

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Whole
Arenac County Board of County Commissioners:
September 21, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Present: Commissioners Woolhiser, Mrozinski, Burke and Salgat

Absent: Commissioner Hergott

Guests: Ms. Valley and Ms. Hecht

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mrs. Valley – Attended Road Commission meeting; gave updates.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Air Handler – Mr. Woolhiser – Board discussion on the sale of scrap air handler. Sealed bids will be accepted until October 29, 2021; Ad to be placed in Arenac Independent with photos available on the county website. All materials to be removed by November 12, 2021.

COUNTY AFFAIRS:

Sunrise Senior Center Agreement – Ms. Mrozinski – The agreement was approved by the SSC. Minutes of the meetings have been received as well.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% Grant – Mr. Woolhiser – Grant applications are due to SCIT by September 30, 2021. Review, discussion and ratings were completed by board on received applications. There are a few additional applications expected before the deadline.

Employee Request - MERS Service Credit Purchase– An employee request for MERS Service Credit Purchase, reference #188132, was received. Request placed as an action item on afternoon agenda.

Chief Deputy Treasurer Retirement – Treasurer, Dennis Stawowy, submitted an official letter of retirement for his Chief Deputy Treasurer, Mary Reid, as of December 26, 2021. Mr. Stawowy requested that his budget be adjusted to allow hiring of an individual for ten (10) weeks, prior to Mary's retirement, for training purposes; starting October 18, 2021. After discussion, request placed as an action item on afternoon agenda.

American Rescue Plan Act Advisory Committee - Mr. Woolhiser – The ARPA committee recommended Rehmann to advise the county pertaining to ARP monies received. A contract was submitted for review. Item will be placed as an action item on afternoon agenda.

2% Tribal Grant Match – Mr. Woolhiser - The American Rescue Plan Advisory Committee recommended supporting, this grant cycle, a match to any 2% Tribal Grant monies received on behalf of the Courthouse-Jail Renovations. After further discussion, request placed as an action item on afternoon agenda.

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY:

Medical Advisory Board - Ms. Burke – Request to appoint Arenac County Emergency Manager, Mike Bower, to the Medical Advisory Board, in accordance to the Medical Advisory Board Bylaws. After further discussion, request placed as an action item on afternoon agenda.

Ambulance Service – Ms. Burke – Next Medical Advisory Board meeting to further discuss MMR contract is scheduled for September 30, 2021. At this time, the proposed increases for MMR services are as follows: 2022 - \$501,000, 2023 - \$700,000, 2024 - \$754,000 and 2025 - \$860,000. The current millage rate of .75 mills will have to be placed on the ballot for 1.5 mills.

JUDICIAL & LEGAL: None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Millage – Mr. Woolhiser – Requested timeline, minutes and ballot language from last ballot proposals from clerk. Braun-Kendricks will review ballot language for new proposals.

Health Care Premiums – Austin Benefits will give a presentation at the October 12, 2021 Board Meeting. Scheduled employee sign up will start in November.

OLD BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Adjourn at 11:08 a.m.