

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2020

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners called a Special Board Meeting on Friday, August 28, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room and were called to order by the Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Margaret Batzer (remotely), Mark Bergstrom (remotely), Jeff Dontz, Karen Goodman, Pauline Jaquish, Gene Lagerquist (remotely), Richard Schmidt

ABSENT: None

The County Board is operating remotely and electronically under Executive Orders #2020-154 issued by Governor Gretchen Whitmer. This Special Board Meeting was requested by four (4) County Commissioners and with an 18 hour notice being posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

RESTATE MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF FY 2020/21 VETERANS GRANT

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Jaquish to approve the FY 2021 County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) Grant in the amount of \$51,681.20 and authorize the Chair to sign the same.

YEAS: 7 Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A TENTATIVE FY 2020/21

GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL FUND BUDGETS

Lisa Sagala, Interim County Administrator/Controller presented a tentative FY 2020/21 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$11,623,487 and various Supplemental Fund Budgets in the net budget amount of \$9,382,907. Based upon the recommendations made by County Administration, and discussion by the full Board at the Study Session held on August 14, 2020, a tentative budget is to be considered. Once the tentative budget is adopted, it will be available for public review, and the Board may consider various amendments to the proposed budget after meeting with various Department Supervisors, Elected Officials, and funded agencies. A Public Hearing on the budget will be scheduled for the Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Board meeting, after which a final budget will be adopted by Resolution, which will include setting tax levies and various budget related policies and procedures.

Ms. Sagala indicated that the proposed Tentative FY 2020/21 budget includes \$411,490 from fund balance. The 2020/21 Budget Study Session #4 Report dated Friday, August 28, 2020 was reviewed. Ms. Sagala also clarified the status of numerous grants. The County is still waiting to hear on the CESF Grant through Michigan State Police (MSP). The grant for Hazard Pay is to be received on August 24th. The Cares Act Grant that replaced the August Revenue Sharing reimbursement is to be received on August 31, 2020 in the amount of

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\$207,000. All of these grants have different requirements and time frames, so Ms. Sagala is watching them closely. There was also a brief discussion concerning the Dial a Ride and pending Council on Aging millages. Discussion on when the monies are levied and when they are collected will be clarified for budget purposes.

Moved by Bergstrom, seconded by Goodman to adopt the Tentative FY 2020/21 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$11,623,487 and various Supplemental Fund Budgets in the net budget amount of \$9,382,907.

YEAS: 7 Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt, Batzer

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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Commissioner Richard Schmidt asked that the Board enter into Closed Session to discuss prior interview practices and public comments that were made. Chairman Dontz stated that there are only certain purposes that a Board can enter into Closed Session and Mr. Schmidt's request did not meet the requirements for a Closed Session. Mr. Schmidt asked his request be stated in the Record.

(Commissioner Schmidt left the meeting at 3:51 p.m.)

INTERVIEW OF LISA SAGALA FOR THE POSITION OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER

Ms. Lisa Sagala was interviewed and asked numerous questions by the County Board.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Lagerquist, seconded by Batzer to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the interviews for the position of a County Administrator/Controller pursuant to Section 8 (F) of Michigan Open Meetings Act. The County Board of Commissioners including Margaret Batzer, Mark Bergstrom, Jeff Dontz, Karen Goodman, Pauline Jaquish and Gene Lagerquist and Richard Schmidt; and Jill Nowak, County Clerk, are granted permission to remain in the room to participate in the closed session discussion.

YEAS: 6 Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Batzer, Bergstrom

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Schmidt

Motion Carried

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(Entered into closed session at 4:42 p.m.)

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Moved by Lagerquist, seconded by Goodman to return to Open Session of the County Board of Commissioners.

YEAS: 6 Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz
NAYS: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Schmidt

Motion Carried

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(Returned to Open Session of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners at 5:08 p.m.)

APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/CONTROLLER

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Jaquish to appoint Lisa Sagala as the new Manistee County Administrator/Controller effective immediately.

YEAS: 6 Jaquish, Lagerquist, Batzer, Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman
NAYS: 0 None
ABSENT: 1 Schmidt

Motion Carried

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MISCELLANEOUS BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The County Board thanked those that applied for the Administrator/Controller position as they had outstanding candidates. Chairman Dontz will contact the other candidate that was interviewed.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 5:12 p.m.

_____ Clerk