

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

DATE: March 15, 2017

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Surbeck Building, Commissioner Chambers, Corunna

PRESENT: Chairman Bruff, Commissioners McMaster, Marks, Coscarelli, Root, Bartz and Holzhausen

ABSENT: None

Call to order: 5:06 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Call to public: Les Schneider, Durand. Discussed ‘tiny homes on wheels’ – Shiawassee County doesn’t have anything available for homeless Veterans or residents that may face an emergency. Grants would be the financial resource but need property approved to place these homes. VA Committee issues can’t be ignored; they’re not doing what they’re supposed to. Looking to Board for assistance or resolution.

Matthew Shepard, Perry. Comments on corruption from local level all the way us. VA Committee issues need to be addressed. Commissioner Bruff seeked more specifics/examples. Mr. Shepard responded with ‘misuse of funding to go to help veterans and not the VA staff.’

Ed Urban, Owosso. Commented on Owosso City Hall has hearing system, it’s hard to hear our Board. He’d like to see another ‘Talk to the Cop’ organized for our community to attend. (Shiawassee Chamber of Commerce hosted in February).

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to move to Thursday’s Board of Commissioner’s meeting to consider accepting and place on file the Shiawassee County Drain Office 2016 Annual Report. Motion carried

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to move to Thursday’s Board of Commissioner’s meeting to consider setting a Public Hearing date for Great Lakes Fusion Brownfield Plan to be held on April 20, 2017 at 5:05 pm. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to move to Thursday’s Board of Commissioner’s meeting to consider authorizing release of

the lien upon payment in full and mortgage discharge from the rehabilitation improvements on the property located at 623 Frazer Avenue, Owosso, MI 48817, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider appointing Brandon Kulhanek to the Shiawassee County Zoning Board of Appeals for the period of 03-16-17 to 12-31-20, or until a successor is appointed and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Commissioner Coscarelli had requested a physical presence, inquired as to the status of that request. Commissioner Root was able to connect with one of the candidates seeking the opening on the Zoning Board but not the second candidate. Commissioner Root didn't think it was fair to have one appear and not the other. Long discussion amongst Commissioners as to the process and advertisement with regards to the selection of filling occupancies on the various Boards throughout Shiawassee County. Discussion included: extremely hard to fill openings, ads could be more specific, ads can attract various levels of people and skills. Commissioner Marks cautioned Board as to becoming too strict; it would deter residents from wanting to volunteer and serve the community. Commissioner Coscarelli requested ads be more specific. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider appointing Bryan Thomas to the Shiawassee County Zoning Board of Appeals for the period of 03-16-17 to 12-31-20, or until a successor is appointed and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider appointing the following members to the Remonumentation Peer Review Group for the period of One year, January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents.

- Norman C. Caldwell, Retired
- David Kenney, P.S. at Kraft Engineering and Surveying, Inc.
- Mark Powell, P.S. at Powell Land Surveying, PC
- John Quine, P.S., Retired
- John Rauser, P.S. at Rowe Professional Services Company
- Mark Van Raemdonck, P.S. at Landmark Surveying, PC

Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider approving the Professional Services Agreement and Remonumentation Contract between Shiawassee County and Landmark Surveying, P.C. for a total cost of \$16,500.00 and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider approving the Professional Services Agreement and Remonumentation Contract between Shiawassee County and Powell Land Surveying, P.C. for a total cost of \$16,500.00 and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider

approving the Professional Services Agreement and Remonumentation Contract between Shiawassee County and Rowe Professional Services Co. for a total cost of \$16,500.00 and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Coscarelli, seconded by Commissioner Bartz to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider setting a Public Hearing for the Parks and Recreation Commission on March 29, 2017 at 5:05 pm. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing Resolution #17-03-06 to adopt the MERS Hybrid Plan for the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Corrections unit effective March 1, 2017, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Marney Carlson from MERS gave presentation. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing the MERS valuation request for benefit change for the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Corrections unit, in conjunction with the adoption of the MERS hybrid plan, at a cost of \$400.00, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Marney Carlson from MERS gave presentation. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing the MERS Administrative Services Agreement regarding the treatment of pension benefits for County employees transferring into jobs with bridged benefits, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Marney Carlson from MERS gave presentation. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing a contract with NetSource One to provide web/application development services to the County for a one-time cost of \$8,250.00 and annual website hosting fees of \$300.00 per year, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing the Friend of the Court in collaboration with the Sheriff's Office to hire a full-time Deputy to be assigned to the Friend of the Court Office to assist with child support enforcement. The Friend of the Court has access to state Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) grant funding that will pay 66% of the cost, with grant funding being sought to cover the remainder, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing the County Clerk's Office to hire one Deputy Circuit Court Clerk to refill a vacancy at a pay grade 3 on the Rye Salary Schedule with a range of \$24,774 to \$30,309, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Coscarelli to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing the acceptance of a grant between the State of Michigan and the Shiawassee County Clerk's office to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators, accessible voting devices and related Election Management System

