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CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
NO. 10

THIRD DAY EQUALIZATION MEETING

Meeting conducted online via Zoom.us
Thursday, May 7, 2020
10:00 a.m.

The Commission was called to order by the Chair of the Commission, Alisha R. Bell, at 10:04 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
Kileen - present
Knezek, Jr. - present
Marecki - present
Baker McCormick - present
14 present, a quorum
INVOCATION

Chair Bell called upon Commissioner Marecki, who provided the invocation:

‘1 Timothy 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.’ “Let us pray on this national day of prayer. We come before you Lord today with a humble and grateful heart. I ask you to lift up all those who are seated in places of authority in our nation, including this Wayne County Commission. Please give all our leaders wisdom on the difficult issues that they are discussing and deciding these days on ours and our constituents’ behalf. Help our leaders recognize that our rights are not granted by government but are given by you. I pray for the people in the communities that we all represent. We have seen and heard of so much heartache either because of sickness, death, loss of jobs, loss of businesses or just the loneliness of separation. Please protect and strengthen each of them and their families during these difficult times. Especially pray for the elderly of this county, who are many times lonely separated from family and friends, and are so vulnerable to this virus. Please comfort and protect them. I pray for each of my colleagues, all of our employees in this great county and all of their families. Please protect them and give them peace. Bless this meeting of ours today. Give us the wisdom to make the best decision for our constituents. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

READING, CORRECTING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, supported by Commissioner Scott, moved approval of the proposed Journal of the Second Day Equalization Meeting held on April 30, 2020.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

Yea -- Commissioners Basham, Baydoun, Clark-Coleman, 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 -- None

Excused -- Commissioner Anderson -- 1

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Bell said it is Teachers Appreciation Week, and the day before the meeting was Nurses Appreciation Day. She thanked teachers and nurses for their hard work.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Acting Clerk advised that there was no Unfinished Business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. A resolution by Commissioner Baker McCormick strongly imploring the federal government to immediately increase its testing capability and to allocate sufficient testing resources to state and local officials for distribution to all employers for the purpose of testing all employees in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. (2020-66-022)

   Commissioner Baker McCormick, supported by Commissioner Varga, 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. 2020-287]

   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, Scott, Varga, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Ware, Vice-Chair Palamara, Chair Bell -- 14

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 Appropriations Ordinance (Enrolled Ordinance No. 2019-617) in accordance with Budget Adjustment No. 2020-35-128 certifying revenue in the amount of $53,311 in the COVID-19 Fund (298); the County Executive advises that this budget adjustment serves to certify revenue for the Federally Qualified Health Center clinic from the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration to support services needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic; these funds will be used for Services and Contractual Services. (2020-35-128)

   2. Approval of placing the Charter County of Wayne’s Operating Millage renewal (Proposition O) on the ballot for the primary election to be held on August 4, 2020; the Executive’s Office advises that the millage, which was last authorized by voters in 2009, would be levied at the 2019 rollback rate of 0.9529 mills for a period of 10 years, from
Proposition O
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 2009, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2019 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per $1,000 of taxable valuation) for ten more years (2020 through 2029), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged? This renewal is projected to generate $42,129,703 in 2020.

Yes
No

3. Approval of placing the Charter County of Wayne’s Parks Millage renewal (Proposition P) on the ballot for the primary election to be held on August 4, 2020; the Executive’s Office advises that the millage, which was last authorized by voters in 2016, would be levied at the rollback rate of 0.2459 mills for a period of 5 years, from 2021 through 2025, and would generate an estimated $10,871,753 in 2021, and that the County Clerk’s Office must receive a certified resolution by May 12, 2020, for it to be placed on the primary election ballot. (2020-40-052)

Proposition P
PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL

To renew the millage authorized in 2016, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the estimated 2020 rollback rate of 0.2459 mills (about 25 cents per $1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2021 through 2025) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of $50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriation for parks? This renewal is projected to generate $10,871,753 in 2021.

Yes
No

4. Approval of a resolution authorizing Wayne County’s Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund borrowings for 2020, based on 2019 delinquent taxes; the total amount to be borrowed for the year 2019 Delinquent Taxes for Wayne County shall not exceed $190,000,000, and this amount will be reduced by various exclusions and by collections received from March 1 through the date of issuance. (2020-75-006)

5. Approval of the revised Capital Improvement Plan 2020-b; the County Executive advises that the revision provides an up-to-date view of the construction work on the roads. (2020-30-048)

6. Forwarding to receive and file, the Statements of Chargebacks for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. (2020-31-010)
Commissioner Varga, supported by Commissioner Baker McCormick, moved approval of foregoing Report A, and adoption of the ordinance and five resolutions.

