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CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE

STATE OF MICHIGAN

NO. 9

SECOND DAY EQUALIZATION MEETING

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RECONVENING OF THE FIRST DAY EQUALIZATION MEETING

Meeting conducted online via Zoom.us

Thursday, April 30, 2020

10:00 a.m.

The Commission was called to order by the Chair of the Commission, Alisha R. Bell, at 10:02 a.m.

The roll of the Commission was requested by Pamela Lane, Acting Clerk:

Anderson - EDS
Basham - present
Baydoun - present
Clark-Coleman - present
Daub - present
Haidous - present
Killeen - present
Knezek, Jr. - present
Marecki - present
Baker McCormick - present
Scott - present
Varga - present
Ware - present
Palamara - EDS
Bell - present

13 present, a quorum
INVOCATION

Chair Bell called upon Commissioner Clark-Coleman for the introduction of Rev. James L. Moss, Pastor, Living Waters Church, Detroit:

“Let us pray. Father God, the God of all grace and peace. Thank you for allowing us to grace your presence once again. Lord, your word says that you will guide us. Your word will be as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. So in this what seems to be a dark tunnel of deadly pestilence, an endless cave of COVID-19 cases, we pursue that light. We uphold that lamp which we know in our heart of hearts is the illumination of Christ. Now bless these leaders in every meeting, decision, petition, phone call, house call, cry for help, for every tear they see that isn’t accompanied by an explanation not just being essential workers but essential vessels.

Graced with the responsibility of caring for and keeping your precious creations out of harm’s way, I invoke your covering, your protection, your comfort, your wisdom, understanding. Inundate them now. Submerge them with the compassion that it takes to truly care for another brother and sister. And like you, Father, let us move in love where there is no divide or dissension. For every life matters, every community relevant. I call upon it now by the power you have vested in me. Ye though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. We shall fear no evil. Thy rod and staff will comfort us. Goodness and mercy will follow us as we prepare to dwell in your house forever. Amen & Amen.”

READING, CORRECTING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, supported by Vice-Chair Palamara, moved approval of the proposed Journal of the First Day Equalization Meeting held on April 14, 2020.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 15

Nay -- None

Abstain -- None

Not Voting -- None

Excused -- None

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Bell said that a Committee on Ways & Means meeting was held earlier in the morning, and that this full Commission meeting is the annual Equalization Meeting.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
The Acting Clerk advised that there was no Unfinished Business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. A resolution by Commissioner Ware recognizing April as National Volunteer Month, April 19 through 25 as National Volunteer Week, and acknowledging and commending the countless volunteers for displaying true heroism in providing care and assistance to those in need. (2020-66-019)

Vice-Chair Pro-Tempore Ware, supported by Vice-Chair Palamara, moved approval of foregoing item V. 1, and adoption of the resolution.

Following discussion by the Commissioners, Chair Bell requested a vote of adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2020-270]

The following Commissioners requested to be added as Co-Sponsors on item V.1.:

Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 14

2. A resolution by Commissioners Bell and Haidous respectfully requesting and strongly encouraging the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Community and Health Systems to increase the number and frequency of its inspections of nursing care facilities in Wayne County to ensure that the facilities are implementing all precautions necessary to protect the individuals residing and working in the facilities from COVID-19. (2020-66-020)

Commissioner Haidous, supported by Commissioner Scott, moved approval of foregoing item V. 2, and adoption of the resolution.

Following discussion by the Commissioners with Genelle Allen, Chair Bell requested a vote of adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 15
[Resolution No. 2020-271]

The following Commissioners requested to be added as Co-Sponsors on item V.2.:

Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro-Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara -- 13

At this point in the proceedings, the Chair moved to the First Addenda, item V.

3. A resolution by Commissioner Bell declaring that it is of the utmost importance for federal, state and local officials to have complete and accurate demographic data related to COVID-19 to ensure that resources are allocated to the most vulnerable individuals in our communities and strongly encouraging federal, state and local officials to allocate resources for testing, treatment, and prevention in a manner that ensures that an individual's economic and social status does not determine the quality of health of and medical resources available to the individual. (2020-66-021)

Vice-Chair Pro-Tempore Ware, supported by Commissioner Haidous, moved approval of foregoing item V. 3, and adoption of the resolution.

