

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, January 25, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Buena Vista Community Center
1940 S. Outer Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601

Present: Sheldon Matthews - Committee Chair, Carol Ewing, Gerald Little, Carl Ruth, Jack Tany, Michael Webster, Cynthia Winiecke, James Theisen - 8

Absent: Christopher Boyd, Kyle Harris, Dennis Krafft - 3

Others: Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Vanessa Guerra, Suzy Koeplinger, Hannah Olsen, Jessica Sargent, Koren Thurston, Sgt. Heather Beyerlein, Larry Daly, Rebecca Schultz, Chris Harrington, Sandra Lindsey, Ronda Tousciuk, Michelle Trevillian, David Marshall, Tim Davis, Alvin Jernigan, Brenda Gibbs, Krystal Irvine, Ashley Frank, Tracy Metcalfe, Doris Wafer, Tina Swanton, Steve Meyer, Daniel Kenny, Alan Kaufman, Linda Little, Patrice Boulware, Ericka Taylor, James Snead, Juanita Drake, Vicki Hill, Lisa Coney, Alexis Thomas, Ralph Martin, Janice Moore, John Turner, Evelyn McGovern, Pamela Ross McClain, Cheryl Payton, Hurley Coleman III, Reggie Williams II, Torrie Lee, Bruce McKinney, Sara Ann Johnson, Tahirih Ziegler, Cathy Baase, Heidi Tracy, Liz Quarm, Vicky Louks, Tomika DeLeon, Nancy Thick, and others

- I. Call to Order---**Matthews at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome / Roll-Call – **Clerk Guerra took roll and announced each commissioner with a description of their district. Commissioner Little welcomed everyone to District 9 and introduced Torrie Lee, BVCT Superintendent/Manager.**
- III. Public Comment
 - **Sandra Lindsey, SCCMHA CEO, spoke in support of Christina Harrington’s Public Health proposal**
- IV. Agenda

Internal Requests:

1. Community Health Improvement – Christina Harrington, Health Officer, Saginaw County Health Department
---Ms. Harrington presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$775,000 in ARPA funding to rebuild the Saginaw County Referral HUB.
2. Staffing Request – Lt. Mark Przybylski, Saginaw County Emergency Management Office
---Lt. Przybylski, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Carrie Hillman, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator at the Health Department, presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$290,000 in ARPA funding to share a position for two (2) years to decrease the burden on both coordinators and allow these offices to better prepare Saginaw County for future disasters, whether biological, natural, or human-caused.

3. Facility Repairs – Alan Kaufman, Airport Operations Manager, Harry Browne Airport
---Mr. Kaufman presented to the Committee of the Whole a request for \$40,000+ in ARPA funding for infrastructure repairs, including catch-basin drainage sewer repair and repair/replacement of the outer walls of the main hangar building annex.

External Requests:

1. Saginaw African Cultural Festival – Ralph Martin, President
---Mr. Martin, along with Board Members John Turner and Janice Moore, presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$250,000 in ARPA funding to sustain the Saginaw African Cultural Festival's annual, 3-day festival.
2. Saginaw YMCA Revised ARPA Proposal – Steve Meyer, President & CEO
---Mr. Meyer presented to the Committee of the Whole the Saginaw YMCA's revised request for \$600,000 in ARPA funding toward its goal of \$1,400,000 for a comprehensive support initiative.
3. Saginaw County Community Action Committee, Inc. – Hurley Coleman III, Executive Director
---Mr. Coleman presented to the Committee of the Whole a request for ARPA funding as follows: \$1.5 million for economic development; \$2.5 million for Neighborhood/Community Improvements; and \$1.2 million for Education.
4. Saginaw Community Food Club – Tina Swanton, Board President
---Ms. Swanton presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$2 million in ARPA funding toward the \$4 million project cost of providing food security with a mission to address and improve food equity by providing access to healthy foods and nutritional resources to individuals and communities.
5. Women of Colors – Evelyn McGovern, president/Co-Founder
---Dr. Pamela Ross McClain and Vice-President Vicki Hill presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$269,000 in ARPA funding to support existing program expansion and new program development.
6. Gospel Fest – Vicki Hill
---Ms. Hill presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$100,000 in ARPA funding to pay for an artist, transportation, hotel lodging, food, venue, insurance, sound & equipment, staff, vendor, merchandise, artist tent, children's play area, and advertisement.
7. HealthSource Saginaw – David Marshall, CFO
--- Mr. Marshall and Mr. Tim Davis presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$160,000+ in ARPA funding to establish a Behavioral Medicine Inpatient Mental Health Technician Training Program that would allow HealthSource Saginaw to care for more individuals in need of behavioral services and creates an entry level career path for Saginaw County residents.
8. Boys & Girls Club of the Great Lakes Bay Region – Julie Villano, Interim CEO
---Ms. Ronda Tousciuk presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$432,300 in ARPA funding to hire a social worker and extra staff to help members and address the negative economic, social and emotional effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on its members.

9. Humane Society of Saginaw County – Elizabeth Quarm, President
---Ms. Quarm presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$50,000 in ARPA funding to continue its mission for the betterment of the lives of stray, owned and abandoned animals and to continue to provide NO cost spay and neuter services and rabies vaccines.
10. Saginaw County Crime Stoppers – Eddie Foxx, President
---Mr. Foxx presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$60,000 in ARPA funding to continue to assist law enforcement; maintain, grow and raise of awareness of Crime Stoppers in the community; purchase supplies; cover operating expenses, attend training; and purchase computer equipment, etc.
11. Fairgrounds Neighborhood Association – Juanita Drake, President
---Ms. Drake, along with Doris Wafer, Canika Pugh, and John Pugh (via telephone), presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$1 million in ARPA funding to facilitate ownership of the Fairgrounds; design walking/bike trails; design ball parks, putting golf, and other recreational fields; install appropriate lighting and landscaping; and utilize alternative/renewable energy in the development.
12. MiHIA Housing Proposal – Heidi Tracey, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Tahirih Ziegler
---Ms. Ziegler presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$1,219,500 in ARPA funding to implement neighborhood revitalization programs.
13. MiHIA Local Initiatives Support Corporation – Heidi Tracey, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Tahirih Ziegler
---Ms. Ziegler presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for \$655,000 in ARPA funding to bring financial security and stability to a population of need through job placement, financial coaching and financial support.
14. MiHIA Maternal/Child Health Proposal – Heidi Tracey, Chief Executive Officer, introduced Tomika DeLeon
---Ms. DeLeon presented to the Committee of the Whole a request for \$151,000 in ARPA funding for programs that enhance prenatal care programming and reducing the number of stillbirths.

Board of Commissioner Discussion: **---No discussion held after the presentation of proposals was finished.**

1. Next step in process
 2. Board of Commissioner Strategic Plan Update Committee of the Whole
 3. Joint County/City/School District of the City of Saginaw – Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee?
 4. Other
- V. Miscellaneous---**Commissioner Ewing reminded everyone that Frankenmuth Snow Fest starts January 26th and runs through January 30th.**
- VI. Adjournment---**Moved by Ruth, seconded by Tany, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Matthews, Committee Chair
Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk
Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk