative building. He asked if that was still the case.

Mr. Terrill stated that because the footprint of the land had changed, and the stakeholders would review everything and decide what made the most sense. He further stated that it very well might end up that they proceed as planned, but that the preliminary design was had not yet been completed.

Commissioner Crenshaw asked about the possibility moving the Circuit Court.

Mr. Terrill stated that pretrial services would have a presence in the new building, but not a Circuit Court Room itself.

Ms. Morton stated that that was at Judge Garcia’s direction.

Chairperson Koenig asked how many people the request for proposals went out to, how many responses were received, etcetera.

Mr. Terrill stated that of the 132 vendors that were invited to propose, 37 were local. He further stated that of 26 vendors involved in the mandatory pre-bid, 8 were local and of the 10 vendors who responded, 2 were local.

Commissioner Celentino asked if the process was that Justice Complex project went to the Building Authority.

Ms. Morton stated that there was a resolution last year that handed the project over to the Building Authority.

Discussion.

Ms. Morton asked if the Committee still wanted quarterly updates.

Chairperson Koenig stated that she would like to continue receiving quarterly updates in Committee.

Commissioner Slaughter stated that he knew the Sheriff and Major had been touring other facilities to get the best ideas for the new jail. He asked how all of that would come together.
Sheriff Wriggelsworth stated that the plan was to piece together what worked and did not work for other jails. He further stated that all of the ideas would be presented to BKV Group and they would put it all together.

4. **Controller’s Office** – Resolution to Update the 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan and Action Plan

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

Commissioner Crenshaw proposed the following amendment *(Goal C, Strategy 3, e, June 2019 Update):*

CMH-CATS, Jail and Community Corrections worked together to propose programming that could potentially be funded through the Justice Complex Millage. A proposal was submitted for community-based programming.

This was considered a friendly amendment.

Commissioner Crenshaw proposed the following amendment *(Goal E, Strategy 1, b1, June 2019 Update):*

An owner’s representative has been hired to guide the process of building a new complex. The building Authority had chosen an Architect and Engineering (A&E) firm. The current target date for ground breaking is late spring or early summer 2020, with a 24-30 month build time.

This was considered a friendly amendment.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED. Absent: Commissioner Schafer

6. Resolution in Support of Reforming the Cash Bail System and Recognizing the Efforts of Ingham County Courts and the Pretrial Division of the Circuit Court

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

Commissioner Slaughter summarized the resolution.

Commissioner Celentino proposed the following amendment:

WHEREAS, proposed reform includes the issuance of personal recognizance bonds instead of cash bail in most cases, unless the defendant is considered a danger or a flight risk; and if the judge does find that the person is a danger or flight risk, then take multiple factors, including financial status, would need to be taken into account when deciding the cash bail amount; and,
This was considered a friendly amendment.

THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION, AS AMENDED, CARRIED. Absent: Commissioner Schaifer

**Announcements**

Commissioner Crenshaw asked staff if they had checked with legal counsel to see if the millage language allows for staffing as part of “equipping the facility.”

Ms. Morton stated that she sent that question over to legal counsel the day after the previous meeting and had not yet received a response.

**Public Comment**

Sheriff Wriggelsworth stated that he wanted to speak about recent developments regarding the Heavy Rescue Unit. He further stated that after a volunteer was recently injured and struggled through the insurance process, his Office put the insurance process on paper, so that volunteers would be aware of what they needed to do if injured.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth stated that once the volunteers were educated on the insurance process, many of them elected to quit and, as a result, there would no longer be a Heavy Rescue Unit. He further stated that his Office was doing right by the volunteers when they provided the information, but that decision had unintended consequences.

**Discussion.**

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Barb Byrum, Clerk of the Board