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DATE 04/18/2023 The Clinton County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson Robert Showers presiding.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chairperson Showers called for a moment of silence. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL Roll was called with a quorum of the members in attendance: Val Vail-Shirey, David Pohl, Bruce DeLong, Kenneth B. Mitchell, Robert Showers, John Andrews and Dwight Washington.

COUNTY PERSONNEL John Fuentes, Todd Campbell, Stephanie Dush and Doug Riley

VISITORS Trish Martens, Paige Hicks, Jeffrey Taylor, Michael Svendsen, Don Potts, Will Hicks, Kevin Garvey, Brian Lawless, Bob Mack, Melany Mack, Laurie Briggs-Dudley, Terry Link, Ellen Link, Dennis Strahle, Jaclyn Hutchison, David Onofinio, Theresa Hubbard, Bob Trezise, Dan Feldpausch, Cori Feldpausch, Ronald Balzer and Mike Dyer

AGENDA The agenda was amended to include the following item(s):

- Communication #3 Watertown Charter Township Letter Respectfully Declining Clinton County's Offer re: LEAP
- Resolution of Appreciation to Clinton County 911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators during National Telecommunicators Week (April 9-15, 2023)
- Resolution of Appreciation to Clinton County Correctional Officers and Employees during National Correctional Officers and Employees Week (May 7-13, 2023)
- Resolution of Appreciation to Clinton County Deputies and Command Officers during National Police Officers Week (May 15-21, 2023)

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The March 28, 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting minutes and the April 13, 2023 Human Resources Committee Closed Session minutes were presented for review and approval.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received:

1. Eaton County Resolution Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary
2. Watertown Charter Township Resolution in Support of the Principles of Smart Growth
3. Watertown Charter Township Letter Respectfully Declining Clinton County's Offer re: LEAP

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to acknowledge receipt of the communications. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

John Fuentes, County Administrator introduced Deputy Administrator Campbell to present an amendment request to the Buy and Sell Agreement for the 7575 W. Pratt Road property. Deputy Administrator Campbell explained that it has been recommended to amend the Buy and Sell Agreement to extend the due diligence period from April 30, 2023 to June 30, 2023 and to extend the closing date of on or before June 1, 2023 to on or before August 1, 2023 and approving Tetra Tech to perform the soil borings.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner DeLong to amend the current Buy and Sell Agreement for 7575 W. Pratt Road, DeWitt, MI (Riley Township), as presented and to approve the amendment to the agreement with Tetra Tech to perform soil borings as presented at an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and to authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the Buy and Sell Agreement as amended. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Showers called for public comments.

- Theresa Hubbard, 1124 E. Alward Road, DeWitt, spoke about the April 13, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Hubbard requested that the Board of Commissioners work with EGLE to conduct solar and wind energy community forums during the one-year moratorium. Ms. Hubbard provided a written copy of her statement which has been placed on file.
- Melanie Mack, 11849 Schavery Road, DeWitt Township, spoke in support of holding community forums during the one-year moratorium, as well as creating a subcommittee of interested people. Ms. Mack provided a written copy of her statement which has been placed on file.
- Terry Link, 8767 Price Road, Victor Township, supports the right of citizens to voice concerns about the siting of utility-scale renewable energy programs. He added that he feels a moratorium could allow time to provide reliable information. Mr. Link stated that he believes good government would provide for hearings and places for citizens to be heard. He questioned what the supporters of a moratorium want to see done in the year of abeyance. Mr. Link stated that it is reasonable to review ordinances and make them better, however, there should also be specific direction and outcomes. Mr. Link spoke of the last report by the IPCC urging reduction of greenhouse gases by 50% in the next 80 months, and further cautioned of global impacts of climate migration. Mr. Link expressed his hope that the commissioners institute community forums allowing for civil conversations as this is a global issue affecting all of us.

ZONING

Chairperson Showers introduced Commissioner Vail-Shirey to report on the Planning Commission Meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 2023. Commissioner Vail-Shirey shared that there was much dialogue on a one-year moratorium on accepting utility scale solar and wind development to evaluate and possibly amend the County's renewable energy regulations. In addition, there was discussion on forming a citizens committee on the subject.

PC-06-23 MA
OR 184-23
ZONE MAP AMENDMENT
ROBERT SKARYD JR.,
TRUSTEE FOR THE
ROBERT AND LINDA
SKARYD FAMILY TRUST TO
REZONE FROM GENERAL
AGRICULTURE TO RURAL
RESIDENTIAL
DUPLAIN TOWNSHIP
SECTION 11

Commissioner Vail-Shirey reported that the Planning Commission unanimously voted to recommend approval of PC-06-23 MA Application for a Zone Map Amendment submitted by Robert Skaryd Jr., Trustee for the Robert and Linda Skaryd Family Trust to rezone approximately 1.8 acres from A-2 (General Agriculture) to RR (Rural Residential) located at 7743 N. Upton Road in Section 11 of Duplain Township (the east portion of Parcel ID# 060-011-200-075-00 containing the home and related improvements).

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Zone Map Amendment submitted by Robert Skaryd Jr., Trustee for the Robert and Linda Skaryd Family Trust Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were DeLong, Washington, Mitchell, Vail-Shirey, Andrews, Pohl and Showers. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.

