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THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M., IN THE PERSONNEL CONFERENCE ROOM (D & E), HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

Agenda

Call to Order
Approval of the [May 14, 2012](#) Minutes
Additions to the Agenda
Limited Public Comment

1. Health Department - Presentation: Deb Brinson - Co-Location Partnership with Community Mental Health
2. Community Agencies - Discussion: Community Agency Funding Process for FY 2013

Announcements
Public Comment
Adjournment

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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

May 14, 2012

Minutes

Members Present: Deb Nolan, Todd Tennis, Andy Schor, Brian McGrain, Don Vickers, and Steve Dougan

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Jared Cypher, Mark Grebner, Chuck Gray, John Jacobs, Marcus Cheatham, Debbie Edokpolo, and others

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Nolan at 6:30 p.m. in the Personnel Conference Room "D & E" of the Human Services Building, 5303 S. Cedar Street, Lansing.

Approval of the April 30, 2012 Minutes

The April 30, 2012 Minutes were approved as submitted.

Additions to the Agenda

- 2a. Additional Information - Resolution Supporting a Statewide and National Ban on Hydraulic Fracturing for Natural Gas
- 2b. Additional Information - Resolution to Submit to the Electorate a Special Millage Question for a Countywide Transportation System Primarily for the Disabled and Elderly
3. Substitute - Resolution Updating Various Fees for County Services

Limited Public Comment

None.

MOVED BY COMM. DOUGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. VICKERS, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

2. Health Department
 - a. Resolution to Amend Resolution #12-110 to Correct Job Titles and Position Numbers
 - b. Resolution Honoring Mark W. (Marcus) Cheatham

The Committee thanked Mr. Cheatham for his work and stated he will be missed. Mr. Cheatham stated the County has been a fantastic place to work and it is difficult to leave.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOVED BY COMM. DOUGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. VICKERS, TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Human Services Committee
 - a. Resolution Supporting a Statewide and National Ban on Hydraulic Fracturing for Natural Gas

MOVED BY COMM. SCHOR, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A STATEWIDE AND NATIONAL BAN ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING FOR NATURAL GAS.

Comm. Nolan informed the Committee that Comm. Tsernoglou asked to have this item put on the Agenda and additional information is provided. Comm. Dougan stated he will be voting no. Comm. Vickers stated he has read articles for and against hydraulic fracturing and suggested the Committee read the Article by the Michigan DEQ. He stated he will be voting no. Comm. Tennis stated he has also read articles including the article from the DEQ and hydraulic fracturing has changed greatly since the 1940's. He stated that he has more concerns than ease about the process and although he will be supporting the resolution he would like to have more knowledge on the subject.

MOTION CARRIED with Comms. Vickers and Dougan Voting "no".

- b. Resolution to Submit to the Electorate a Special Millage Question for a Countywide Transportation System Primarily for the Disabled and Elderly

MOVED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORATE A SPECIAL MILLAGE QUESTION FOR A COUNTYWIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PRIMARILY FOR THE DISABLED AND ELDERLY.

Comm. Schor felt that the ballot language should be clearer to the voters. He questioned removing the word "primarily" and adding the words "rural transportation services" so residents of Ingham County would understand that the scope of service goes beyond the disabled and elderly. He asked for comments before making an amendment.

Comm. Grebner explained this is a countywide millage and if passed the County would take over some services that are not line-haul. He stated it would not just be a service but a rider friendly system.

Comm. Grebner explained the major Spec-Tran service is restricted to the elderly and handicap in the line-haul area; however, there are other CATA services provided outside of the Spec-Tran Service line-haul area. He explained that if a bus is already in a rural area for the elderly and handicap why not provide the service to an individual who does not fall under that description since the bus is already there. He noted that 85% to 90% of the expenditure is allocated to those over 65 or would be certified through the ADA process.

Comm. Schor agreed there should be service to the rural areas but the language on the ballot should be clear to the voters. Comm. Grebner stated that the problem with changing the ballot language is merging the two millages into one millage.

Comm. McGrain questioned if the word “continuing” could be clearer because this is not a renewal. Comm. Grebner stated that although this is a new millage it is a continuing or existing program. He explained that CATA’s reserves are being drawn down and if the millage is not approved in the near future they will need to deny service. He gave the examples of service to Meridian or Delhi Township in addition to the ADA transportation service on Sundays. Comm. Tennis stated that he was comfortable with the language.

The committee discussed CATA customer service, routes, and capacity.

Comm. Grebner stated that CATA is open to the Commissioners suggestions regarding services because they are pleased to receive funding from the County. The Committee suggested locating a bus stop in front of the Willow Plaza Health Center (cross streets are Willow and Grand River). The Committee asked Comm. Grebner to begin the conversation with CATA and report their answer.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHOR, SUPPORTED BY COMM. MCGRAIN, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION BY ADDING RURAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AFTER DISABLED AND ELDERLY, AS WELL AS, ELDERLY AND DISABLED.

