

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: David Heeres, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus.

Appeared via telephonic conferencing: Ed Boettcher and Dawn LaVanway.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Vice-Chair requested Public Comment. Phillip Van Den Berge, Otec Communications Systems owner addressed the Board regarding the bid process for the MPSCS Mobile Fire Radios. Public Comment closed at 7:05 p.m.

The Vice-Chair announced that per Governor Gretchen Whitmer Executive Order 2020-15 (COVID-19) provides for temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and allows members to vote by roll call. Commissioner Boettcher and Commissioner LaVanway will be attending and voting by telephonic conferencing and the meeting is streaming live on the County face book page.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Ricksgers, that the agenda be approved as amended with the addition for Leslie Meyers, Emergency Services Coordinator COVID-19 Activities List Report. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by VanAlstine, that the meeting minutes of March 5, 2020 be approved as corrected. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

COMMUNICATIONS/NOTICES:

- Otec Communications Systems
- Cass County – Second Amendment Resolution
- Consumers Energy – COVID-19 Preparedness
- DTE Energy – COVID-19 Preparedness
- 86th District Court – COVID-19 Response
- Grass River Natural Area – COVID-19 Protocol
- OTEC Communications System – MPSCS Fire Radios Bid
- Tele-Rad – MPSCS Fire Radios Bid

LIAISON/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Bargy – NW MI Health Department Special Meeting COVID-19 (Rules & Responsibility)

Commissioner Marcus – NACO- COVID-19 and cancellations due to the COVID-19

Commissioner LaVanway – Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, Antrim County Road Commission, Parks & Recreation subcommittee

Commissioner Watrous – Meadow Brook Medical Care update COVID-19

It was moved by Heeres, and seconded by Ricksgers, that the Claims and Accounts in the amount of \$155,543.46 be approved and paid. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bargo, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board authorize the Vice-Chair to execute the program guide (Terms and conditions) between CardConnect, LLC and Antrim County, which will be effective for three 3 years after approved and renewed annually unless notice is given. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bargo, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

ORIGINAL MOTION

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Boettcher, that the Board accept the bid from Grand Traverse Mobile for \$279,931.40 for the budgeted purchase of MPSCS Fire Radios and to approve the release of funds from GL (#262-901-980.348). No vote taken

Discussion followed. Communications from Otec Communications Systems and Tele-Rad, Inc. Sgt. Mike Gank and Sheriff Dan Bean addressed the Board.

Commissioner LaVanway asked for a **POSTPONEMENT** on action to award bid for the MPSCS Fire Radios project for Engineering Study results. Discussion followed.

ACTION

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by LaVanway, that the bid award for the MPSCS Fire Radios be **POSTPONED** pending the results of the Engineering Study for up to 120 days from the date of bid ~~deadline~~ **opening** and information be identified on the number of radios needed and wanted. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bargo, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – Boettcher; Absent – None.

It was moved by Marcus, seconded by Helwig, that the Board authorize the release of funds to purchase a 2020 Chevy Equinox for the Sheriff Department, Detective vehicle at the cost of \$21,211.00 from Berger Chevrolet and \$500.00 to transfer radio equipment for total cost not to exceed \$21,711.00 (replacement for 2007 Crown Vic) funding budgeted in the General Fund, Capital Outlay, Equipment – Sheriff (#101-901-980.301). Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bargo, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Helwig, seconded by Marcus, that the Board authorize the release of funds to purchase a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD for the Sheriff Department, DARE vehicle at a cost of \$32,964.00 from Signature Ford, (replacement for Dodge Charger totaled in 2019) ~~as budgeted,~~ **and approve a budget amendment from the General Fund, Fund Balance** to the General Fund, Capital Outlay, Sheriff-Equipment, (#101-901-980.301). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargo, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Watrous, that the Board authorize the purchase and release of funds to purchase two (2) pursuit rated black 2020 Chevy Tahoe Police Package vehicles to the Sheriff Department at a cost \$34,429.00 each for a total of \$68,858.00 from Berger Chevrolet (replacement of two totaled vehicles budgeted but not purchased in 2019). That the Finance Director be authorized to make a budget amendment to increase the 2020 General Fund budget, Capital Outlay, Equipment- Sheriff (#101-901-980.301) by \$68,858.00 by making the transfer from the General Fund, fund balance. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Helwig, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board authorize the purchase and release of funds to purchase one (1) pursuit rated black Chevy Tahoe Police Package vehicle for the Sheriff Department at a cost of \$34,429.00 from Berger Chevrolet as budgeted in the 2020 General Fund, Capital Outlay, Equipment – Sheriff (#101-901-980.301). Motion carried as follows: Yes – Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Heeres, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