PC-07-23 MA
OR-185-23 ZONE MAP
AMENDMENT SUBMITTED
BY WILLIAM AND PAIGE
HICKS REFERRED BACK TO
THE PLANNING
COMMISSION FOR
FURTHER DISCUSSION

Commissioner Vail-Shirey reported that the Planning Commission motion to approve recommendation failed on PC-07-23 MA Application for a Zone Map Amendment (Rezoning) submitted by William and Paige Hicks to rezone approximately 10 acres from A-2 (General Agriculture) to A-3 (Agricultural/Residential Transition) located at 8901 S. Lowell Road (corner of S. Lowell and W. Lehman Roads) in Section 23 of Riley Township (Parcel #130-023-300-020-00).

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to refer the matter back to the Planning Commission for further discussion.

Discussion followed among the commissioners with Commissioner Vail-Shirey expressing that she feels this matter deserves further attention by the Planning Commission.

Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Pohl, Mitchell, Washington, Vail-Shirey, DeLong, Andrews and Showers. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.

FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL
BINGHAM TOWNSHIP
MINING/EXCAVATION
OPERATION

Community Development Director Riley reported on an application for a five-year extension for mining/excavation in Bingham Township which was approved by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Vail-Shirey commended Community Development Director Riley on his management of the meeting on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 8
ADOPTING FINAL COUNTY
EQUALIZATION AND
APPOINTING
REPRESENTATIVES AT
STATE EQUALIZATION

Chairperson Showers introduced Eric Harger, Equalization Director, to present a Resolution to adopt Final County Equalization and Appoint Representatives at State Equalization. These items were reviewed during the Ways and Means Committee meeting held on April 13, 2023.

The total Real Property Value is \$4,746,578,528 and the total Personal Property Value is \$191,722,826 for a total County Equalized Value for 2023 of \$4,938,301,354. The total Tentative Taxable Value for 2023 is \$3,555,707,179.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews to approve the Resolution adopting Final County Equalization and Appointing Eric Harger, MMAO (4), Clinton County Equalization and Bruce DeLong, Clinton County Commissioner to serve as Representatives at State Equalization. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Washington, Vail-Shirey, DeLong, Andrews, Mitchell, Pohl and Showers. Seven ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.
(INSERT RESOLUTION & L-4024 REPORT)

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Chairperson Showers introduced Commission Vail-Shirey to present the adoption of resolutions of appreciation to Clinton County 911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators during National Telecommunicators Week (April 9-15, 2023) and to Clinton County Correctional Officers and Employees during National Correctional Officers and Employees Week (May 7-13, 2023) and to Clinton County Deputies and Command Officers during National Police Officers Week (May 15-21, 2023).

RESOLUTION 2023 – 9
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CLINTON COUNTY 911 CENTRAL DISPATCH TELECOMMUNICATORS DURING NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK (APRIL 9-15, 2023)

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation to Clinton County 911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators during National Telecommunicators Week (April 9-15, 2023). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 10
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CLINTON COUNTY CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES DURING NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WEEK (MAY 7-13, 2023)

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation to Clinton County Correctional Officers and Employees during National Correctional Officers and Employees Week (May 7-13, 2023). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2023 - 11
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CLINTON COUNTY DEPUTIES AND COMAND OFFICERS DURING NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WEEK (MAY 15-21, 2023)

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to adopt a Resolution of Appreciation to Clinton County Deputies and Command Officers during National Police Officers Week (May 15-21, 2023). Motion carried.

LANSING ECONOMIC AREA
PARTNERSHIP (LEAP)
ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson Showers welcomed Bob Trezise, President and CEO of Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) to present LEAP's annual report. Mr. Trezise introduced Jaclyn Hutchison, Tri-County Development Manager with LEAP before providing the following:

- Region 7 includes Ingham, Eaton & Clinton Counties, connecting state initiatives/projects with local initiatives/projects;
- In 2022, our region included \$3.277 billion projects and 1,963 direct jobs;
- Since 2012, LEAP projects have created \$6.5 billion private investments, 10,363 jobs, 206 projects and 207 companies launched;
- In 2022, LEAP was able to help start up clients receive \$6.7 million follow-up funding;
- The Ultium plant is the largest economic development project in the state of Michigan with many levels of government and communities working together, \$2.5 billion investment, 2.5 million square feet and 1,700 permanent jobs;
- The future of our economy needs to be here in our own country. LEAP was flooded with opportunities of huge manufacturing technology companies from chip makers to battery plants to company related to battery making with interest in sites scattered throughout the three counties representing the state of Michigan with many companies are still active and looking at us. The opportunities in Michigan must be balanced with environmental issues;
- Last year's achievements included a German manufacturer, the manager of Lansing Regional Smartzone, historic levels of interaction between MSU and our region in commercialization and entrepreneurial fronts; science – research and development; economic development efforts, a major grant with regard to childcare and public transportation;
- LEAP has received national recognition for diversity, equity and inclusion programs;
- Achievements in first quarter of 2023 have included an extra \$30,000 for ag tech and ag work through MEDC, the M-21 corridor project, the Federal Mogul building in St. Johns, the Michigan Milk Producers Association and numerous projects and potential projects.

