

Health and Public Safety Committee

Christian Marcus

Karen Bargy, Chair

Bob Wilson

Minutes October 25, 2016

Members present: Karen Bargy, Christian Marcus, Bob Wilson
Members absent: None
Others present: Pete Garwood, Mike Crawford, Janet Koch

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Karen Bargy

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Commission on Aging (COA)

Financial Reports

Judy Parliament, COA Director, had included financial information in the agenda packets, but was not present at the meeting.

Snow Removal Contracts

Mr. Marcus asked about the ability to add a snowplowing contractor in the middle of winter; Pete Garwood, County Administrator, said that could be done on an emergency basis. He added that Ms. Parliament would be managing the contractors appropriately. Mr. Garwood said the following language was added to the contracts and was the only change to the contract from the previous year outside of the date: "The contractor shall be responsible for the necessary workers' compensation insurance. The contractor shall also be responsible for commercial general liability insurance and motor vehicle with limits of liability not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Both the commercial general liability insurance and the motor vehicle insurance shall include the County as an additional insured."

Motion by Christian Marcus, seconded by Bob Wilson, to recommend the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chairman to execute a contract for services for snow plowing the parking lots, shoveling the walkways and removal of snow piles as necessary at the Bellaire Senior Center from 11/10/16 – 4/30/17 with Union Designs & Landscaping, LLC and to execute contracts for services for snow removal at private senior residences in various locations throughout Antrim County from 11/10/16 - 4/30/17 with the following contractors: John Bacca, C&K, Inc.; Garrett Landscaping; Marshall & Sons Contracting; SJ & Family Lawn Care; Union Designs & Landscaping, LLC. Motion carried – unanimous.

4. Airport Update

Financial Reports

John Strehl, Airport Manager, had included the Airport's revenue and expenditure reports in the agenda packets. Mr. Strehl was not present at the meeting.

5. Antrim County Transportation (ACT) Update

Financial Reports

Al Meacham, ACT Director, presented the following documents for the agenda packets: Revenue Schedule 2016, 2016 Expense Schedule, and Miscellaneous Revenue Fiscal Year 2016.

Mr. Meacham noted that ACT's fiscal year, which coincides with the fiscal year for the State of Michigan, ended on September 30.

Pete Garwood, County Administrator, said the County would have a new insurance company providing workers compensation in 2017. Ms. Bary asked about the progress on obtaining a generator for ACT's gas pumps. Mr. Meacham said he was working on a grant application.

6. Sheriff Department Update

Animal Control Report

Sheriff Dan Bean had included the Animal Control Report in the agenda packets.

911 Dispatch Consoles

Jessica Spindler and Mark Kooyers of Tele-Rad presented costs for the service and maintenance agreements for 911 MC5500 consoles. The cost for the replacement of 4 computers was \$15,200, which would not replace equipment in back room. If the County provided the computers, the installation cost would be \$5,500. Sergeant Mike Gank said he had costs for the computers but did not have them with him.

Ms. Spindler said advanced replacement isn't part of the current contract, but would be if there was new equipment. Ms. Spindler said Motorola will not sign a contract for maintaining outdated equipment, but Tele-Rad will service the outdated equipment on a "best efforts" contract. Mr. Kooyers said Ogemaw County is paying \$8000 a year for service on MC 5500 consoles, but he cannot get a price from Motorola to do that same thing for Antrim County. He added that he did not expect Motorola would write a service agreement for computers they did not sell. The County is currently paying \$6,000 for service.

Ms. Bary said the 911 Board had recommended pursue upgrading the 5500 consoles with a 5-year service plan at their September 7 meeting. She noted other large purchases that are planned for upcoming years; specifically mobile data terminals and tower projects.

Mr. Kooyers said the Michigan Public Safety Communication System (MPSCS) no longer accepts the addition of new 5500's into their system, but existing 5500's are allowed to continue as part of the system. The 5500 consoles can still be supported by Motorola and can be upgraded.

Mr. Kooyers recommended the MC 7500 as it provides direct IP control to the MPSCS and would have improved redundancy. He noted that many neighboring 911 dispatch centers have upgraded to the MC 7500. He said the situation is more a question of when, not if, the County purchases the MC 7500 consoles.

It was noted that 5500 consoles are radio-based and have no more priority than any radio in the field. The MC 7500 consoles are based on internet protocol. This allows 911 dispatch to commandeer a channel. It includes the ability to switch to local radio control; this is a built-in redundancy. Sergeant Gank expected a cost of \$675 per month from PFN for fiber connection; this would provide fiber connection to Mancelona tower and to the MPSCS. He added that he anticipates some cost reduction once the ESINET project is completed.

Mr. Kooyers said he would have to ask Motorola for an updated MC 7500 proposal in order to ensure accurate numbers, but he estimated the cost at \$350,000 with annual support of \$14,000. Mr. Kooyers said the State had completed the IP upgrades to their towers; since then there have been no outage issues.

