

BUDGET COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
DRAFT - MINUTES
Tuesday, September 5, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.
Howard Male Conference Room

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bill LaHaie, Dan Ludlow, Bill Peterson, Brenda Fournier, Travis Konarzewski, and Chair Burt Francisco. Commissioners Robin Lalonde and John Kozlowski, excused.

OTHERS PRESENT: County Administrator Jesse Osmer, Clerk Keri Bertrand, Treasurer Kim Ludlow

Chair Francisco called the Budget Workshop to order at 12:00 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEM: Treasurer Kim Ludlow gave a brief overview of items that were included in the budget books that were provided to the Commissioners. Treasurer Ludlow handed out an updated balance sheet as of 8/31/2024 for review. Discussion was made on the \$75,000 the landfill will be allocating to the County for both 2024 and 2025.

INFORMATION ITEM: Discussion was made on the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund. Treasurer Ludlow made a recommendation to update the policy. From 2005 to 2017 the Board of Commissioners took 100% of the net proceeds. The policy currently states the board is only to take 50%. From 2018 to 2024 the board has taken the 50% which is policy. Treasurer Ludlow recommends the board approve taking 100% of the 2024 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund net income (an additional \$161,776 in revenue to the 2024 budget). It would also be an additional \$243,001 additional revenue to the 2025 budget with the caveat that the board will change its Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Policy.

Motion was made by Commissioner LaHaie and supported by Commissioner Fournier to recommend approval to take 100% of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund net income for both 2024 and 2025 and to update the current Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Policy as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Peterson, Fournier, Konarzewski, and Francisco. NAYS: None. Commissioners Lalonde and Kozlowski, excused. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1: Recommendation to approve taking 100% of the net income for 2024 of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund giving additional revenue of \$161,776 (totaling \$323,552) and taking 100% of the net income for 2025 of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund giving additional revenue of \$243,001 (totaling \$486,002) and to update the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Policy in the year 2025 as presented.

INFORMATION ITEM: Treasurer Ludlow reported the Board has historically provided an appropriation to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' main fund in the amount of \$24,000 and the Child Care fund in the amount of \$2,000. Any money that is not spent would be returned to the County but for the last three years DHHS has not returned any money. The DHHS main fund currently has a balance of \$77,000 and the sub account Child Care fund has

a balance of \$12,800. There is no money budgeted for 2025 to be appropriated to either fund. Treasurer Ludlow recommends suspending the 2024 appropriation to both funds as they have enough money in their current fund balance without additional money coming from the County. This would save a total of \$8,666.64.

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Ludlow to recommend suspending appropriations to DHHS for the remainder of 2024 as presented. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners LaHaie, Ludlow, Peterson, Fournier, Konarzewski, and Francisco. NAYS: None. Commissioners Lalonde and Kozlowski, excused. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2: Recommendation to approve suspending appropriations to DHHS Funds 290 and 296 for the remainder of 2024 saving \$8,000 for the DHHS Fund appropriation and \$666.64 for the Child Care sub account appropriation as presented.

INFORMATION ITEM: County Administrator Jesse Osmer reported the Board was separated into subcommittee groups of two and were assigned different portions of the budget to meet and review with the Department Heads. The Commissioners made notes on any cuts or reforms that could be done to save money.

Commissioners LaHaie and Kozlowski: Commissioner LaHaie recommends any Department Head with objections to their cuts to come before the Board for presentation.

Commissioners Francisco and Ludlow: Recommendation was made for the Prosecutor's Office and the Animal Control Officer and Sheriff to present before the Board.

Commissioners Peterson and Lalonde: Recommendation was made for the Sheriff's Office to present before the Board.

Commissioners Konarzewski and Fournier: Recommendation was made for Building Grounds and Maintenance and MSU Extension to present before the Board.

Commissioner Fournier also recommended the Drain Commissioner present before the Board.

The presentations will be scheduled for 11:00 a.m. in the Howard Male as follows:

- **September 10th – Prosecutor's Office, Drain Commissioner, and MSU Extension**
- **September 24th – Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, and Building Grounds and Maintenance**

Administrator Osmer will reach out to the Departments to help get them prepared.

The Budget Committee Workshop ended at 12:44 p.m.

Burt Franciso, Budget Workshop Chair

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