Following discussion by the Commissioners, Chair Bell requested a vote of adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro-Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 15

Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2020-272]

The following Commissioners requested to be added as Co-Sponsors on item V.3.:

Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro-Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara -- 14

At this point in the proceedings, the Chair returned to the Agenda.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

A. Report from the COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS recommending the following:
1. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-027 certifying revenue and reallocating expenditures in the amount of $24,299 in the General Fund (101); the Executive advises that the budget adjustment submitted on behalf of the Economic Development Department serves to recognize additional revenue for shared service of staff members from the Economic Development Division with other Division within the department; the revenue will be used to fund the position swap, additional positions along with necessary computers and equipment for new staff members. (2020-35-027)

2. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-110 certifying revenue in the amount of $529,934 in the Community & Economic Development Fund (250); the Community Development Block Grant Program is administered by the Department Economic Development and draws down Federal grant funding in part to assist communities within Wayne County with designated projects as approved within the yearly Action Plan; the County Executive advises that the budget adjustment is to certify revenue sources and appropriations uses in order to bring the amended budget in line with anticipated grant funding to be received in Fiscal Year 2020. (2020-35-110)

3. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-129 certifying revenue in the amount of $3,309,511 in the COVID-19 Fund (298); the County Executive advises that the budget adjustment serves to certify revenue from a grant funded by HUD to support costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic; these funds will be used for Services and Contractual Services and Other Charges. (2020-35-129)

4. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-126 certifying revenue in the amount of $25,000 in the COVID-19 Fund (298); the County Executive advises that the budget adjustment serves to certify revenue from a grant funded by the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan to support costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic; these funds will be used for Services and Contractual Services and Other Charges. (2020-35-126)

5. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-127 certifying revenue in the amount of $250,000 in the General Fund (101); the County Executive advises that the budget adjustment submitted on behalf of the County Executive’s Office serves to recognize grant funding from the Michigan Municipal League to assist with the 2020 Census; the funding will be allocated to office supplies, advertising, communication services and other miscellaneous professional services. (2020-35-127)

6. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-106 reallocating expenditures in the amount of $21,000 in the County Health Fund (221); the County Executive advises that this budget amendment serves to reallocate funds in Other Health Programs for the TB program from Personnel and Services and Contractual Services to Material and Supplies. (2020-35-106)

7. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-109 reallocating expenditures in the amount of $33,556 in the County Health Fund (221); the County Executive advises that this budget amendment serves to reallocate funds in Other Health Programs for the Emergency Preparedness Program from Other Charges to Material and Supplies. (2020-35-109)
8. Approval of a proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-073 certifying revenue in the amount of $911,946 and reallocating expenditures in the amount of $42,394 in the County Health Fund (221) and certifying revenue in the amount of $20,202 in the General Fund (101); the County Executive advises that the budget adjustment serves to certify revenue from Local Community Stabilization and reallocate expenditures within several programs; these funds will be used for Personnel, Fringes, Pension, Services and Contractual Services and Other Charges; also, certifying additional revenue to the General Fund from the Health Fund for Personnel, Fringes and Pension. (2020-35-073)

Commissioner Varga, supported by Commissioner Baydoun, moved approval of foregoing Report A, and adoption of eight ordinances.

There being no discussion, Chair Bell requested a vote of adoption of the ordinances, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 15

Nay -- None

Abstain -- None

Not Voting -- None

Excused -- None

[Ordinance Nos. 2020-273 thru 2020-280]

At this point in the proceedings, the Chair moved to the Second Addenda, Item VI.

B. Report from the COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS recommending the following:

1. Dated April 30, 2020 (received April 28th) requesting Commission approval of the 2020 Wayne County Equalization Report as required by Sections 34 and 37 of the General Property Tax Act; the County Executive advises that the Assessment and Equalization (A&E) Division of the Department of Management and Budget reports that the assessment rolls of the various Wayne County cities and townships have been examined, and the total recommended equalized value of the County of Wayne for the 2020 tax year is $58,020,646,715, which is an increase of $3,608,752,243, or approximately 6.63%, over the total for 2019; the A&E Director recommends that the Wayne County Commission accept and adopt the report of assessed and equalized values for Wayne County for 2020. (2020-34-006)

Commissioner Varga, supported by Commissioner Baydoun, moved approval of foregoing Report B, and adoption of the resolution.

Following discussion with Commissioners with Scott Vandemergel and Mark Abbo, Chair Bell requested a vote of adoption of the resolution, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:
Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution No. 2020-281]

At this point in the proceedings, the Chair returned to the Agenda.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Chair Bell informed Commissioners that regular committee meetings would resume on May 12 and 13.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pursuant to the Wayne County Commission’s Rules of Procedure, Chair Bell invited comments from the public. There were no members of the public wishing to address the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Modification No. 1 to a five-year professional services contract with two, two-year options to renew between the Charter County of Wayne and CherryRoad Technologies, Inc. (of Morris Plains, NJ) to configure, build and implement Oracle's Enterprise Resource Planning/Human Capital Management/Enterprise Performance Management Cloud solution to meet Wayne County's requirements in replacing legacy financials, human resources, budgeting and reporting systems; the County Executive advises that Modification No. 1 will allow the Emphasys/Sympro Cash Management Software to interface with three banks instead of one to meet the need of the Treasurer's Office; CherryRoad Technologies, Inc. will subcontract $357,600/2.6% to Emphasys Computer Solutions, Inc dba Emphasys Software (of Lafayette, CA) for implementation of Emphasys software, maintenance and support; the term of the contract remains from June 6, 2019 through June 5, 2024; the total not-to-exceed amount of the contract remains $14,000,000; the cost of Modification No. 1 will be charged to Account No. 10120230 817000 (M&B-ERP Operational). (2019-31019M1)
   Firm: CherryRoad Technologies, Inc.
   Address: 301 Gibraltar Drive, Suite 2C, Morris Plains, NJ 07950
   Contact: Jeremy Gulban (973) 541-4278