Commissioner Washington asked Mr. Trezise to share the vision of how LEAP can partner with Clinton County on environmental issues. Mr. Trezise emphasized that LEAP works for Clinton County on projects only when asked. He further clarified that the Michigan Manufacturing Innovation Campus (Eagle Township) is a regional and statewide effort in another space and neither Jaclyn nor the LEAP contract is working on that project. He noted the importance of balancing agriculture property and solar/wind energy placement. Mr. Trezise added that LEAP is working with start-up companies to obtain grants to combat PFAS.

Mr. Trezise spoke of other prospective projects on behalf of Clinton County including Aquaveeta. He reported that Save-A-Lot will be leaving St. Johns and LEAP is working to find another tenant for the building.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner DeLong to approve and accept the LEAP annual report. Motion carried.

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
UPDATE

Liz Braddock, Mid-Michigan District Health Officer provided a written Health Department update for the month of April which will be placed on file.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to approve the written report. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF
COMMISSIONERS'
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Commissioners' expense accounts were presented for review and approval.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to approve the expense accounts, subject to review by the Chair and Clerk. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following are reports of Committee meetings:

**WAYS AND MEANS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Commissioner DeLong, Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, reported on a meeting held April 6, 2023.

ATTENDANCE AT
COMMITTEE MEETING

Members Present:

Bruce DeLong, W&M Committee Chairperson
David Pohl
Dwight Washington
John Andrews
Val Vail-Shirey
Ken Mitchell
Robert Showers, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present:

John Fuentes Penny Goerge
Todd Campbell Doug Riley
Cindy Moser

Others Present:

Bruce Levey, Duplain Township
Dawn Levey, Duplain Township
Dennis Strahle, Eagle Township
Carolyn Brokob, Watertown Charter Township
Don Potts, Riley Township
Kevin Garvey, Riley Township
Patti Schafer, Eagle Township
Eric Voisinet, Olive Township
Maggie Sayles, Victor Township
Lee Thelen, Greenbush Township
Carla Wardin, Essex Township
Claudia Pluger, Ovid Township
Nancy Hughson, Ovid Township
Jennings West, Ovid Township
Troy Thelen, Westphalia Township

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL
OF AGENDA

1. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:
PLANNING AND ZONING

2. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Administrator Fuentes to provide a Community Development Department update.
- Clinton County's Community Development Director, Doug Riley has announced his retirement effective June 2, 2023; the purpose of this special meeting is to have discussion regarding the Clinton County Planning and Zoning Department and determine a direction moving forward;
 - Discussion took place regarding the process to repeal the County's zoning ordinance; Administrator Fuentes advised that the process is similar to that required to amend the ordinance including public notices, public hearings, and action at a public meeting; if desired, legal counsel can be consulted to further describe and layout the process;

- Commissioner Showers expressed concern over the sentiment regarding the County's role in the current Eagle Township re-zoning consideration; he noted that according to information provided in November 2022 the net General Fund operating cost for planning and zoning was \$145,000; he further noted that the 11 general law townships that utilize the county planning and zoning make up 31% of the property tax revenue; he believes the County should explore this option or consider charging the townships to help reduce the general fund subsidy;
- Commissioner Mitchell noted that he needs to talk to his township boards to find out what their thoughts are on this matter;
- Commissioner Pohl spoke regarding the importance of organized zoning in Clinton County and believes Clinton County is an attractive place to live and work because of the organized zoning that the county has had; he sees no strong basis to change the process;
- Commissioner Washington thanked Director Riley for doing an exceptional job and noted that it is important the County flush this out and make an informed decision;
- Commissioner Vail-Shirey complimented Doug Riley and spoke of the importance of listening to her district, she wants to hear their thoughts and wants everyone to work together as a team and be on the same page moving forward;
- Community Development Director Riley was asked to share his thoughts on the matter; Director Riley spoke highly of the community development model itself and takes pride in the structure and model the County has in terms of customer service; he noted there are many efficiencies with having Planning and Zoning combined with the building department; however, it's hard to be specific with regulations and township needs when the zoning ordinance is spread out over so many miles, it can be a tough balance;
- Administrator Fuentes spoke regarding the net General Fund operating cost for planning and zoning at \$145,000 last year; he stated that it was calculated at \$175,000 net of fee revenue of \$30,000; due to the recent change in fee revenue that took effect on January 1, 2023 the County projects an additional increase of \$20,000 in revenue; he recognizes this does not fully offset the subsidy, but it has never intended to;
- Commissioner Andrews spoke highly of Director Riley and is in favor of standardizing things across the county, especially in terms of business development in the area; however, he is open to suggestions or ideas;
- Commissioner DeLong commended Director Riley for doing an excellent job and noted that several townships the County represents can't afford to do their own planning and zoning; he is not supportive of eliminating county planning and zoning, he asked how the County can creatively fund this program and keep it under county control; he would also like to know the legal ramifications and timeline;
- Administrator Fuentes was directed to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter; Administrator Fuentes reiterated that if considered, it must be a deliberate process, specifically in regard to special use permits and any other critical issues that would need to be considered and addressed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong requested limited public comments.
 - Bruce Levey, Duplain Township Supervisor, stated that Duplain Township does not have the money or resources to make something like that happen; he encouraged the Board of Commissioners to continue serving the 11 general law townships with their planning and zoning needs;
 - Eric Harger, Bingham Township Trustee, stressed the importance of maintaining planning and zoning at the county level; he has worked on both sides of this process and supports what the county already has in place;
 - Kevin Garvey from Riley Township spoke of the importance of having planning and zoning services available at the county level and thanked the County for being fiscally responsible;
 - Patti Schafer, Eagle Township Supervisor, spoke highly of Doug's performance as Community Development Director; she stated there is a lot more involved with planning, zoning, and enforcement than most people realize; she asked the Board to not take this decision lightly and to consider the extreme burden this could place on other townships;
 - Lee Thelen, Greenbush Township Supervisor, concurred with Patti Schafer and stated that Greenbush Township cannot afford to do their own planning and zoning; he questioned why the general fund operating cost for planning and zoning at \$145,000 is an issue, as it is all county dollars;
 - Nancy Hughson from Ovid Township stated that Lee Thelen has very valid points;
 - Dennis Strahle, Eagle Township Trustee, stated that he is getting a big push from his tax payers to bring planning and zoning to local control; he spoke of his dissatisfaction regarding the mega site issue and the fact that the County entered into an agreement with LEAP for \$100,000; he referenced a flyer recently sent out to Clinton County residents from LEAP regarding the mega site and commented that things seem out of control; he informed the members that some residents in Eagle Township want local zoning, and some do not; this entire situation has been polarizing and it is unfortunate;
 - Jennings West, Ovid Township Supervisor, stated he is not in favor of solar panels taking up farm land in Clinton County and if the County can do something to stop it, they should;
 - Eric Voisinet, Olive Township Supervisor, spoke against solar farms and wind turbines; he is not pleased with the amount of farmland being used for this purpose; however, he believes that county planning and zoning has worked great and the \$145,000 general fund operating cost for planning and zoning is insignificant;
 - Maggie Sayles, resident and former Trustee of Victor Township, spoke in favor of keeping planning zoning at the county level; townships struggle because of their size and structure; she believes the general fund operating cost of \$145,000 is coming from general fund money which should be used to generally take care of county and residents;
 - Troy Thelen, Westphalia Township Supervisor, stated that his township is considering taking back planning and zoning; they are fine with the master plan but there is no guaranteed shared vision with regard to variance requests;
 - Dawn Levey, Duplain Township Clerk, opposes local control over planning and zoning; this would put a strain on Duplain Township's budget;

