

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Tuesday, August 31, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.
Horizons Conference Center
Garden Room
6200 State St., Saginaw, MI 48603

Present: Sheldon Matthews - Committee Chair, Christopher Boyd, Carol Ewing, Dennis Krafft, Carl Ruth, Jack Tany, James Theisen, Michael Webster, Cynthia Winiecke

Absent: Kyle Harris, Gerald Little

Others: Robert Belleman, Vanessa Guerra, Kyle Bostwick, Koren Thurston, Leah Puskar, Dave Gilbert, Norm Bamberger, Mary McLaughlin, Christina Harrington, Jessica Sargent, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Brian Wendling, Josh Brown, Marcia Coughlin, JoAnn Crary, Tom Miller, Jr., Delena Spates-Allen, Beth Sorenson Prince, Cheryl Sanford, Colleen Sullivan, Darwin Baranski, Ruth Averill, Yvonne Harrington, Jamie Forbes, Carly Rose Hammond, Ed Masters, Mark Sieman, Nancy Parker, Ric Antonio - WSGW, Justin Engel - MLive, 20 citizens, Suzy Koeplinger, Cindy Louchart

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

II. Welcome

III. Public Comment---**Public comment ended at 4:24 p.m.**

- *Speakers limited to 3 minutes*

1. ***Darwin Baranski – County Parks & Recreation Board: Spoke in favor of making Saginaw County Parks ADA compliant.***
2. ***Ruth Averill, Tittabawassee Township Trustee, Chair of Parks & Recreation Board: Asked for consideration of funding to make Saginaw County Parks ADA compliant, create an ADA transition plan for residents to participate, and to invest in the County's parks and trails.***
3. ***Yvonne Harrington, Zilwaukee, 3rd year at Parks & Recreation Department as Booth Attendant at Imerman and Haithco Parks: Spoke in favor of investing in Saginaw County Parks & Recreation.***
4. ***Jamie Forbes: Spoke in favor of investing in parks in Saginaw County and making them ADA compliant.***
5. ***Carly Rose Hammond, Bridgeport – Encouraged commissioners to keep in touch with the State and compete for grants. Urges commissioners to center public in discussions and release funding in waves over the next few months and years.***
6. ***Ed Masters / Mark Sieman, Spaulding Township Supervisor & Fire Department: Asked for funding to replace the Spaulding Township Fire Department's oxygen tanks for 16 firefighters.***

IV. Agenda

1. Overview of American Rescue Plan Act funding and regulations – Robert Belleman
---Mr. Belleman presented a PowerPoint regarding said matter. PowerPoint on file in the Controller's Office. Mr. Belleman would like to seek proposals from Guidehouse and Plante Moran to help with monitoring, distribution of funds and they have the knowledge of what's eligible. He emphasized taking time, understanding the rules and the needs of Saginaw County, and to prioritize.
2. Internal Requests – Presentation of proposals
 - A. Board of Commissioners – Commissioner Boyd
 - B. Community Corrections – Mary McLaughlin, Manager
 - C. County Clerk – Vanessa Guerra, Saginaw County Clerk
 - D. Health Department – Christina Harrington, Health Officer
 - E. Commission on Aging – Jessica Sargent, Director
 - F. MSU Extension – Mark Rankin, District #9 Director
 - G. Parks & Recreation – Brian Keenan-Lechel, Director
 - H. Maintenance Department – Anthony DePelsMaeker, Director
 - I. Public Works – Brian Wendling, Public Works Commissioner
 - J. Information Technology – Josh Brown, IT Director
3. External Requests – Presentation of proposals
 - A. Saginaw Future, Inc. – JoAnn Crary, President
 - B. Saginaw County Convention & Visitors Bureau & Great Lakes Bay Regional CVB – Dr. Annette Rummel, CEO
 - C. MiHIA – Beth Sorenson Prince, CEO, Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc.
 - D. Frankenmuth Chamber of Commerce & CVB – Jamie Furbush, President & CEO
 - E. Workforce Development Institute – Cheryl Sanford, CEO
4. Board of Commissioners - Discussion of proposals and next steps
 - A. Next Committee of the Whole meeting date/time
 - B. Invitation to City of Saginaw and School District of the City of Saginaw to discuss overlapping proposals
---Meet with schools and the City of Saginaw to discuss ARPA funds and whether all three (3) entities can collaborate on items they are both considering supporting.

---Commissioner Krafft reminded commissioners that there are 12 school districts in Saginaw County and consideration of all school's needs should be discussed.
 - C. Discuss process to seek public input on draft plan
---Because all Chairs of Committees sit on Executive Committee, it is recommended to replace Executive Committee meetings with Committee of the Whole sessions for the next few months to continue discussions regarding American Rescue Plan Act funding and distribution of money and allow citizens to participate
5. Recommendations to Executive Committee – Motions to Refer
---It is the recommendation of this Board to refer the subject of premium pay for Essential Workers to Budget/Audit Committee. Moved by Krafft, seconded by Boyd, to approve. Motion carried.

6. Other Issues of Interest/Concern – Board of Commissioners
---Commissioner Theisen stated that committee meetings for Intergovernmental Cooperation and Legislative should be scheduled to develop an outline.

V. Miscellaneous
---Commissioner Ewing announced that Birch Run will be coming to a future meeting to ask for assistance in building a Convention Center.

VI. Adjournment---**Moved by Ruth, seconded by Theisen, to adjourn. Motion carried. Time being 6:52 p.m.**

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

Note: Upon completion of discussion, only motions to refer to an organized committee or to postpone indefinitely shall be allowed - Article IX, Section 9.5, and 2021 Board Rules.