

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**Monday, December 13, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**YMCA – Fieldhouse**  
**1915 Fordney, Saginaw, MI**

**Present:** Sheldon Matthews - Committee Chair, Christopher Boyd, Carol Ewing, Dennis Krafft, Gerald Little, Carl Ruth, Jack Tany, Michael Webster, Cynthia Winiecke

**Absent:** Kyle Harris, James Theisen

**Others:** Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Bill Smith, Vanessa Guerra, Suzy Koeplinger, Hannah Olsen, Cindy Louchart, Cal Talley, Faith Saenz, Charles Coleman, Jennifer Booker, Judge Darnell Jackson, Sue Bidwell, Former Judge M.T. Thompson, Jr., Monique Silvia, Bill Stanuszek, Brenda Coughlin, Jimmie Bentley, Tarsha Works, Charles Parks, Michael Thompson, Gerald Kariem, Zack Robinson, Krystal Irvine, Darwin Baranski, Lori Hausbeck, Dawn Hinton, Melinda Shriner, Jill Hogenson, Koren Thurston, Londra Lawson, Carolyn Jones, Ray Jones, Jessica Sargent, Rene Desander, Cathy Baase, Heidi Tracy, Blair Stevenson, Trent Boyd, Billy Thompson, Jr., Brian Keenan-Lechel, Louis Stephens, Heather Beyerlein, Barb Smith, Scott Fall, Jill Armentrout, Ralph Martin, John Whelton

I. Call to Order---**Matthews at 4:02 p.m.**

II. Welcome / Roll-Call---

III. Public Comment---**None**

IV. Agenda

- General:

1. Dr. Ramont Roberts, Superintendent of Schools, School District of the City of Saginaw  
---**Dr. Ramont Roberts presented to the Committee of the Whole the School District of the City of Saginaw's plans for utilizing the bond passed in 2020 for four (4) different projects, one of which includes the building of a new high school.**

- Internal ARPA Requests:

1. Hon. Darnell Jackson, requesting ARPA funding to conduct off-site jury trials  
---**Judge Jackson presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to conduct off-site jury trials as he does not believe safe, socially distanced jury trials can take place at the courthouse. Judge Jackson also, while at the meeting, asked the Board to consider renovating new space for jury trials if leasing of outside spaces is not going to continue.**
2. Controller/CAO, requesting ARPA funding for air purification, masks & staffing for COVID screening  
---**Mr. Belleman presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to upgrade the Courthouse HVAC System or upgrade the Courthouse's complete system, to purchase more County and public masks, to purchase temporary air purifiers, for personnel to conduct COVID screening at the front doors, and for personnel to manage County employee COVID cases.**

- External Requests:

1. Youth Development Corporation, USA – Cal Talley and Faith Saenz, Program Director  
**---Mr. Talley and Mrs. Saenz presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to allow for the acquisition of more students in their program and to supplement their retention rate.**
2. Child & Family Services – Jill E. Hogenson, LMSW, ACSW, President/CEO  
**---Mrs. Hogenson presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to go to the HOPE Counseling Fund to expand their counseling services to those with no insurance or with significantly high deductibles.**
3. Public Libraries of Saginaw – Michael Thompson, Secretary, Public Libraries of Saginaw Board of Trustees---**Mr. Thompson presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to establish a “Library of Things” with the intent of all items being available to the community to borrow instead of having to purchase.**
4. Great Lakes Bay Health Centers- Community Based COVID Response – Jill Armentrout, Fund Development Coordinator---**Mrs. Armentrout presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to go towards COVID-related staffing needs, supplies, and utilities for their drive-thru building that provides COVID vaccinations and COVID tests to the community.**
5. Tri-Township Fire Department – Charles “Mick” Levens, Fire Chief  
**---Mr. Levens presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to purchase new personal protective equipment for all 30 firefighters. This request includes thirty (30) sets of structural turnout gear and thirty (30) sets of wildland/vehicle extrication/COVID-19 PPE turnout gear.**
6. Chesaning/Brady Fire Department – Scott J. Fall, Fire Chief  
**---Mr. Fall presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to purchase Turnout gear that would include boots, pants, coats, gloves, helmets, and Nomex hoods.**
7. A Proposal to Use Saginaw’s Stimulus Money for the Revitalization of Its Distressed Communities – M.T. Thompson, Jr. ---**Mr. Thompson presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to establish a crime prevention program in Saginaw.**
8. Suicide Resource & Response Network – Barb Smith, Executive Director  
**---Mrs. Smith presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to support the trainings that would be provided to a set number of Saginaw County Employees and residents regarding suicide prevention and ways to supports those dealing with the aftermath of a completed suicide.**
9. The Neighb (Capital Improvement, Operations, Programs) – Tarsha Works and Ray Jones  
**---Mrs. Works and Mr. Jones presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to start Capital Improvement projects at their 3145 Russell Street location in Saginaw, to continue and improve the current operating support they provide throughout the organization, and to expand the programs that they currently offer.**

10. First Ward Community Service – ~~Bob Johnson~~

**---A representative for Mr. Johnson presented to the Committee of the Whole the request for ARPA funding to fix the boiler, roof, and air conditioning at their facility located at 1410 N. Twelfth Street.**

- Other Communications:

1. Letter from Thomas Township---**No action**
2. COVID Money Ideas – Ashley Heim---**No action**
3. County of Saginaw – Press Release---**No action**

- Board of Commissioners – Discussion

- A. Motions to refer

**---Motion by Ruth, supported by Winiecke, to refer the ARPA funding request made by the Controller, Robert Belleman, to the Special Executive Committee meeting taking place on December 14, 2021 prior to the Board Session.**

- B. Next Committee of the Whole meeting

**--- The next Committee of the Whole meeting, and the final CoW to hear ARPA funding requests, will be held January 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Buena Vista Community Center**

- C. Other

V. Miscellaneous---**Commissioner Webster recognized the Chair of the YMCA; Vice-Chair Matthews thanked the YMCA for hosting this meeting**

VI. Adjournment---**Moved by Little, supported by Ewing, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 6:28 p.m.**

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