Mr. Wilson said his motion at the Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting was to purchase the MC 7500 with funds from the oil and gas reserve fund. He said a functional 911 dispatch system is required for the protection of Antrim County. Ms. Bargy said 911 Dispatch is financed with a millage and 911 costs should remain within its confines. Mr. Crawford said monies could be made available from funds.

Motion by Karen Bargy to recommend the Board of Commissioners authorize the upgrading the MC 5500 with 4 computers, with an advanced replacement contract to be included, at a cost of \$15,200 with the maintenance contract. The motion died for lack of support.

Sheriff Bean said he would like the County to purchase the MC 7500's, but understands the 911 Board's recommendations. He considers the mobile data terminals to be very important. Mr. Kooyers said once the County purchases the MC 7500, the State will take the responsibility of upgrading the software; currently the County is responsible for upgrading the 5500's software. The MC 7500 has a 10-year life cycle. He said the MPSCS could be asked to make a presentation regarding the MC 7500 consoles.

Motion by Bob Wilson to recommend the Board of Commissioners to purchase the MC 7500 consoles. The motion died for lack of support.

Motion by Christian Marcus, seconded Bob Wilson, to recommend the Finance Committee explore the purchase of the MC 7500 consoles at an estimated cost of \$345,000 with the purchase of a service agreement estimated at \$14,000 annually, with additional information from the MPSCS regarding the 7500 consoles to be presented at the November 7 Finance Committee meeting with the 911 Board to be invited to the meeting.

Motion carried - unanimous.

It was noted that Ms. Spindler will invite a representative of the MPSCS to the Finance meeting. Mr. Kooyers said the MPSCS will make a 45-minute presentation. Sheriff Bean said he will invite the 911 Board to the Finance meeting.

The Committee recessed at 10:55 a.m.

The Committee returned from recess at 11:00 a.m.

Mancelona Tower

It was noted that payment for the mic fees had been sent to the State of Michigan. Sergeant Gank said the lease for the new tower equipment will be forwarded to the Administration Office for review by civil counsel for a decision at the November BOC meeting. Mr. Kooyers noted some recommendations for the tower lease that he will communicate in writing to the Sheriff. Mr. Kooyers said they will soon be fighting cold weather when working on the tower and would like to get moving quickly on the project.

7. Grand Valley State University (GVSU) Affiliation Agreement for COA and Sheriff

Janet Koch, Associate Planner, said the agreements had been revised per civil counsel's review and sent to GVSU, who had not at that point responded.

Mr. Wilson asked about the Commission on Aging Board's recommendation regarding the agreements.

8. Veteran's Update

Debra Peters, Veterans Affairs Director, said she had made a presentation the previous day to the Bellaire Rotary about the Veterans Affairs Office. Also, the November 3 issue of the *Antrim Review* will contain pamphlets about the services of the office. She noted that the newspaper's circulation is 2,600.

Ms. Bargo asked about listing some of the lesser-known services that the Veterans Affairs Office can provide in the pamphlet. She noted Grand Traverse County's pamphlet as an example. She also asked that the pamphlet be distributed to the *Elk Rapids News*.

Personnel Budget Amendment

Ms. Peters spoke highly of Denelle Fleet, the newest employee in her department. In light of the upcoming changes in overtime regulations for salaried employees, Ms. Peters is training Ms. Fleet to take over some of her duties so Ms. Peters' overtime hours can be reduced. She told the Committee she would be making a request to the Administration Committee to increase the hours of Clerk Typist Ms. Fleet from her current 12 hours per week to 20 hours per week for the remainder of 2016. The 2017 budget includes funds for 20 hours per week of the Clerk Typist.

Ms. Bargo asked about the vacancies on the Veterans Affairs Committee. Ms. Peters said she had received a number of applications and had confidence that the vacancies would be filled appropriately.

Mike Crawford, Chair of the Board of Commissioners, mentioned that the Michigan State Police had just instituted a pilot program for drug addiction, "Angel," that is focused on rehabilitation.

9. Emergency Services

Monthly Report

Leslie Meyers, Emergency Services Coordinator, was not present at the meeting.

10. Various Matters

Mr. Marcus said at a recent Michigan Association of Counties he had participated in a Police Mental Health Collaboration Program webinar. He added there was some indication that support could be coming from the federal government, which was initiated by the Stepping Up program.

Ms. Bargo asked Mr. Garwood to look into the availability of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) counseling services for emergency services personnel through a health insurance rider or Workers' Compensation. Mr. Garwood said he would bring that information back to the Committee.

Mr. Garwood said he had pursued the disputed claim for short-term disability between a County employee and Mutual of Omaha, but there was, as of yet, no resolution to the matter.

11. Public Comment

None.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.