

# **GENERAL GOVERNMENT & HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

January 7, 2019, 7:30 PM  
304 E. Grand River, Board Chambers, Howell MI 48843

Present:

R. Bezotte, William Green , G. Childs, Wes Nakagiri

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bezotte at 7:30 p.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of Meeting Dated: December 10, 2018

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

**Moved By** W. Green

**Seconded By** G. Childs

Yes (4): R. Bezotte, W. Green , G. Childs, and W. Nakagiri

**Motion Carried (4 to 0)**

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

**Moved By** W. Green

**Seconded By** W. Nakagiri

Yes (4): R. Bezotte, W. Green , G. Childs, and W. Nakagiri

**Motion Carried (4 to 0)**

### **4. REPORTS**

#### **4.1 Opioid Litigation**

Michael Behm and Mark Bernstein gave a brief explanation of the Opioid Litigation.

The firm has been retained by over 60 municipalities and 1500 cases have been filed in the litigation.

This is similar to the tobacco litigation seen years ago.

This case is like a "cousin" of a class action law suit; the difference is that everyone's damages are different.

Every EMT and deputy needing Narcan - these costs are considered damages. Other examples of damages include Drug Courts, housing individuals in criminal justice, costs for their medical care, and lost productivity. Mark Bernstein thanked the Committee for the opportunity to present this information.

Jeff Boyd, Director of EMS and Emergency Management provided input on how the opioid epidemic has effected EMS and asked questions relating to what damages could be included in the complaint.

Undersheriff Jeff Warder also participated in the discussion providing information relating to law enforcement.

Michael Behm and Mark Bernstein distributed and referenced a presentation. They explained why the pharmaceutical companies are at fault. Part of this litigation is for Injunctive Relief which forces defendants to act differently. Since litigation began, Purdue has stopped using drug reps to sell opiates.

Also, referenced a complaint from Ingham County and stated that it is available for Commissioners to review.

Livingston County could expect 30-60 hours in administrative support if the County were to file a complaint.

Mark Bernstein explained they are the only firm in the state seated on the Plaintiff Executive Committee and also reviewed potential risks and weaknesses.

Michael Behm and Mark Bernstein answered questions from the Committee.

Commissioner Bezotte thanked Undersheriff Warder and Jeff Boyd for their input.

## **5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Bob Potocki, Brighton Township, distributed and read aloud information regarding Brighton Township Sewers.

## **6. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **6.1 Car Pool**

Resolution Authorizing Capital Expenditure, Issuance of Purchase Orders, and Supplemental Appropriation for Approved 2019 Vehicle Purchases

Recommend Motion to the Finance Committee.

Greg Kellogg presented the resolution.

**Moved By** W. Green

**Seconded By** G. Childs

Yes (4): R. Bezotte, W. Green , G. Childs, and W. Nakagiri

**Motion Carried (4 to 0)**

**7. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Dan Wholihan, Genoa Township, stated that he supports the Commissioner's decision to stop recording the Board of Commissioner's meetings.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

**Moved By** W. Nakagiri

**Seconded By** W. Green

Yes (4): R. Bezotte, W. Green , G. Childs, and W. Nakagiri

**Motion Carried (4 to 0)**

Respectfully submitted by:

Natalie Hunt,  
Recording Secretary