Following discussion by Commissioners with Ronald Agacinski, Chair Bell requested a vote of adoption of the ordinance and 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

[Ordinances No. 2020-288 and Resolution Nos. 2020-289 thru 2020-293]

UPCOMING COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE MEETINGS

The Acting Clerk advised of the next Committee, Task Force and Commission meetings.

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 a contract between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of $2,871,900 for road improvements on Middle Belt Road from Michigan (US-12) to Cherry Hill Road; the County Executive advises that funding will consist of $2,350,700 in Federal Surface Transportation Funds and Wayne County will contribute $521,200; the term of the contract will commence upon Commission approval through September 30, 2025; the cost of the contract will be charged to Account No. 201 44908 818080 (Construction $2,497,300) and 201 44908 702000 (Engineering $374,600); the revenue from the contract will be deposited into Account No. 201 44905 511250 (Federal Surface Transportation Funds $2,350,700). (2020-30-026)

2. Approval of a contract between the Charter County of Wayne and the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of $2,802,800 for road improvements on West Outer Drive from Michigan Avenue to Golfview Road; the County Executive advises that funding will consist of $2,294,100 in Federal Surface Transportation Funds and Wayne County will contribute $508,700; the term of the contract will commence upon
Commission approval through September 30, 2025; the cost of the contract will be charged to Account Nos. 201 44908 818080 (Construction $2,437,200) and 201 44908 702000 (Engineering $365,600); the revenue from the contract will be deposited into Account No. 201 44905 511250 (Federal Surface Transportation Funds $2,294,100). (2020-30-060)

3. Approval of a contract between the Charter County of Wayne and Hennessey Engineers, Inc. (of Southgate) not to exceed $188,521.91 for professional construction engineering services for the Lake Shore Drive resurfacing project in the city of Grosse Pointe Farms; the County Executive advises that 1 bid was received in response to 93 solicitations; after review, the Procurement Division recommends award to Hennessey Engineers, Inc., as the supplier meeting all qualifications; the term of the contract commence upon Commission approval through April 30, 2022; the cost of the contract will be charged to Account No. 201 44908 817000 (Roads-Engineering/Architecture). (2020-30-050)

Firm: Hennessey Engineers, Inc.
Address: 13500 Reeck Road, Southgate, MI 48195
Contact: John J. Hennessey (734) 759-1600

Commissioner Marecki, supported by Commissioner Haidous, moved approval of foregoing item Nos. 1 thru 3, and adoption of the three resolutions.

There being no discussion, 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. 2020-294 thru 2020-296]

Commissioner Anderson requested to be the Maker of the Motion on item IX. A. 1.

Commissioner Baydoun requested to be the Maker of the Motion on item IX. A. 2.

4. Forwarding to receive and file, from Soumaya A. Harb, Director of Administration, Wayne County Sheriff’s Office, a report on the Sheriff’s Office County Vehicle Use, pursuant to Chapter 33, Section 10 of the County Vehicle Use Ordinance. (2020-71-053)

5. Approval of Modification No. 1 four-year grant award between the Charter County of Wayne and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, with no additional funds, to extend the term of the grant by one year; the County Executive advises that the interest earned due to this grant can be used for the Wayne County Sheriff’s Office needs; Modification No. 1 extends the term of the grant through September 30, 2021; the total of the grant remains $1,297,731; the revenue from the grant will continue to be deposited into Account No. 266 31692 529000 (JAG-2017). (2018-71-130M1)

Commissioner Clark-Coleman, supported by Commissioner Haidous, moved approval of foregoing item Nos. 4 and 5, and adoption of the two resolutions.
There being no discussion, 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. 2020-297 and 2020-298]
Following discussion by the Commissioners with Felicia Johnson, 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. 2020-299 thru 2020-302]

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 Commissioners Bell, Ware and Scott in memory of Jerome Crawford
2. By Commissioners Clark-Coleman and Scott in memory of Marvin Evans
3. By Commissioner Anderson in memory of Constance Hierta
4. By Commissioner Baker McCormick in memory of Tom Wilson
5. By Commissioner Marecki in memory of Rhonda Washington
6. By Commissioner Bell honoring all the families who have lost loved one to COVID-19; and thinking of those suffering from the disease.

RECONSIDERATIONS

The Acting Clerk advised that there were no Reconsiderations.

REMARKS BY MEMBERS

The Acting Clerk advised that there were no Remarks By Members requested to be added to the Journal.
Commissioner Scott, supported by Commissioner Marecki, moved adjournment. The motion prevailed, the time being 10:44 a.m., and Chair Bell declared the Commission adjourned until Thursday, May 21, 2020.

Octavia Hunter
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