- Carla Wardin, Essex Township Supervisor, is worried about the personnel part of townships having to take on their own planning and zoning; the County can't depend on one person's retirement for what is done for all townships;
- Administrator Fuentes will consult with legal counsel for future discussions relative to this matter at a future committee meeting; however, he is requesting approval to begin the process to staff the Community Development Director position at this time.

Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to approve posting and filling the Community Development Director position. Motion carried.

- Director Riley answered more questions from the members and public with regard to planning, zoning, and enforcement procedures; discussion followed regarding bylaw requirements relative to the Planning Commission.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

4. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong requested Commissioners comments. There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

5. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong requested the administrator's report from Administrator Fuentes. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

6. Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m. Motion carried.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner DeLong, Chairperson of the Ways and Means Committee, reported on a meeting held April 13, 2023.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Members Present:

Bruce DeLong, W&M Committee Chairperson
 David Pohl
 Dwight Washington
 John Andrews
 Val Vail-Shirey
 Ken Mitchell
 Robert Showers, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present:

John Fuentes	Hattie Metcalf
Todd Campbell	Rob Wooten
Cindy Moser	Penny Goerge
Doug Riley	Chris Collom
Corissa Harris	

Others Present:

Adam Smiddy, Guidehouse
 David Sernick, Guidehouse
 Dennis Strahle, Eagle Township
 Cori Feldpausch, Eagle Township
 Mikyla Feldpausch
 Maggie Sayles, Victor Township

CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVE OF AGENDA

1. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 2. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong requested limited public comments.
 - Dennis Strahle introduced himself as a Trustee on the Eagle Township Board and resident of Clinton County; he spoke regarding the special Ways and Means Committee Meeting that took place on April 6th noting that the meeting was posted on the website, but he wondered why other townships seemed to know a lot more about the discussion that was to take place at the meeting; he wondered if he missed a memo.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING FINAL COUNTY EQUALIZATION AND APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES AT STATE EQUALIZATION

- 3. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Hattie Metcalf from Equalization to discuss the resolution for adoption of final county equalization and representation at state equalization for 2023.
 - The assessed value increased 8.58% to \$4,938,301,354; this amount reflects the anticipated increase in market value identified from the Equalization Studies on existing properties and new value from new construction and/or formerly exempt properties returning to the roll;
 - Taxable value increased 6.17% to \$3,555,707,179; the increase in taxable value comes from the 5.0% CPI where the 2023 assessed value was greater than the 2022 taxable value on properties not sold in 2022; the balance of the increase is realized from the uncapping of taxable values for properties that sold in 2022 from new construction and formerly exempt property returning to the roll;
 - Clinton County will be levying the millage rate of 5.7189 mills (after millage rollback) and the 911 millage rate of 0.8384 mills (after millage rollback).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** approving the Resolution for Adoption of Final County Equalization and Appointment of Representatives at State Equalization for 2023. Motion carried.
(See page 3 for Board Action)

CENTRAL DISPATCH MOBILE DATA COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT

- 4. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Chris Collom, Central Dispatch Director, to discuss the mobile data communications project.
 - In December 2022 the Board approved Central Dispatch to post a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the replacement of the mobile data communications system; the RFP was posted on the county website, Bidnet.Direct, and by invitation;
 - Two vendors submitted proposals that were comparable in scope of work, equipment, and warranties; the County has history with both companies performing similar work;
 - The proposals were reviewed by a work group of three that unanimously recommended awarding ProComm Inc. the project; ProComm Inc’s proposal was chosen based on price, scope of work, past performance, and better warranty in terms of the two major components of the system;
 - The ProComm Inc., bid proposal will not exceed \$330,000; the additional equipment for the fire agencies, software, and licensing will not exceed \$100,000, and the remaining amount will be reserved as contingency for unexpected expenses;
 - The Clinton County User’s Agreement has been reviewed and approved by 911 legal counsel.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl, to **recommend** authorizing Administrator Fuentes to execute the Clinton County Mobile Data User Agreement, the ProComm Inc. contract and release remaining funds for the additional equipment, licensing, and software not to exceed \$480,000. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

FACILITY AND FLEET
SERVICES – CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

5.

GREEN HAVEN FENCE
REPLACEMENT

- A. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Rob Wooten, Facilities and Project Management Director, to discuss the replacement of the fence at the Green Haven facility.
- The Green Haven facility is in a residential area with private residences directly to the south and east of the facility; a privacy fence near the southeast corner of the property has been in place to limit views of the facility and outdoor recreation areas from these residences as well as from Swegles Street;
 - The wooden fence had reached the end of its useful life with some sections failing in the winter of 2021, additional sections failing in 2022, and the last sections being removed in late 2022 prior to imminent failure;
 - Replacing this fence will allow the County to maintain positive relationships with the community, as well as improve privacy and security of the Green Haven facility.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to **recommend** approving up to \$10,000 to replace the fence at Green Haven. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

FAIRGROUNDS SHOW
ARENA ROOF

- B. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Rob Wooten, Facilities and Project Management Director, to discuss roof repairs to the show arena roof at the Fairgrounds.
- There is \$35,000 budgeted in the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan for Fairgrounds Show Arena Roof Repairs;
 - This project will include pressure washing, priming, and coating the existing steel roof to prevent further rusting, as well as other minor roof repairs;
 - These repairs will extend the life of the existing roof as well as protect the structure from water damage.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Vail-Shirey, to **recommend** approving up to \$35,000 for roof repairs to the Fairgrounds Show Arena, as outlined and approved in the capital improvements section of the 2023 Budget. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Vail-Shirey to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

BUSINESS NEEDS
ASSESSMENT
GUIDEHOUSE CONTRACT

6. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Administrator Fuentes to discuss the proposed business needs assessment.
- In April 2022, the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan (PAAM) issued the report, "Analysis of the Prosecutor Staffing Crisis among Michigan Counties";
 - Administration is requesting additional resources be made available to assist the Board of Commissioners in understanding the staffing and recruiting challenges that have been presented by Prosecutor Spagnuolo;
 - A proposal was received from Guidehouse to evaluate current staffing and compensation levels to support discussion and consideration during the development of the 2024 Budget;
 - The evaluation of the current day-to-day operational needs of the Prosecutor's Office is especially important and necessary to determine the appropriate 2024 budget;
 - Additionally, the pending deployment of body-worn cameras by the Sheriff's Office makes the proposed evaluation even more critical to also assess the impact the body-worn cameras may have on the Prosecutor's Office.
 - Adam Smiddy and David Sernick from Guidehouse explained the process that would take place; the overall process is scheduled to take ten weeks with eight weeks of actual work due to vacations and holidays.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Vail-Shirey, to recommend authorizing the Administrator to accept the Guidehouse service proposal and execute the contract. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

CAPITAL ASSET POLICY
UPDATE

7. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Administrator Fuentes to discuss an update to the Capital Asset Policy.
- The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement 87 – Leases which became effective for the County's year ended December 31, 2022, to establish standards for the accounting and financial reporting for lease transactions;
 - It is recommended the County's Capital Asset Policy be revised to ensure compliance with the provisions of GASB 87 in the future if such transactions are approved by the Board of Commissioners as a method of acquiring capital assets.
 - Administrator Fuentes emphasized page four, section 6.9 (subsection 3) states that any capital lease agreement to acquire an asset will still need to be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** approving the Capital Asset Policy revisions as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

GONGWER SUBSCRIPTION
FOR BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

8. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced discussion regarding an enhanced Gongwer subscription for the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.
- The Gongwer report provides information regarding essential political and policy developments and can be a valuable tool for making decisions at the county level;
 - At the request of the Board Chair, Administrative staff researched the cost of enhancing Clinton County's current Gongwer subscription to provide access to each of the Commissioners;
 - The County pays \$1,400 annually for a discounted Gongwer subscription (legacy pricing) that includes access for up to three users (Administrator, Deputy Administrator and Board Chair);
 - The cost of enhancing the Gongwer subscription to provide access for all Commissioners would be an additional \$1,800 (\$1,200 for up to two additional users, and \$150 for each additional user thereafter), totaling \$3,200 annually.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Andrews, to **recommend** authorizing a Gongwer subscription for the Board of Commissioners for an annual amount up to \$3,200. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