Comm. Tennis asked if this ballot language is to specific will it cause problems. Comm. Grebner stated if both ballots have the same language it will be easier to combine. He explained if this is approved each ballot’s language would have to refer to the other. Mr. Cypher noted this ballot language is to expire in four years concurrently with the 0.48 millage, therefore, making it easier to combine. Comm. Grebner reminded the Committee that this is a County millage and money is also used to transport veterans and if this amendment is approved other rural transportation can be provided in rural areas.

MOTION FAILED with Comms. Tennis, Dougan, Vickers, and McGrain Voting “no”.

MOTION CARRIED with Comm. Dougan Voting “no”.

3. Controller/Administrator - Resolution Updating Various Fees for County Services

MOVED BY COMM. SCHOR, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION UPDATING VARIOUS FEES FOR COUNTY SERVICES RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES BEGINNING WITH COMMUNITY HEALTH THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

The Committee made note that the target percentage of \$1.00 should be 100%. This is located in Loc of SVC; Environmental Health; Fee Description: Septic Tank Repair or Replacement Inspection Fee, Irrigation Well/Non-potable well-commercial, Combined Well & Septic Repair.

Comm. Dougan asked to vote separately on the following: Environmental Health; Well Repair, Munic. Requ. Eval. Of Well/Septic – (hourly rate- min. hours for service); Point of Sale, all items; and Tobacco Program, all items.

MOTION, EXCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH; WELL REPAIR, MUNIC. REQU. EVAL. OF WELL/SEPTIC – (HOURLY RATE- MIN. HOURS FOR SERVICE); POINT OF SALE, ALL ITEMS; AND TOBACCO PROGRAM, ALL ITEMS, CARRIED WITH Comm. Vickers voting “no”.

Comm. McGrain expressed his concern that the well repair fee has increased quickly. Comm. Tennis questioned if this was at 100% last year. The Committee asked Mr. Jacobs to respond by email as to the reason for the increase. Mr. Cypher reminded the Committee that the target is set by Board action through resolution; therefore, it would not have changed.

MOTION, ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH; WELL REPAIR, FAILED with Comms. Vickers, Dougan and McGrain voting “no”.

The Committee questioned the word “remodeling” in association with well evaluations and asked Mr. Jacobs for clarification. In addition the Committee would like to know if this fee includes charter townships. Comm. Vickers also questioned if the County has jurisdiction of sewer lines in the cities. Mr. Jacobs will email the Commissioners a response to their concerns.

MOTION, ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH; MUNIC. REQU. EVAL. OF WELL/SEPTIC – (HOURLY RATE- MIN. HOURS FOR SERVICE), CARRIED with Comms. Vickers and Dougan voting “no”.

MOTION, ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH; POINT OF SALE, ALL ITEMS, CARRIED with Comms. Vickers and Dougan voting “no”.

The Committee discussed not having a separate Tobacco Program Fee for East Lansing. Comm. McGrain expressed while he agrees with a Countywide fee he would like this to be more gradual.

MOVED BY COMM. DOUGAN, SUPPORTED BY COMM. TENNIS, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION UPDATING VARIOUS FEES FOR COUNTY SERVICES RELATING TO ENV. HEALTH: TOBACCO PROGRAM FEES; BY COMBINING BOTH THE LANSING AND EAST LANSING SALES (\$320.00) AND LATE FEES (\$500.00) INTO JUST ONE FEE EACH THUS CREATING A COUNTYWIDE FEE.

MOTION CARRIED with Comm. McGrain voting “no”.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH; TOBACCO PROGRAM, AS AMENDED, CARRIED with Comm. McGrain voting “no”.

The Committee questioned the 150% target in the Tobacco Program Fees and asked Mr. Cypher to obtain an opinion from the County Attorney and provide their response to all the Commissioners by email before voting on the Board floor.

Announcements

Comm. Vickers informed the Committee that the annual Safety Patrol Picnic will be held Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Hawk Island Park. He thanked Mr. Willis Bennett for the use of the park.

Public Comment

Mr. Cheatham introduced Debbie Edokpolo as the new Assistant Deputy Health Officer. Ms. Edokpolo invited the Commissioners to a breakfast for Mr. Cheatham tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Buckmaster

JUNE 4, 2012 HUMAN SERVICES AGENDA STAFF REVIEW SUMMARY

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Health Department - Presentation: Deb Brinson - Co-Location Partnership with Community Mental Health
2. Community Agencies - Discussion: Community Agency Funding Process for FY 2013
The intention of this discussion is to develop a method for moving forward with the process of determining how Community Agency funds are allocated in FY 2013. For FY 2012, 29 agencies were allocated a total of \$178,595. The Controller/Administrator's Office made funding recommendations to the Human Services Committee, based on the extent to which the proposal directly contributed to addressing the County's long-term priority of "Meeting Basic Needs", such as food, clothing, and shelter, or helped to provide assistance in obtaining such things as household utilities that are needed by families and individuals.