The Vice-Chair appointed Kim Schmidt to the Antrim County 2020 Tax Allocation Board as a member not officially connected with or employed by any local or county unit.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Heeres, that the Board accept the Vice-Chair's appointment of Kim Schmidt to the Antrim County 2020 Tax Allocation Board as a member not officially connected with or employed by any local unit. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Vice-Chair appointed Commissioner Karen Bary to the Antrim County 2020 Tax Allocation Board as the member of the Board and finance.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Boettcher, that the Board accept the Vice-Chair's appointment of Commissioner Karen Bary to the Antrim County 2020 Tax Allocation Board as the member representing the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

It was moved by Heeres, seconded by Watrous, that due to the health concerns associated with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), that the Board approve Short's Brewery request to reschedule parking lot use from 8:00 a.m. on Saturday April 25, 2020 to Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 12:00 p.m., to 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 17, 2020 through Sunday October 18, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. for use of the parking lot between the County Building (north side) and the File Storage Building off of Hickory for the use of porta-johns and perimeter fencing during the annual Short's Anniversary Party, subject to receipt of the required certificate of insurance, and approve an exception to the no alcohol requirements in the Grounds Use Policy due to the dedication of security personnel on the site. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Bary, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Heeres, that the Board approve a temporary suspension of the Board of Commissioner Rules, Section 1. Meetings: To suspend all future scheduled regular Board of Commissioners meetings until further notice due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic. When deemed appropriate the meetings are to resume at the call of the Chair. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.
Discussion followed.

It was moved by Ricksgers, seconded by LaVanway, that, due to the COVID-19/ Coronavirus pandemic, the Board approve a temporary suspension of #1 of the 2020 Budget Resolution and authorize the Chair of the Board, County Administrator and the Finance Director to approve Claims and Accounts until such time as a quorum of the Board decides to lift the suspension. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.
Discussion followed.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by LaVanway, that, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, the Board approve a temporary suspension of #4 of the 2020 Budget Resolution and authorize the Chair of the Board, County Administrator and the Finance Director to approve capital outlay expenditures over \$10,000.00, if budgeted, until such time a quorum of the Board decides to lift the suspension. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig; No – Bary, Marcus; Absent – None.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Heeres, that the Board approve the temporary suspension of County Policies, due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, related to the approval of contracts, bids, grant applications and award, and budget transfers and authorize approval upon consensus of the Chair of the Board, County Administrator, and the Finance Director, until such time a quorum of the Board decides to lift the suspension. Motion carried as follows: Yes - Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig; No – Ricksgers, Marcus; Absent – None.
Discussion followed.

It was moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve the Severe Communicable Disease Outbreak Staffing and Services Consideration Policy. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Peter Garwood, County Administrator addressed the Board with his report.

- Board members questions and input.

REPORTS:

- Airport Financials – February 2020
- Antrim County Transportation Financials – January 2020
- Antrim Conservation District Update – February 2020
- Building Department Financials – February 2020
- Soil Erosion Control Officer Update – February 2020
- Emergency Services Coordinator Activities List Report – COVID-19

Brad Rizzo, Finance Director addressed the Board with his report.

- Revenue & Expenditure Report – February 2020
- Verbal report budget status questions

Chairman Report – There was no report.

Sheriff Reports:

- Township Statistics – February 2020
- Animal Control Statistics – February 2020

VARIOUS MATTERS:

There was none.

The Vice-Chair requested Public Comment. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Vice-Chair, Karen Bargy

County Clerk, Sheryl Guy