

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Present: Sheldon Matthews - Committee Chair, Christopher Boyd, Carol Ewing, Kyle Harris, Dennis Krafft, Gerald Little, Carl Ruth, Tracey Slodowski, Jack Tany

Absent: Michael Webster, Cynthia Winiecke

Others: Robert Belleman, Denny Harris, Lisa Coney, Rich Spitzer, Mark Piotrowski, Jaime Ceja, Koren Thurston, Undersheriff Gomez, Brian Wendling, Tarsha Works, Steve Meyer, Ralph Martin, Denita Dorsey, Ceylon Williams Betts, Carly Rose Hammond, Michael Thompson, Suzy Koeplinger, Marissa Sawdon, Mary Williams, and others

I. Call to order ---**Matthews at 4:00 p.m.**

II. Welcome

III. Public comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*)

- **Steve Meyer spoke of the programs that the YMCA offers and the staffing reductions due to the pandemic. Mr. Meyer asked the committee to place the YMCA request back into consideration.**
- **Undersheriff Gomez advocated for the YMCA's Mission Nutrition program and informed commissioners of the value the free meals give to the children in the community. He asked the committee to reconsider the \$100,000 request for a new kitchen for the Mission Nutrition program.**
- **Ralph Martin asked the committee to reconsider the Saginaw County African Festival's request and stated he is open to negotiating. He also asked for the board to provide reasoning for the rejection if the decision still stands.**
- **Jeff Bulls explained the benefits that The Neighb offers to the community and stated his support for The Neighb's request for ARPA funding.**
- **Carly Rose Hammond spoke of the long process it has been to allocate ARPA funds and requested the committee reflect on capital investments vs program investments.**
- **Michael Thompson asked the committee to review and assess the jail population.**

IV. Agenda

1. Discussion of requests tabled at the November 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole

Review/discussion of External Request funding requests from the following organizations:

| Req. # | Organization | Description | Original Amt. |
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| #7 | School District of the City of Saginaw | Community Resource / Youth Program / Activities | \$750,000 Amended: \$1,000,000 |
| #21 | Youth Development Corp USA | Advance Underserved At-Risk Youth & Adults by Expanding Accessibility in Education Training/Career Placement – Skilled Trades | \$305,000 Amended: \$1,241,484 |
| #29 | The Neighb | Support/Programs to Prevent Crime, Promote Economic Development, and Community Health | \$4 mil. Amended: \$2.25 mil. |

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| #30 | First Ward Community Center | Building Upgrades; After School, Drug Prevention & Senior Programs, Soup Kitchen, Utilities, Insurance, Fees | \$1,130,000 Amended: \$1,190,000 |
| #32 | Community Action Committee | Econ. Dev.– Affordable Housing (\$1 mil); Econ. Dev. – Small Bus. Childcare (\$500,000); Community Center Support (\$1.5 mil); Education (\$1.2 mil) | \$4.2 mil. Amended: \$2.5 mil. |

Mr. Belleman informed the committee that the City of Saginaw is looking for a partnership on two requests. The City asked Saginaw County to fund \$500,000 to the Community Action Committee and \$500,000 to First Ward.

---Ruth moved, seconded by Harris, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to partner with the City of Saginaw by funding \$500,000 of ARPA funds to Community Action Committee and \$500,000 of ARPA funds to First Ward. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Harris, Krafft, Ruth, Matthews - 4

No: Tany, Boyd, Slodowski, Ewing, Little - 5

Absent: Webster, Winiecke - 2

Total: - 11

---Boyd moved, seconded by Tany, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$125,000 of ARPA funds to Mission Nutrition expansion at the YMCA. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Boyd, Slodowski, Harris, Ewing, Tany - 5

No: Ruth, Krafft, Little, Matthews - 4

Absent: Webster, Winiecke - 2

Total: - 11

---Krafft moved, seconded by Harris, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to remove request #7, School District of the City of Saginaw, from consideration for ARPA funding. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Slodowski, Harris, Ewing, Krafft, Little, Tany, Boyd, Matthews - 8

No: Ruth - 1

Absent: Webster, Winiecke - 2

Total: - 11

---Moved by Little, seconded by Ruth, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$100,000 of ARPA funds to Youth Development Corp USA. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Slodowski, Ewing, Little, Ruth, Matthews - 5

No: Harris, Krafft, Tany, Boyd - 4

Absent: Webster, Winiecke - 2

Total: - 11

---Moved by Ruth, seconded by Little, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$250,000 of ARPA funds to First Ward Community Center. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

---Moved by Ruth, seconded by Tany, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$250,000 of ARPA funds to the Community Action Committee. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Harris, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to place remaining funds of \$292,179 in reserve to be committed by December 31, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

---Moved by Boyd, seconded by Little, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to challenge the City of Saginaw to match or exceed our allocation of \$100,000 to Youth Development Corp USA. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. **Robert V. Belleman, Controller/CAO**, re:

- Discussion of ARPA Reporting Matrix, establishing what criteria recipients of Saginaw County ARPA funding would report to the Board of Commissioners under the Subrecipient Agreement (To be provided at meeting)
Discussion was held regarding the current funding process that includes a subrecipient agreement and the various requirements included in the contract. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis. Commissioners spoke with Mr. Belleman about various items within the contracts, the federal regulations on spending and letters to provide explanations to those requestors whose proposals were rejected.

3. Other Issues of Interest/Concern

- Mr. Belleman submitted a communication from Brian Wendling, Public Works Commissioner, requesting \$200,000 of the previously committed \$1 million to be allocated to the Parker Swamp Drain in Tittabawassee Township.
Discussion was held regarding the priorities of drain work at different locations as well as the original purpose of the funds which is to minimize financial burden on farmers.
---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Ruth, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$200,000 of the \$1 million in ARPA funding set aside for Public Works on the Parker Swamp Drain. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Yes: Ruth, Slodowski, Krafft, Little, Tany, Boyd, Matthews - 7
No: Harris, Ewing - 2
Absent: Webster, Winiecke - 2
Total: - 11
- Mr. Belleman spoke to the committee about HealthSource Saginaw and its challenge to retain staffing talent. He explained that HealthSource will be hiring a consultant in the near future but recommended that action be taken until a long-term plan is established.
---Ruth moved, seconded by Krafft, to refer to Executive Committee the recommendation to allocate \$297,000 of ARPA Revenue Replacement funds for a cost of living increase to non-union staff at HealthSource Saginaw. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Yes: Tany, Boyd, Ruth, Slodowski, Krafft, Little, Matthews - 7
No: Harris, Ewing - 2
Absent: Webster, Winiecke - 2
Total: - 11

V. Miscellaneous

- ***Chairman Ruth thanked his colleagues for making strong decisions and stated that he just might miss his departing colleagues in his retirement.***
- ***Commissioner Ewing reminded commissioners of the Food Drive at Don's Foodland in Birch Run, to be held on Friday December 16th from 10:00-3:00 p.m.***
- ***Commissioner Krafft recounted his experience visiting Gladwin County Commissioners, whose Flying G's football team defeated the Frankenmuth Eagles in the District 5 finals at Ford Field after a close and exciting game. Commissioner Krafft visited Gladwin County's December Board Session to delivery a basket full of items representing Saginaw County. He also offered them a proclamation, which challenges Gladwin County to the same wager for the next two years and they accepted!***

VI. Adjournment ---***Moved by Little, seconded by Harris, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:55 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheldon Matthews – Committee Chair
Suzy Koeplinger – Committee Clerk