ST. JOHNS MINT FESTIVAL
– FAIRGROUNDS USE
REQUEST

9. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced discussion regarding a request from the St. Johns Mint Festival Steering Committee to use the County Fairgrounds.
- The St. Johns Mint Festival Steering Committee is requesting to use the County Fairgrounds beginning Tuesday, August 8 through Tuesday, August 15, 2023;
 - The County has a standard agreement for their utilization; in this agreement the Mint Festival is responsible for paying \$1,600 for utility costs at the Fairgrounds resulting from their utilization;
 - Maintenance Director Wooten will work with the Steering Committee throughout the Festival; he has reviewed the request and is comfortable with continuing this relationship.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, supported by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** authorizing Administration to execute an agreement with the St. Johns Mint Festival Steering Committee to use the County Fairgrounds beginning Tuesday, August 8 through Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

QUARTERLY BUDGET
UPDATE

10. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Todd Campbell, Deputy Administrator, to provide the 1st quarter budget update.
- Overall, the 2023 general fund is trending towards the approved budget;
 - As noted in the Equalization report, taxable value for 2023 has been established and Equalization is reporting an increase in taxable value of 6.17%; while the increase in taxable value exceeds the projected increase of 5%, it comes with inflation that will affect general fund expenditures;

- Overall, expenditures as of the end of the first quarter are within the allocated budget; however, staff will continue to keep a sharp eye on expenditures, specifically in the areas of vehicle fuel, utilities, maintenance equipment and supplies;
- There are three quarterly budget amendments proposed; the first two amendments are clean-up adjustments for the Drain Commissioner's Office and ARPA Funds (specific to the Guidehouse contract), and the third budget amendment is for the purchase of 7575 W. Pratt Road for a new county park.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** approving the proposed 2023 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Vail-Shirey to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

PLANNING UPDATE

11. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced Doug Riley, Community Development Director, to provide a planning update.
- Community Development Director Riley provided a brief overview and answered questions regarding two items that will likely be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners after the Planning Commission meeting this evening.

No action required.

2023 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

12. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced discussion regarding the 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule.
- The County is receiving an increasing number of inquiries from constituents asking for dates of upcoming committee meetings;
 - The County's current practice involves the review and adoption of the Clinton County Open Meetings and Events calendar monthly; however, it is suggested the Board also consider adopting a committee meeting schedule for the remainder of this year and have it posted to the Clinton County website;
 - If this meeting schedule is adopted, the Board will continue to review and adopt a finalized version of the Clinton County Open Meetings and Events calendar at their monthly meetings;
 - Discussion took place about adding a second Ways and Means Committee meeting each month that will be cancelled if not needed, and the Public Safety Committee meetings will take place at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** adopting the 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Vail-Shirey to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

MAY 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

13. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced discussion regarding the May 2023 Open Meetings and Events Calendar.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Vail-Shirey, to recommend approval of the May 2023 Open Meetings and Events Calendar. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
INVOICES PAID TOTALS

14. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong introduced discussion regarding the accounts payable invoices paid.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl, to approve the invoices paid from March 4 through March 17, 2023, in the amount of \$555,119.33. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS'
COMMENTS

15. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong requested Commissioners comments. There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

16. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong requested the administrator's report from Administrator Fuentes.

- Administrator Fuentes notified the members that the County's Auditor, Doug Deeter from Rehman Robson, plans to present the audit in June instead of May; it was further noted that given the calendar and timing of that meeting, Mr. Deeter plans to give final issuance to state prior to the Board receiving the report;
- Administrator Fuentes provided a security committee update and discussed the possibility of increasing screening protocol at the Courthouse.

ADJOURNMENT OF
COMMITTEE MEETING

17. Ways and Means Committee Chairperson DeLong adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

**HUMAN RESOURCES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Commissioner Vail-Shirey, Chairperson of the Human Resources Committee, reported on a meeting held April 13, 2023.

ATTENDANCE AT
COMMITTEE MEETING

Members Present:
Val Vail-Shirey, HR Committee Chairperson
Dwight Washington
Bruce DeLong
David Pohl
John Andrews
Ken Mitchell
Robert Showers, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present:
John Fuentes
Todd Campbell
Penny Goerge
Cindy Moser
Chris Collom

Others Present:
Dennis Strahle, Eagle Township
Cori Feldpausch, Eagle Township
Mikyla Feldpausch
Maggie Sayles, Victor Township

CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVE OF AGENDA

1. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner DeLong, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.
 - **Addition to Agenda:** Resolutions of Appreciation to Clinton County 911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators during National Telecommunicators Week (April 9-15, 2023), Clinton County Deputies and Command Officers during National Police Week (May 15-21, 2023), and Clinton County Correctional Officers during National Correctional Officers Week (May 7-13, 2023) - 4A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey requested limited public comments. There were none.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

3. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey introduced discussion regarding appointments to various committees and commissions.
 - Discussion took place regarding appointments to the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board made by the Board Chairperson at the organizational meeting;
 - Because of how the MSHN bylaws read, the appointments expire on August 31st of this year; therefore, the Agency (MSHN) is requesting the Board of Commissioners reappoint the commissioner members for three (3) year terms beginning September 1, 2023 and expiring August 31, 2026.

