

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Horizons Conference Center
6200 State St., Saginaw, MI

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

Absent: Kyle Harris

Others: Vanessa Guerra, Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Suzy Koeplinger, Marissa Sawdon, Darwin Baranski, Ruth Averill, Justin Engel, Cathy Baase, Zack Robinson, Cari Hillman, Jessica Sargent, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Josh Brown, Leah Puskar, Chris Harrington, Ralph Martin

I. Call to Order---**Matthews at 4:04 p.m**

II. Welcome / Roll-Call

III. Public Comment

- ***Darwin Baranski spoke regarding Parks and Recreation requests for ARPA funding and asked the committee to continue to consider the proposals. He stated that funding would allow for immediate improvements to the parks as some projects are “shovel-ready.” Mr. Baranski included that Parks and Recreation will be pursuing grant funding as well.***
- ***Catherine Baase reminded the commissioners of her email regarding Bitwise and asked them to continue to consider the MiHIA request for ARPA funding for the program.***
- ***Ruth Averill spoke regarding the increase in park attendees across the five Saginaw parks and the need for renovations to Imerman Park which is 50 years old. Ms. Averill also stated that Saginaw parks are competing with larger parks from surrounding areas.***
- ***Brian Keenan-Lechel, Parks Director, gave statistics on the growing park attendance in the past year and stated that the amount of \$100,000 can be removed from his request for the Splash Pad and be reallocated to the Rail Trail renovations.***

IV. Agenda

1. Review and discussion of Actual Use of Funding & Committed Use of Funding (*Attached*).
---***Discussion was held regarding the requirements behind the use of the funds and it was decided to refer all favored requests to the Executive Committee.***
---***Mr. Belleman updated the Commissioners that the County has spent \$2.9 Million of the previously committed \$12.7 Million. It was agreed after discussion to add \$3.4 Million of the ARPA fund to internal requests to accommodate for budget shortfall.***
---***Chairman Ruth suggested the Commissioners review internal requests tonight and discuss external requests at a later date.***
---***Commissioner Webster stated that the decisions made should show tangible outcomes in the future.***

2. Review and discuss Internal ARPA Proposals – Commissioners to share individual rankings

| Proposal Number | Department | Referral to Executive Committee |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Board of Commissioners | N/A |
| 2 | Circuit Court | N/A |
| 3 | District Court | N/A |
| 4 | Probate Court | N/A |
| 5 | Family Division | N/A |
| 6 | Community Corrections | \$500,000 for additional staff |
| 7 | Saginaw County Clerk | \$1 Million for Affordable Housing |
| 8 | Health Department | Discussion of drive-thru as part of new building |
| 9 | Commission on Aging | \$1.5+ Million for Upgrades |
| 10 | Parks & Recreation | Amounts to be discussed |
| 11 | Maintenance Department | \$300,000 for evaluation/\$5 million HVAC replace |
| 12 | Public Works | \$1 Million for specific drain |
| 13 | Information Technology | N/A |
| 14 | Controller | N/A |
| 15 | Emergency Management | \$98,585 for shared position, now - 2026 |
| 16 | Browne Airport | \$25,590 water/sewer; \$19,651 Bldg. repairs (RR) |

- **Community Corrections request for \$500,000 to Hire Additional Staff**
Moved by Winiecke, seconded by Matthews, to refer to Executive Committee. Motion carried.
- **County Clerk’s requests for \$2.1 Million for Digitization of Documents (Not Eligible), \$1 million for a Rehabilitation Program (No Motion), and \$1 Million for Affordable Housing**
Moved by Krafft, seconded by Winiecke, to refer the request for \$1 Million for Affordable Housing to Executive Committee. Motion carried.
Moved by Boyd, seconded by Winiecke, to use \$1 million from Revenue Replacement for digitization of documents
- **Health Department’s request for \$1 Million to Construct a Building for Drive Thru Clinics. Discussion was held re: making a drive-thru part of new building project**
Moved by Boyd, seconded by Little, to refer to Executive Committee.
- **Commission on Aging request for \$1,569,625 for upgrades to Eleanor Frank/Main Office, Marie Davis Center, and other Senior Centers; \$130,212 for Loss of Revenue**
Moved to Executive Committee by unanimous vote of 10 commissioners for both requests.
- **Parks & Recreation request for funding for Haithco \$618,500 (Completed); Imerman \$941,000 (Grant); SVRT \$4,000; Price Nature Center \$320,000; Ringwood Forest \$280,000; and Veterans Memorial Park \$50,000**
Commissioners referred to Executive Committee for amounts to be determined by unanimous vote of 10 commissioners

- **Maintenance Department request for \$6 to \$7 million for upgrade to air filtration system in the Courthouse**
Commissioners moved that \$300,000 for evaluation and \$5 million be used to replace the HVAC system be referred to Executive Committee.
- **Public Works request for \$29,605,000 for Storm Drain Infrastructure**
Ewing moved, seconded by Boyd, to appropriate \$1 Million targeted to low and moderate income residents.
- **Emergency Management request for \$98,585 to re-establish a shared position from now to 2026**
Commissioners approved by a vote of 8 – 2 to move to Executive Committee.
- **Harry Browne Airport requested \$25,590 for Water and Sewer Infrastructure and \$19,651 for Building Repairs (Not Eligible)**
Commissioners moved by unanimous vote to approve \$25,590 and refer to Executive Committee. Matthews moved, seconded by Ruth, to approve \$19,651 using Revenue Replacement funds and refer to Executive. Motion carried by a 9 to 1 vote.

3. Review and discuss External ARPA Proposals – Commissioners to share individual rankings
To be reviewed at a later date.

4. Next Steps – Guidehouse
No action.

5. Other
Matthews asked that we look into funding the individual fire departments that requested ARPA funds out of Revenue Replacement funds. The list is as follows:

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|----------------|---|-----------|
| ➤ Spaulding | - | \$122,000 |
| ➤ James | - | \$169,000 |
| ➤ Albee | - | \$44,000 |
| ➤ Taymouth | - | \$20,000 |
| ➤ Tri Township | - | \$159,000 |
| ➤ Ches./Brady | - | \$125,000 |
| | | \$639,000 |
| Total | - | |

- **Ruth moved, seconded by Little, to allocate up to \$75,000 to each department out of Revenue Replacement funds and refer to Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously with a note to check on the request by Bridgeport and add to the list.**

V. Miscellaneous

---Boyd asked that the Mosquito Abatement building situation be dealt with this month at Human Services Committee. The Controller will be providing information on the millage, property negotiations, and update on appraisals at County Services Committee.

---Ewing asked for information on pumps on properties.

---Winiecke asked for information on the match for Mental Health Authority.

VI. Adjournment---***Moved by Ruth, seconded by Krafft, to adjourn. Motion carried; time 7:10 p.m.***

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