software, in the amount of \$240,128.00 and authorize the Clerk to execute all necessary documents. Several Commissioners are receiving calls from their local Clerk stating they want ES&S election equipment and not Dominion the vendor the County Clerk is choosing. County Clerk, Caroline Wilson gave explanation. Explained the difference between the two vendors (ES&S; currently used) and Dominion. Clerk Wilson had communication with both vendors prior to taking office and was transparent with being a new clerk and the assistance required. ES&S has demonstrated poor customer service as Dominion has demonstrated excellent customer service. Programming costs between the two vendors is also a high priority. ES&S is double the price than Dominion. Clerk Wilson reached out to State of Michigan, Bureau of Elections and surrounding County Clerks as well as communicating with the local Clerks and determined the collaborative input concluded the decision for Dominion to be the vendor for the new election equipment. Yeas: Commissioner McMaster, Commissioner Bruff, Commissioner Coscarelli, Commissioner Holzhausen. Nays: Commissioner Root, Commissioner Bartz, Commissioner Marks. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing 2016 budget amendments #16-17-4.4, #16-17-4.5, #16-17-4.7, #16-17-4.14, and 16-17-4.17. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Marks, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing the Sheriff's Department to hire a Deputy to fill a vacancy conditional on the approval of the assignment of a Deputy to the Friend of the Court's Office. The Deputy would be compensated under the existing bargaining unit contract rates. Commissioner Root stated this was an added agenda item. If Friend of the Court deputy position is approved this would allow for no lag in filling the position. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McMaster, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider authorizing the Health Department to hire an intern for Personal/Community Health at a pay rate of \$12/hour with no fringe benefits and authorize Larry Johnson, Health Director, to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McMaster, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider appointing Charles W. Dodge, LPC, CAADC, NCC, to the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority Board for the period of 03-16-17 to 03-31-20 or until a successor is appointed, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McMaster, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider appointing John Horvath to the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority Board effective 03-16-17 to 03-31-20 or until a successor is appointed, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McMaster, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider reappointing Jeanne Ladd to the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority Board for the period of 03-16-17 to 03-31-20 or until a successor is appointed, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McMaster, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting to consider

reappointing Janelle Hughes, LMSW, to the Shiawassee County Community Mental Health Authority Board for the period of 03-16-17 to 03-31-20 or until a successor is appointed, and authorize the Board Chair to execute all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Root seconded by Commissioner Marks to move items from today's agenda from Economic and Physical Development Committee, Items A, D, E, and F; Finance and Administration items A, B, C and H; and Health and Human Service Items B, C, D and E to a consent agenda for Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting. Motion carried.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Coscarelli commented on his intent to not make any fellow member of the Board stumble. His questioning of processes is to be informed and to help be transparent. Commissioner Bartz commented that there's no problem with working together to put a list of questions to ask in filling vacancies.

Commissioner McMaster requests Board of Commissioners to set-up a sub-committee to review the allegations against the VA Committee. Commissioner Bartz commented on his experience with this issue in years past that the other side has never been able produce proof. Commissioner Root suggested Commissioner McMaster, Commissioner Marks and Commissioner Bruff are the sub-committee.

Call to the public: Les Schneider, Durand. Gave packets to Board for review as to history on VA allegations.

Matthew Shepard, Perry. Directed Board to look at budgetary line item on VA salaries.

Sheriff BeGole stated if FOC Deputy is approved he's been in contact with an officer and his K-9 dog that are interested in joining the Shiawassee Sheriff's team.

Mike Herendeen, Prosecutor's Office. Referenced ACT 192.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Caroline D. Wilson
Shiawassee County Clerk