APPOINTMENT OF DWIGHT WASHINGTON TO MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK (MSHN) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** appointing Dwight Washington, during his term as County Commissioner, to the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Board for a three (3) year term beginning September 1, 2023 and expiring August 31, 2026. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF DAVID POHL AS AN ALTERNATE TO MID-STATE HEALTH NETWORK (MSHN) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to concur with the committee recommendation. Chairperson Showers called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** appointing David Pohl, during his term as County Commissioner, as an alternate to the Mid-State Health Network (MSHN) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Oversight Policy Board for a three (3) year term beginning September 1, 2023 and expiring August 31, 2026. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Chairperson Showers called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PATTI JANDERNOA TO THE JURY BOARD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Pohl moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** reappointing Patti Janderno to the Jury Board for a six (6) year term expiring April 30, 2029. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl to concur with the committee recommendation. Chairperson Showers called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PETER
PSAROUTHAKIS AND
MARGARET SAYLES TO
THE PLANNING
COMMISSION

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Mitchell moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to **recommend** appointing Peter Psarouthakis and Margaret Sayles to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms beginning May 1, 2023 and expiring April 30, 2026. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner DeLong to concur with the committee recommendation. Chairperson Showers called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ERIC
HUFNAGEL TO THE
LIBRARY BOARD

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner Washington moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl, to recommend reappointing Eric Hufnagel to the Library Board for a five (5) year term expiring June 30, 2028. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington to concur with the committee recommendation. Chairperson Showers called for further nominations. None were offered. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN INDIGENT
DEFENSE COMMISSION
(MIDC) COMPLIANCE PLAN

4. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey introduced discussion regarding the MIDC Compliance Plan.
- The Michigan Indigent Defense Commission approved Standard #8, Attorney Compensation and updated its Grant Manual, February 2023;
 - The County is required to update its Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis (Budget) for FY24 grants in compliance with the grant manual by April 26, 2023;
 - Based on MIDC Staff interpretation of this Standard included in its FAQ, compliance plans for FY24 that do not include the guidance contained in Standard 8 "will not be recommended for approval by senior staff";
 - In order to maintain compliance, it is recommended that the FY24 compliance plan and cost analysis include the increase for the current Managed Assigned Counsel (MAC) Administrator position salary as contained in the current FAQ at the 16/Senior Attorney minimum pay of \$105,274 annual, effective October 1, 2023; the total personnel cost for the MAC Administrator position is shared with Gratiot County (46%);
 - It is also recommended that the current part-time Administrative Support position included in the cost analysis (budget) and funded through the MIDC grant, be increased to full-time effective October 1, 2023 for FY24;
 - It was reported the incumbent MAC Administrator is requesting consideration for an increase to the current 16/Senior Attorney minimum salary (\$103,210), to be effective May 1, 2023; however, this increase is not required to achieve or maintain compliance with Standard 8.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl, to **recommend** approval of the FY24 Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis to include the increase for the current Managed Assigned Counsel (MAC) Administrator position salary as contained in the current FAQ at the 16/Senior Attorney minimum pay of \$105,274 annually, effective October 1, 2023 and approve increasing the Administrative Support position to full time, effective October 1, 2023 for FY24. Motion carried.

BOARD ACTION: Commissioner Vail-Shirey moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell to concur with the committee recommendation. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

4A. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey introduced discussion regarding Resolutions of Appreciation to Clinton County 911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators during National Telecommunicators Week (April 9-15, 2023), Clinton County Deputies and Command Officers during National Police Week (May 15-21, 2023), and Clinton County Correctional Officers during National Correctional Officers Week (May 7-13, 2023).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, to **recommend** authorizing Resolutions of Appreciation to Clinton County 911 Central Dispatch Telecommunicators during National Telecommunicators Week (April 9-15, 2023), Clinton County Deputies and Command Officers during National Police Week (May 15-21, 2023), and Clinton County Correctional Officers during National Correctional Officers Week (May 7-13, 2023). Motion carried. (See page 4 for Board Action)

CLOSED SESSION
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING DISCUSSION

5. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey requested a motion to proceed to closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy for collective bargaining.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to proceed to closed session for the purpose of discussing strategy for collective bargaining (MCL.15.268(c)) at 10:28 a.m. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Vail Shirey, Andrews, Pohl, Washington, Mitchell, and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Pohl, to return to open session at 10:44 a.m. Voting on the motion by roll call vote, those voting aye were Vail-Shirey, Andrews, Pohl, Washington, Mitchell, and DeLong. Six ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.

No action required.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

6. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey requested the administrator's report from Administrator Fuentes. No report was given.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

7. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey requested Commissioners' Comments.

