

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

Present: Sheldon Matthews - Committee Chair, Christopher Boyd, Carol Ewing, Dennis Krafft, Carl Ruth, Jack Tany, James Theisen, Michael Webster, Cynthia Winiecke
Absent: Kyle Harris, Gerald Little
Others: Robert Belleman, Vanessa Guerra, Dave Gilbert, Board Staff, Suzy Koepplinger, Koren Thurston, Jessica Sargent, Norm Bamberger, Leah Puskar, Undersheriff Gomez, Connie Sullivan, Christina Harrington, Amos O’Neal, Robert Near, Karen Rowlander, Steve Meyer, Fred Shively, Doug Temple

- I. Call to order---**Matthews at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome – Roll-call
- III. Public comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*)---**None**
- IV. Agenda

1. **Amos O’Neal, State Representative**, re: Presentation on Veterans services in Saginaw County
---**Handouts in file. “Establishing a County Department of Veterans Affairs” and Veteran Service Fund Grant Guidance handbook and application**
---**State Rep. Amos O’Neal introduced Robert Near, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, and Karen Rowlander, Grant and Contract Specialist, State of MI Dept of Military and Veterans Affairs. Discussion was held with Mr. O’Neal, Mr. Near, Ms. Rowland, Steve Meyer, Fred Shively and Doug Temple and the following options were provided to assist with connecting veterans to available benefits:**
 - 1) **Establish a County Department of Veterans Affairs or establish an agreement with an organization serving veterans.**
 - 2) **Utilize space in the community to house a County Veterans Service Office. Potentially at the YMCA, similar to the established agreement in place with the County Commission on Aging.**
 - 3) **Hire or contract a Veteran Service Office as a county employee.**
 - 4) **Why the YMCA? Ease of access and established reputation of serving veterans.**
2. **Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, and Christina Harrington, MPH, Health Officer**, re:
Discussion of General Fund contribution (Maintenance of Effort) to the Health Department
---**Moved by Ruth, seconded by Theisen, to refer to Budget/Audit for consideration. Motion carried. Discussion on where to get additional funds; millage funds; State reimbursement for mandated services; staffing; and priorities.**
3. Other Issues of Interest/Concern – Board of Commissioners
---**O’Neal – Working on 50-50 for Health Departments**
---**Belleman – Can State fund off-site jury trials with ARPA funds?**

V. Miscellaneous

---Ruth asked about Dr. Pruitt moving into the Health Department. Christina Harrington explained about the redesign and remodel, still in conversation with CMU Academic Health Dept. There are three legs of partnership and they are still working toward it.

VI. Adjournment---**Moved by Theisen, seconded by Ruth, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:18 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Matthews, Committee Chair
Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk
Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk

Note: Upon completion of discussion, only motions to refer to an organized committee or to postpone indefinitely shall be allowed - Article IX, Section 9.5, and 2021 Board Rules.