

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

Present: Sheldon Matthews - Committee Chair, Christopher Boyd, Carol Ewing, Kyle Harris, Dennis Krafft, Gerald Little, Carl Ruth, Tracey Slodowski, Jack Tany, Michael Webster, Cynthia Winiecke

Others: Vanessa Guerra, Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Marissa Sawdon, Suzy Koepplinger, Jaime Ceja, Mary McLaughlin, Tamara Johnson, Steve Meyer, Denita Dorsey, Jill Hogenson, Maria McCarville, Ralph Martin, Canika Owen-Robinson, Alvin Pratt, Dr. Dawn Hinton, Rob Brown, Hurley Coleman III, Tina Swanton, David Marshall, Michelle Trevillian, Tim Davis, Eddie Foxx, Judge A.T. Frank, Lisa Coney, Tarsha Works, Brian Poole, Mark Rankin, Dawn Earnesty, Troy Feltman, Willie Snow, Sam Tany, Charles Coleman, Eric Eggleston, Julian Morris, Dr. Gwendolyn Thompson, Teresa Stitt, Sheilda Braddock, and others

I. Call to order---**Matthews at 4:00 p.m.**

II. Welcome

III. Public comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*)

- **Mark Rankin, MSU Extension, spoke of the 100-year partnership between MSU Extension and the county and requested that the committee reconsider their ARPA funding request.**
- **Dawn Earnesty, MSU Extension, explained what the county would lose if the partnership were dissolved and asked the committee to consider placing MSU Extension back into the General Budget.**
- **Troy Feltman, Village of Chesaning, spoke of a project in need of funding in Chesaning and asked the committee to reconsider their original request.**
- **Judge A.T. Frank, Community Corrections Advisory Board, spoke regarding the effects of the pandemic and the shortfalls in the budget over the past years.**
- **Mary McLaughlin, Community Corrections, explained that the department has no clerical staff, and that the original ARPA request would cover staffing shortages.**
- **Ralph Martin, Saginaw African Cultural Festival, explained the benefits the festival provides to the community and asked the committee to reconsider the original request.**

IV. Agenda

1. Referrals from September 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole

Review/discussion of External Requests identified for possible funding – 5 minute Update/
Presentation from the following organizations:

Req. #	Organization	Description	Original Amt.
#7	School District of the City of Saginaw By: Tamara Johnson, CFO	Community Resource / Youth Program / Activities	\$750,000
#12	YMCA of Saginaw By: Steve Meyer	Child Care (\$100,000); Nutrition (\$125,000); Senior Health (\$100,000); Social Emotional Wellness (\$100,000); Operational Support Pandemic Shortfall (\$500,000)	\$925,000 Amended request: \$500,000

#21	Youth Development Corp USA By: Denita Dorsey	Advance Underserved At-Risk Youth & Adults by Expanding Accessibility in Education Training/Career Placement – Skilled Trades	\$305,000
	Considered Req. #38 out of order		
#38	Crime Stoppers of Saginaw County By: Eddie Foxx	Assist Law Enforcement via Tip Line – Raise Awareness in Community, Marketing & Operating	\$60,000
#22	Child & Family Services By: Jill Hogenson	Counseling – Mental Health, for Uninsured, High Deductible, Inability to Pay for All Sessions	\$40,000
#23	Public Libraries of Saginaw By: Maria McCarville, Director	Library of Things: i.e. Arts & Crafts, Kitchen Equipment, Electronics, Musical Instruments, Gardening, Tools, etc.	\$20,000
#29	The Neighb By: Canika Owen-Robinson	Support/Programs to Prevent Crime, Promote Economic Development, and Community Health	\$4 mil. Amended request: \$1.1 mil.
#30	First Ward Community Center By: Dr. Dawn Hinton	Building Upgrades; After School, Drug Prevention & Senior Programs, Soup Kitchen, Utilities, Insurance, Fees	\$1,130,000
#32	Community Action Committee By: Hurley Coleman III, M.S.A.	Econ. Dev.– Affordable Housing (\$1 mil); Econ. Dev. – Small Bus. Childcare (\$500,000); Community Center Support (\$1.5 mil); Education (\$1.2 mil)	\$4.2 mil.
#33	Saginaw Community Food Club By: Tina Swanton, MiHIA	Improve Food Equity; Non-Profit Grocery Store	\$2 mil.
#36	HealthSource Saginaw By: David Marshall/Michelle Trevillian	Mental Health Technician Staffing; Offer Entry Level Career Path for Saginaw County Residents	\$160,750

2. Other Issues of Interest/Concern

- Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, stated that Bridgeport Fire Department communicated they did not ask for the ARPA funds that were pledged to them.
---Ruth moved, seconded by Boyd, to refer the item for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.
- Mr. Belleman informed the committee that the federal funds for the Buena Vista hotel demolition have not been finalized and Buena Vista is asking that the ARPA funds be held until a final decision from the federal government is made.
---Little moved, seconded by Krafft, to refer the topic for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting. Motion carried.

V. Miscellaneous

- Commissioner Harris informed the committee about the kayak launch project in Chesaning on the Shiawassee River (1 of 35 nationally recognized trail systems) and restated that the request for this project is \$375,000.
---Harris moved, seconded by Krafft, to refer discussion of this request to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

- Discussion was held regarding how the committee will move forward in ARPA funding decisions. There will be another Committee of the Whole meeting in place of the Executive Committee meeting on November 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
---Winiecke moved, seconded by Webster, to refer the Community Corrections request back to Executive Committee for discussion and reconsideration. Motion carried.

[Note: Executive Committee will meet prior to the Board on November 22, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to make referrals to the full board session at 5:00 p.m.]

VI. Adjournment

---Moved by Harris, seconded by Little, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:55 p.m.

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