2. Approval of a $250,000 Census Grant to be awarded to the Charter County of Wayne from the Michigan Municipal League Foundation (of Ann Arbor), through the State of Michigan, to assist hard-to-count communities obtain a complete count for the 2020 Census by encouraging residents to return their Census forms; the Executive’s Office
advise that hard-to-count communities were chosen based on the 2010 Census response rate, and the communities covered by this grant are Ecorse, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Inkster, Melvindale, Redford Township, River Rouge and Romulus; no matching funds are required; the term of the grant program is from April 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020, and all unused funds must be returned to the Michigan Municipal League Foundation by August 31, 2020; the revenue from the grant will be deposited into Account No. 101 17104 815000 (Wayne United-Misc. Professional Services). (2020-01-009)

Firm: Michigan Municipal League Foundation
Address: 1675 Green Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Contact: Kelly Warren (734) 669-6310

Commissioner Scott, supported by Commissioner Haidous, moved approval of foregoing Items 1 and 2, and adoption of the two resolutions.

Following discussion by Commissioners with Aaron Wagner, Andrew Kandrevas and Daniel Baxter, Chair Bell requested a vote of adoption of the resolutions, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 15
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- None
Excused -- None

[Resolution Nos. 2020-282 and 2020-283]

At this point in the proceedings, the Chair moved to the First Addenda, Item IX.

Government Operations

3. Dated April 27, 2020 (received April 27th) requesting Commission approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Charter County of Wayne and the Government Administrators Association, allowing for a maximum of 25 percent of the bargaining unit members to be placed on immediate and temporary unpaid furlough, effective May 1, 2020, in response to the severe economic impact the County is facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; the Executive’s Office advises that it expects to return the employees on unpaid furlough back to work not later than 90 days from the execution of this MOA, but this period may be lengthened for a maximum of an additional 60 days, shortened by any period or terminated at the discretion of the Executive’s Office. (2020-43-007)

4. Dated April 27, 2020 (received April 27th) requesting Commission approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Charter County of Wayne and AFSCME Council 25 and Locals 1862, 2057 and 2926, allowing for a maximum of 25 percent of the bargaining unit members to be placed on immediate and temporary unpaid furlough, effective May 1, 2020, in response to the severe economic impact the County is facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; the Executive’s Office advises that it expects to return the employees on unpaid furlough back to work not later than 90 days from the execution of this MOA, but this period may be lengthened for a maximum of an additional 60 days, shortened by any period or terminated at the discretion of the Executive’s Office. (2020-43-006)
5. Dated April 27, 2020 (received April 27th) requesting Commission approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council, allowing for a maximum of 25 percent of the bargaining unit members to be placed on immediate and temporary unpaid furlough, effective May 1, 2020, in response to the severe economic impact the County is facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; the Executive’s Office advises that it expects to return the employees on unpaid furlough back to work not later than 90 days from the execution of this MOA, but this period may be lengthened for a maximum of an additional 60 days, shortened by any period or terminated at the discretion of the Executive’s Office. (2020-43-008)

Commissioner Scott, supported by Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, moved approval of foregoing item Nos. 3 thru 5, and adoption of the three resolutions.

Following discussion by the Commissioners with Khalil Rahal and Genelle Allen, Chair Bell requested a vote of adoption of the resolutions, which prevailed, a majority of Commissioners serving having voted therefore by the following Roll Call:

Yea -- Commissioners Anderson, Basham, Baydoun, Daub, Haidous, Killeen, Knezek, Jr., Marecki, Baker McCormick, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 14
Nay -- None
Abstain -- None
Not Voting -- Commissioner Clark-Coleman -- 1
Excused -- None

[Resolution Nos. 2020- 284 thru 2020-286]

Testimonial Resolutions and Certificates of Appreciation

The Acting Clerk advised that there were no testimonial resolutions and certificates of appreciation

Resolutions in Memoriam

1. By Commissioner Daub in memory of Kathleen Salla
2. By Commissioner Scott in memory of Charles White
3. By Commissioner Scott in memory of Maxine Langford
4. By Commissioner Scott in memory of Gloria Edwards
5. By Commissioner Bell in memory all who have died and those still suffering from COVID-19.
RECONSIDERATIONS

Chair Bell asked Andrew Kandrevas to clarify information related to the Michigan Municipal League Foundation Census Grant.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

The Acting Clerk advised that there were no Remarks By Members requested to be added to the Journal.

Commissioner Scott moved adjournment. The motion prevailed, the time being 12:20 p.m., and Chair Bell declared the Commission adjourned until Thursday, May 7, 2020.

Octavia Hunter
Legislative Research Assistant