

# MINUTES

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, September 14, 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, Carl Ruth, Tracey Slodowski, Jack Tany, Michael Webster, Cynthia Winiecke

**Absent:** Gerald Little

**Others:** Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Veronica Horn, Tom Miller, Mary McLaughlin, Jessica Sargent, William Stanuszek, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Tony DePelsMaeker, Patricia Johnson, Jaime Ceja, Tarsha Works, Lee Ann Peterson, Marissa Sawdon, Suzy Koeplinger, and others

I. Call to order---**Matthews at 4:02 p.m.**

II. Welcome

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

---**Veronica Horn, President/CEO of Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, who is also on the City of Saginaw ARPA committee, recommended Saginaw County wait and see what decisions the City makes regarding funding. She also spoke of a transformative project by Saginaw Future and the efforts they continue to make.**

---**Tom Miller, Vice-President of Saginaw Future, spoke about collaborative efforts between the City and County and that the Board should take a thoughtful and deliberate approach and plan strategically to allocate funds to a project.**

IV. Agenda

(Item #1 was moved to the end of the Agenda)

1. Review and discussion of Internal and External ARPA funding committed, spent and available (*Attached*)

**Discussion was held regarding the amount available for external ARPA funding requests, and which requests would be considered further. Commissioners voted on the requests that held their interest and compiled a list of those that held majority votes.**

---**Moved by Ruth, seconded by Webster, to refer the list of preferred requests to another Committee of the Whole for further action. Motion carried.**

**(Updated spreadsheet to be distributed prior to that meeting)**

2. Mary McLaughlin, Manager/Jail Coordinator, Community Corrections, re:

▪ **9-14-1** Request to fund \$165,789 to continue current staffing levels, financial support to indigent offenders under pretrial electronic monitoring, and programs to address trauma and opiate/methamphetamine addiction (*Attached*)

---**Moved by Ruth, seconded by Webster, to refer to Executive Committee.**

**Motion failed by the following roll call vote:**

**Yes: Winiecke, Tany, Webster, Ruth, Matthews -5**

**No: Boyd, Slodowski, Harris, Ewing, Krafft -5**

**Absent: Little -1**

**Total: -11**

3. Tony De PelsMaeker, Director, Maintenance, re:
- **9-14-2** Submission of Courthouse Design Study for mechanical renovations (*Attached*)  
***Discussion was held regarding the two options submitted from Kibbe & Associates for a new HVAC system for the courthouse. Commissioners decided the second option to be more beneficial.***  
***---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Ruth, to refer to a Special Executive Committee to consider utilizing \$8,103,300 of ARPA funding and to utilize \$2 million from the Capital Improvement Fund. Motion carried.***
4. Patricia Johnson, Administrator, Retirement/Benefits, re:
- **9-14-3** Request to fund \$464,346.21 for employee healthcare (*Attached*)  
***---Discussion was held regarding new claims for COVID-related healthcare will be coming in the future, and the committee decided to increase the amount. Moved by Krafft, seconded by Ruth, to refer to Executive Committee a request to fund employee healthcare up to \$612,000 through December 31, 2022. Motion carried.***
5. Other Issues of Interest/Concern – Board of Commissioners
- Commissioner Harris brought to the table the Guidehouse contract and budget. Discussion was held about where funds could be better allocated if the Guidehouse budget were reduced. Harris moved, seconded by Krafft, to reduce the amount of consultant services related to ARPA from \$925,000 to up to \$250,000 to free up remaining funds. Motion carried.***
- Commissioner Ewing asked about the timeline of the fire department funds and discussion was held regarding adding Buena Vista to the list. Moved by Harris, seconded by Boyd, to refer discussions about fire department funding allocations to Executive Committee, including raising allocations to those departments that requested over \$75,000. Motion carried.***
- V. Miscellaneous---***None***
- VI. Adjournment---***Moved by Harris, seconded by Ruth, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:45 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheldon Matthews, Committee Chair  
Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk

