

GENERAL GOVERNMENT & HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2019, 7:30 PM
304 E. Grand River, Board Chambers, Howell MI 48843

Present:

Robert Bezotte, William Green , Gary 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: February 4, 2019

Motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Moved By G. Childs

Seconded By W. Green

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. Nakagiri

Seconded By W. Green

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

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

4. REPORTS

Commissioner Childs reported that he is a member of the SEMCOG Executive Committee and has recently been appointed to Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force. He attended the first meeting last week and will be working on connecting walking and bike paths between destinations.

Commissioner Nakagiri reported that he will be attending the SEMCOG Road Funding 101 Seminar tomorrow. Also attended a discussion about race at Cleary University, there was a good turnout.

Commissioner Bezotte shared an event when he was employed at the Sheriff's Office regarding the KKK and that there has been a lot of improvement in Livingston over the years.

5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Douglas Helzerman, District 4 County Commissioner, spoke in regards to the recording of the Board of Commissioners' meetings and noted that meeting minutes can also be used for the public interested in transparency.

6. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 County Clerk

Resolution Establishing Compensation for Members of the Board of County Canvassers

Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk presented the resolution and answered questions from the Commissioners.

Recommend Motion to the Finance Committee.

Moved By W. Green

Seconded By W. Nakagiri

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

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

6.2 Public Defender

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) to Provide Funding to Comply with the Michigan Indigent Defense Act, Public Act 214 of 2018

Jim VerPleug presented the resolution. Ken Hinton and Jim VerPleug answered questions from the Commissioners.

Recommend Motion to the Finance Committee.

Moved By G. Childs

Seconded By W. Green

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

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

6.3 Information Technology

Resolution to Renew Existing Microsoft Enterprise Agreement which Provides Software Assurance for Microsoft Server and Desktop Applications

Rich Malewicz and Diane Gregor presented the resolution.

Recommend Motion to the Finance Committee.

Moved By G. Childs

Seconded By W. Green

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

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

7. DISCUSSION

7.1 Recording Board of Commissioner Meetings

Commissioner Bezotte began the discussion stating that Chairman Parker was in agreement with having this on tonight's agenda.

Commissioner Childs commented that SoundQue statistics show an avg. 1,700 views per meeting and supports recording the meetings.

Commissioner Green thanked Commissioner Bezotte for scheduling this discussion tonight, and spoke in favor of investigating other avenues for recording meetings.

Commissioner Nakagiri spoke in support as well and hopes that other options will be discussed.

Discussed possible avenues to research and the possibility of reconvening the Broadcast Committee.

8. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk, Brighton Township, spoke in regards to recording the Board of Commissioners' meetings and requested a retention schedule be simultaneously developed to instruct how long to retain the recordings and who is responsible for keeping those records. The permanent record of the meetings are the minutes, not the video.

Donald Parker, City of Howell, District 5 County Commissioner, Board Chairman, stated that he commends all of the Commissioners in having this discussion to record the Board meetings and that we need to look into this from all perspectives, and what is in the best interest of constituents. Also commented regarding the MIDC Contract and recognized Ken Hinton and MAC, stating they deserve a lot credit, years and years of work has been put into this resolution.

Commissioner Bezotte closed Call to the Public with remarks that he appreciates the work being done by this Board and believes it would be a positive thing for the constituents to see this.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Moved By W. Green

Seconded By W. Nakagiri

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

Motion Carried (4 to 0)

Respectfully submitted by,

Natalie Hunt,
Recording Secretary