

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

Pursuant to law, the Board of Commissioners called a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioner's Room and were called to order by the Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

PRESENT: Margaret Batzer, Jeff Dontz, Karen Goodman, Eric Gustad, Pauline Jaquish, Nikki Koons and Richard Schmidt.

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jill Nowak, Manistee County Clerk, publicly announced her retirement as the Manistee County Clerk effective May 31, 2022. After almost 28 years of service to the County, Ms. Nowak thanked her family, the Staff in the County Clerk’s Office, the Citizens of Manistee County, the County Board and everyone she has worked with for their trust and support throughout her career.

REQUEST AND CONSIDERATION OF BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR RENEWAL OF THE 9-1-1/CENTRAL DISPATCH MILLAGE

Jim Espvik, 9-1-1 Director, appeared before the Board to request ballot language for the Renewal of the 9-1-1/Central Dispatch Millage be placed on the August 2, 2022 Primary Election Ballot. The language is the same language that has appeared on previous election ballots except for the dates of years and the amount of revenue raised in the first year, as the taxable value has changed. The deadline is Tuesday, May 10, 2022 which is why a Special Meeting was called. It is noted that moving forward, there should be better planning in the future to avoid the need for Special Meetings.

Moved by Schmidt, seconded by Jaquish to approve the renewal ballot language for the 9-1-1/Central Dispatch millage to be placed on the August 2, 2022 Primary Ballot as noted in the ballot language below.

YEAS: 7 Batzer, Dontz, Goodman, Gustad, Jaquish, Koons, Schmidt

NAYS: 0 None

Motion Carried

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RENEWAL OF THE 9-1-1/CENTRAL DISPATCH MILLAGE

Shall the County of Manistee renew a previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on General ad valorem taxes within the County of Manistee at 1.000 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value) for the period of 2024 through 2028, inclusive, to operate, maintain, and upgrade the 911 emergency response telecommunication system and Central Dispatch system in Manistee County, and shall the County of Manistee levy such renewal in millage for said purpose, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$1,286,616.

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YES

NO

ARPA APPLICATIONS AND PROCOESS UPDATE

Lisa Sagala, County Administrator/Controller, reported that the County received 19 applications with one (1) application missing the deadline for ARPA Fund requests. The requests were broken down into three (3) categories of local units, non-profits and County entities, for a total requested amount of \$4,010,653. The requests almost total more than the County has to disburse as the County will receive \$4,770,104. Ms. Sagala reviewed the list of applications with the Board. Ms. Sagala also reviewed County requests for capital projects and grant requests for County entities which in itself, totals \$4,689,700. Ms. Sagala also noted that some governmental entities are keeping 100% as loss revenue and not disbursing any monies. Ms. Sagala suggested a committee (County employees), be organized for persons who have no interest in the requests, so the scoring would be fair and impartial. The County Board would still have the final say as to who are the top applicants and ask them to appear before the Board for a presentation.

Lengthy discussion took place as to local units applying that may have received their own ARPA funds, or if the request is for safety equipment can that be requested under the Revenue Sharing Funds?, and the responsibility to County entities and taking care of our own should be considered foremost. The applications also asked for fund balance percentages compared to the entities budgets or if the entity is supported by millage. These thoughts will be part of the scoring process.

Ms. Sagala will assemble a team that will score the applicants, the Board will then reconvene in a few weeks to review the scoring and then decide who will be invited to present to the Board. Those applicants will then be vetted.

OTHER RELATED DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

Adjourn at the Call of the Chair at 5:10 p.m.

_____, Clerk
Jill M. Nowak