**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND PARKS AND RECREATION**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Health and Human Services and Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order in the Board Conference Room by Chairperson Sebolt on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at 9:04 a.m.

Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Walker, Mr. Sebolt, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Byl, Mr. Powers, and Mr. Walker.

Absent: Mr. Brown.

Also present were: Mr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Coon, Oceana County Chief Deputy Clerk; and John Cavanagh, Oceana’s Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2019 meeting as prepared.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

No public comment on agenda items at this time.

Mr. Sobie began discussion regarding the use of the remaining Fund Balance in the DHHS Fund (#290). Historically, the county has paid for certain expenses for the Oceana County Medical Care Facility (OCMCF) and after the 2020 budget workshop it was decided upon that certain expenses would be taken care of out the OCMCF’s own budget. There is a balance of just under $8,500 in Fund 290 and there are a couple of options as to what can be done with it. Option 1 would allow the money to be moved into the General Fund. Option 2 would make the money available to OCMCF’s oversight board, allowing them to spend it on training and/or conference opportunities, but all future costs after the balance is depleted would come strictly from the OCMCF budget.

Mr. Byl wanted to point out that the OCMCF has a healthy fund balance and that the money could be better utilized in the County’s General Fund.

Mr. Sobie mentioned that there has been a balance building up in Fund 290 because appropriations each year were not being utilized. Mr. Sebolt inquired as to what the annual appropriations were. Mr. Sobie stated that going back to 2016, it had been $9,000 and $8,000 in years prior to that. Mr. Powers remembered that when he first became a board member that the appropriations were $12,000.

Mr. Sebolt wondered what these funds were intended for originally. Mr. Sobie informed him that they were intended to pay mileage and per diems for the oversight board members and to pay for training opportunities as needed.

Mr. Powers agrees with using the balance in the fund to pay for per diems and for training because that money was appropriated for those reasons. After the balance is depleted and Fund 290 is closed then the OCMCF will have to pay for those things for their own budget.

Mr. Walker is concerned that since the County has taken drastic measures for funding training opportunities that funding training for OCMCF employees when they have a healthy fund balance is questionable.

Mr. Sebolt mentioned that the OCMCF is a separate part of county government and even though they have two appointed members from the county and one appointed member from the state, they are essentially self-governing. Mr. Sebolt inquired as to how much of the balance would be absorbed into the General Fund. Mr. Powers suggested it would either be all or nothing.

Mr. Gustafson believes that since the County funded this, and taking into consideration the position the County is in economically, that the County should retain the balance in Fund 290.

Mr. Sebolt requested consideration of a resolution reappointing members to the West Michigan Community Mental Health Board. The terms would be for three years and would expire in March 2023. The two members up for reappointment would be Mr. Sebolt and Jim Prince, the current chair-person of the board.

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Sebolt adjourned the Health and Human Services and Parks and Recreation Committee meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully,

Melanie A. Coon

Chief Deputy Clerk