

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL WORK SESSION

Proposed Minutes

DATE: September 19, 2023

TIME: 11:34 a.m.

PLACE: Fillmore Street Complex

PRESENT: Gretchen Cosby, Lucy Ebel, Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema, Joe Moss, Rebekah Curran, Sylvia Rhodea, Roger Belknap, and Allison Miedema (9)

ABSENT: Roger Bergman (1)

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Spaman-Blendon Township
2. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township
3. Karen Obits-Spring Lake Township
4. Kylie Buist-Georgetown Township
5. Aaron Compagner-Jamestown Township

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF AGENDA

FC 23-136 Motion: To approve the agenda of today.
Moved by: Moss UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

FC 23-137 Motion: To approve the minutes from the September 5, 2023, Finance and Administration Committee Meeting.
Moved by: Curran UNANIMOUS

SUBJECT: AGENDA AND ACTION REQUESTS

FC 23-138 Motion: To approve and forward to the Board of Commissioners the Fiscal Year 2024 General Appropriations Act.
Moved by: Moss

The motion passed by the following votes: Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Joe Moss, Allison Miedema, Sylvia Rhodea, Rebekah Curran and Gretchen Cosby. (7)

Nays: Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema. (2)

FC 23-139 Motion: To amend the proposed budget by reinstating the general fund transfer \$1,804,273 to the public health fund and cancel the proposed elimination of the six grant items totaling \$2,329,516.

Moved by: Zylstra

The motion failed by the following votes: Roger Belknap, Rebekah Curran, Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, Lucy Ebel and Gretchen Cosby. (7)

Yeas: Jacob Bonnema, Doug Zylstra. (2)

FC 23-140 Motion: To amend the proposed budget by making a general fund transfer of \$367,097 to fully fund health education for the public health department.

Moved by: Zylstra

The motion failed by the following votes: Joe Moss, Allison Miedema, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Roger Belknap, Sylvia Rhodea, and Gretchen Cosby. (7)

Yeas: Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema. (2)

FC 23-141 Motion: Call to question.

Moved by: Miedema

The motion passed.

FC 23-142 Motion: To take a recess.

Moved by: Rhodea

The motion passed.

Chairperson Cosby called for a recess at 12:45 p.m.

Chairperson Cosby called the meeting back to order at 12:56 p.m.

FC 23-143 Motion: Move to eliminate \$80,000 from salaries and \$50,000 from benefits and retain all \$202,262 in contracted services, to hire a consultant to perform a needs assessment.

Moved by: Bonnema

The motion failed by the following votes: Lucy Ebel, Allison Miedema, Joe Moss, Sylvia Rhodea, Rebekah Curran, Roger Belknap, and Gretchen Cosby. (7)

Yeas: Jacob Bonnema, Doug Zylstra. (2)

Per Commissioner Miedema and Commissioner Moss the following was asked to be made on the record. The FY24 budget is seeking a substantial increase to the veteran's department to not only move it out from underneath the administration where it has been in the past, but to create a formal department with a director so that the first step to better serving veterans in Ottawa County can begin.

FC 23-144 Motion: Move to eliminate funding for the digital communications specialist of \$92,040.
Moved by: Zylstra

Motion fails for lack of a second.

FC 23-145 Motion: Move to reduce funding for contracted services for corporate counsel from \$430,500 to \$375,200, which was the original amount from the 8/1/2023 budget.
Moved by: Zylstra

The motion failed by the following votes: Roger Belknap, Joe Moss, Rebekah Curran, Lucy Ebel, Sylvia Rhodea, Allison Miedema, and Gretchen Cosby. (7)

Yeas: Doug Zylstra, Jacob Bonnema. (2)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Spaman-Blendon Township
2. Rebecca Patrick-Allendale Township
3. Bonnie Tarneth-Ottawa County
4. David Barnosky-Port Sheldon Township
5. Karen Obits-Spring Lake Township

SUBJECT: ADJOURNMENT

The chairperson called for adjournment at 1:38 p.m.