- Discussion took place regarding the status of the Wilson Center and Commissioner DeLong notified the members the City of St. Johns voted not to pursue moving their offices there;
- Commissioner Washington provided an update on behalf of Capital Area Community Services;
- Commissioner Pohl provided an update on behalf of the Clinton Area Transit System and commended the County for entering into an agreement with Transit to provide free transportation services to all veterans living in Clinton County;
- Commissioner Mitchell was very impressed with his recent tour of the Institute for Quantitative Health Science and Engineering (IQ Building) at Michigan State University which is home to a suite of 3D-printing technologies; he noted how beneficial it is to have this in our region;

- Commissioner Showers provided an update and discussed potential projects on behalf of the Michigan Association of Counties, Capitol Council of Governments, and Capital Region Airport Authority;
- Commissioner Showers notified the members that he asked Administrator Fuentes to consult with legal counsel to research the County's legal requirements relative to planning and zoning responsibilities for Eagle Township;
- Commissioner Vail-Shirey notified the members that she is meeting with LEAP to gain a better understanding of the County's relationship with them;
- Commissioner Vail-Shirey provided an update on behalf of the Planning Commission and discussion followed regarding an ordinance amendment to establish a one (1) year moratorium on accepting any utility scale solar or wind development applications in order to evaluate and potentially amend the County's renewable energy (utility scale) regulations;
- Commissioners Andrews briefly discussed climate change and noted his district has valid concerns in this regard.

ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

8. Human Resources Committee Chairperson Vail-Shirey adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Commissioner Mitchell, Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, reported on a meeting held April 13, 2023.

ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Members Present:
 Ken Mitchell, Public Safety Chairperson
 Val Vail- Shirey - Arrived at 8:07 a.m.
 John Andrews
 Dwight Washington
 Bruce DeLong
 David Pohl – Arrived at 8:27 a.m.

Members Excused:
 Robert Showers, Ex-Officio Member

Staff Present
 John Fuentes
 Todd Campbell
 Penny Goerge
 Jennifer Richards
 Dan Gibson
 Cindy Moser

Others Present
 Sheri Mandeville, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
 Rebekah Anderson, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVE OF AGENDA

1. Chairperson Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner DeLong moved, seconded by Commissioner Washington, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

2. Chairperson Mitchell requested limited public comments. There were no public comments.

CHILD CARE FUND OVERVIEW

3. Chairperson Mitchell introduced Todd Campbell, Deputy Administrator to discuss the Child Care Fund Budget.
- A budget summary showing the status of the childcare fund was provided;

- Deputy Administrator Campbell noted that the budget for state wards is under budget while the budget for court wards is projected to be over budget; however, the Child Care Fund overall is currently within the budget.

No action required.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DHHS) – CHILD CARE FUND UPDATE

4. Chairperson Mitchell introduced Rebekah Anderson and Sheri Mandeville from DHHS to discuss the Child Care Fund.
 - Rebekah Anderson provided an update on the status of the childcare fund and discussion followed regarding treatment and programming services;
 - Ms. Anderson emphasized the strong need for foster families and asked the members to help spread that message around the community.

No action required.

JUVENILE COURT – CHILD CARE FUND UPDATE

5. Chairperson Mitchell introduced Jennifer Richards, Manager of Juvenile Court and Juvenile Services, and Dan Gibson, Juvenile Facilities Manager to provide an update on behalf of the Child Care Fund.
 - Juvenile Facilities Manager Gibson provided information to the members regarding juvenile programming and treatment; data was provided regarding caseloads and trends for 2022 and the first quarter of this year; it was noted there has been an uptick of cases and Green Haven has been used significantly;
 - Juvenile Courts and Services Manager Richards discussed the childcare fund; data was provided for the in-home care services provided and discussion took place regarding the number of youths that have resided at Green Haven for either secure detention or residential care in the open setting;
 - Ms. Richards provided a status update of the various community service programs that she facilitates in her department with community organizations;
 - Discussion took place regarding the critical shortage of juvenile beds in Michigan; Ms. Richards reported that many meetings have been held and proposals are being discussed, but no tangible progress has been made; discussion followed regarding the many contributing factors involved with this shortage such as an increase in mental health cases and lack of facilities and qualified staff to fill vacancies.

No action required.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

6. Chairperson Mitchell requested Commissioners' comments. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT OF COMMITTEE MEETING

7. Chairperson Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMISSIONERS'
COMMENTS

Chairperson Showers called for Commissioners' comments.

- Commissioner Washington acknowledged the accomplishments of the Mid-Michigan Health Department on being #2 and #5 in the state for health outcomes and health factors.
- Commissioner Andrews commended individuals that spoke at the Planning Commission Meeting and those that spoke today regarding climate change. He expressed that he is not in favor of a year long moratorium and hopes to take opportunity of the time for forums in a smart way with a balanced group. He noted that he would like to learn more about the Green Government Initiative.
- Commissioner Mitchell recognized how nice it is to see the seats filled at the meeting.
- Commissioner Vail-Shirey thanked everyone for attending meetings expressed appreciation of the comments and participation.
- Chairperson Showers advised that he and Commissioner Washington have met with Capital Area Michigan Works! in conjunction with the United Way and Commissioner Washington will be the liaison on behalf of Clinton County to assist the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, and Employed (ALICE) community.
- Chairperson Showers added that he and Commissioner Vail-Shirey are working with MSU and U of M professors for advice on the safest amount of acreage for Clinton County to use for solar farms without impacting food supplies. Theresa Hubbard relayed that she recently found information in Massachusetts where solar farms are partnering with agriculture to allowing for farming and solar at the same time which she agreed to share with the members. Chairperson Showers added that the members are not against green energy projects.

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD ACTION: With no further business to come before the Board, Chairperson Showers adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.



Debra A. Sutherland, Clerk of the Board

NOTE: These minutes are subject to approval on May 30, 2023.