

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

Present: Commissioners Woolhiser, Mrozinski, Burke, Salgat and Hergott

Absent: None

Guests: Kurt Fogelsonger, Larry Davis – Drain Commissioner, Dennis Stawowy – Treasurer and Ms. Valley.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kurt Fogelsonger – Jail/Courthouse Renovation - Submitted Phase II proposal for review, questions and board approval at this afternoon's board session. First phase was to develop a study and create an opinion of probable costs. Phase II, \$195,000, would include drawings and estimates for specifications and develop construction documents to be used for bidding. The ARPA sub committee has recommended approving Phase II to the ACBC. Mr. Woolhiser stated 70% of Phase II costs is for drawings. Billing on a 30 day cycle. Mr. Hergott inquired as to where the estimated 2.7 million would come from. Mr. Woolhiser indicated funding would come from Restoration Fund, 2% Grant cycles, ARPA funds, USDA grants and borrowing, only if necessary.

Netsource – Gary Miller – Resubmitted requested proposal for an All Inclusive service agreement. Mr. Miller provided monthly average numbers for last year. Current proposal would be a \$5,460 recurring monthly fee, which would include all network and site users. Switches and wireless are not covered. Mr. Hergott would like to see all agreements put as one. This does not include special projects, upgrades, etc. Ms. Burke would like to review and see board action by the next board meeting.

Building & Grounds:

Dobson Drain – Larry Davis-Drain Commissioner – Dobson Drain Board of Determination Hearing passed a resolution to move forward with cleaning of the Dobson Drain.

Mr. Davis is asking for \$100,000, for two (2) years, to move the project forward. Funds would be used for engineering and attorney fees. The City of Standish is applying for a SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater) grant from EGLE. Mr. Stawowy stated he does not currently have availability to those kinds of funds for lending. Mr. Stawowy stated Mr. Deeter could be asked if ARPA funds could be used. Mr. Woolhiser suggested Mr. Davis seek out other options for funding. Mr. Davis would like to see the revolving fund increased to assist with other projects. Mr. Woolhiser asked for request in writing as to what the borrowed money would be used for, along with a signed copy of the Dobson Drain Board of Determination's approval of project. Mr. Davis explained the \$100,000 would be used for the Dobson's engineering and legal fees. The Drain Code of 1956 specifies how monies may be spent. Mr. Hergott explained that grants usually don't cover expenses already incurred.

Board Rules – Mr. Hergott presented the Board of Rules along with other documentation for review, with the expectation to have it updated and approved by the December 14th meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor Position – Mr. Hergott would like to have a decision made pertaining to the hiring of a Maintenance Supervisor during the afternoon board session. Motion to be placed on the afternoon agenda as an action item.

County Affairs - None

5 Minute Break 10:20-10:25

BUDGET & FINANCE:

ACBC Board Secretary Interviews – Mr. Woolhiser – Two (2) interviews are on afternoon agenda for the Arenac County Board of Commissioners Secretary position. Discussion on the process and procedures that were taken on the publication, interview and hiring process for open board secretarial position.

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY:

MSU-E Programs - Ms. Burke – There are 33 new kids enrolled in the MSU-E programs currently being offered in Arenac County.

Michigan Works – Ms. Burke addressed changes the Michigan Works are incorporating to attract employees; including changes in receiving insurance coverage after 30 days instead of 90 days.

JUDICIAL & LEGAL: None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Arenac County Scrap – One sealed bid, as advertised, was received for the scrap rooftop unit, in the amount of \$250, by Kenton Lyons. Unit to be removed by November 14, 2021, as stated in bid requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Valley – submitted information on Standish Township rules and Arenac County Road Commission business.

Adjourn at 11:15 a.m.