

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

March 9, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Chairman Kohlman called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the lower level of the County Complex Building. Carol Brown opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Commissioners Brad Haggadone, William Hamilton, Gary Howell, Kevin Knisely, Tom Kohlman, Truman Mast, Bryan Zender

Others: Jackie Arnold, Interim County Controller/Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, Doreen Clark, Assistant to the Administrator, Lynette Stanford, Secretary/Deputy County Clerk

Motion by Zender, supported by Howell, to approve the agenda with the addition of a Request for Action (RFA) from Animal Control. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

### **Elected Official/Department Head Updates**

Emil Joseph III, Friend of the Court gave an update regarding his department.

Lauren Emmons, C.E.O., Community Mental Health introduced Kay Morris and Donna Shelton who currently serve on the Community Mental Health Services Board.

**Public Time** – twelve people spoke during public time.

### **Senior Programs Advisory Board – two-year terms**

Commissioner Howell appointed Galland Burnham to serve as the District #2 representative on the Senior Programs Advisory Board.

Motion by Zender, supported by Knisely, to table the motion regarding the grant agreement with LARA until more information is presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Howell, to recommend to the Full Board, to approve the Lapeer County Health Department Plan of Organization, and authorize the Chair/Vice-Chair to sign the approval form. Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported by Knisely, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase 20 new ballistic helmets for an amount not to exceed \$4,962.00, to be paid through line item, 207-307-977.000, at no additional cost to the County General Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported by Hamilton, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Sheriff's Department to purchase the updated renewal software for the Traffic Reconstruction equipment, in the amount of \$1,500.00, to be paid from line item 262-301-821.010. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize payment to Shifman Fournier, in the amount of \$2,295.00, for labor related legal services rendered through February 28, 2023, to be paid from line item 101-239-801.020. Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize Administration to purchase a renewal subscription from SHI for the Budget Book Software, in the amount of \$20,085.40, to be paid from line item 101-228-813.030. Motion carried.

Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to recommend to the Full Board, to accept the bid of \$14,547.50, for the sale of animals seized by Lapeer County Animal Control pertaining to case #4731. Motion carried.

Motion by Mast, supported by Zender, to recommend to the Full Board, to authorize the Lapeer County Health Department Director/Health Officer to electronically accept the approved grant agreement between the State of Michigan LARA and Lapeer County, with the portion of Geo Fencing to be removed from the program, for the period of January 1, 2023 through September 15, 2023, at no cost to the County's General Fund; and further, that a copy of the electronically submitted grant agreement be forwarded to the County Clerk to be filed as an official exhibit. Roll Call vote: Mast, aye; Zender, aye; Haggadone, aye; Hamilton, aye; Howell, aye; Knisely, aye; Kohlman, nay. 6 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Amy Cell, gave an update regarding the hiring of the County Controller/Administrator.

**Public Time** – ten people spoke during public time.

Motion by Haggadone, supported by Zender, to go into closed session pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, subsection 8(f), to review and consider the contents of applications for employment related to the vacant County Controller/Administrator position for the candidate(s) that requested that their application remain confidential, with the understanding that all interviews will be conducted publicly. Roll Call Vote: Haggadone, aye; Hamilton, aye; Howell, aye; Knisely, aye; Mast, aye; Zender, aye; Kohlman, aye. 7 ayes. Motion carried unanimously. 10:51 a.m.

The meeting recessed. 10:51 a.m.

Lynette Stanford, Secretary/Deputy County Clerk was excused, and Theresa M. Spencer, Lapeer County Clerk remained. 10:51 a.m.

The meeting reconvened. 11:10 a.m.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Knisely, to go out of closed session. Motion carried. 11:36 a.m.

Motion by Howell, supported by Haggadone, to approve the minutes of the closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by Hamilton, supported by Knisely, to recommend to the Full Board to authorize Amy Cell Talent to expand the search timeline for the vacant County Controller/Administrator position until April 30, 2023 and to increase the top end of the salary range up to \$175,000, and to report back to the Board at the May 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Zender, supported by Haggadone, to adjourn the meeting. 11:40 a.m.



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Tom Kohlman, Chairman  
Committee of the Whole