

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Surbeck Building, Commissioner Chambers, Corunna

**Call to order:** 5:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call found Chairman Marks, Commissioners Root, Plowman, Garber, McMaster, Holzhausen and Webster present.

It was moved by Commissioner McMaster, seconded by Commissioner Plowman to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:** John O'Connor, 44 North – prescription coverage.

**Call to the Public:** Judge Gerald Lostracco, Owosso – County legal council  
Matthew Shepard, Perry – Committee board vacancies  
Tom Manke, Owosso – COVID  
William Amadeo, Madison-Amadeo Law Firm – County legal council

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the Shiawassee County Board of Commissioners Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2020. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the agreement between Shiawassee County and Ryan Painter and take all necessary steps to have him retained for local matters. It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Webster to table until December meetings. Motion passed to table item with the following roll call vote of 4 yeas: Commissioners Marks, Plowman, Holzhausen, and Webster. 3 nays: Commissioners Root, Garber and McMaster.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to change the Non-Rep contribution for MERS from 1% to 3% beginning January 1, 2021, and 5% beginning January 1, 2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the incentive for insurance buyout and set the rate at \$3,600. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the Shiawassee County Sheriff's Office receiving an MDARD Specialty Crop Block Grant for "The Publication of an Instructional Manual for Operating a Five Acre Institutional Horticulture Farm using an Incarcerated Labor Force" – This is a two-year cost reimbursement grant for \$124,790. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the Shiawassee County Sheriff to hire a part time jail garden manager at \$25/hour for 25 hours a week for two years along with up to 6 interns for 20 hours a week for 15-week blocks at a rate of \$12.50/hour. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to elevate current custodian to a full-time County Custodian at a Grade 2, Step 3. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the budget adjustments for the Drain Office as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the purchase of SOPHOS Antivirus not to exceed \$10,989.56. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the County Covid Policy and Covid Work from Home Policy. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement Application for Mr. Kevin Cole for the following property: 016-16-400-001-01. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the PA 116 Farmland Agreement Application for Mr. and Mrs. Adams for the following property: 016-35-300-001. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Plowman, seconded by Commissioner Garber to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the amended proposal from Preston Community Services, LLC for services to Shiawassee County for the staffing and operations of the Community Development Department and the Equalization and Tax Description Department. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Garber, seconded by Commissioner Root to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the contract between the Shiawassee County Health

Department and Qualified Staffing for temporary support staff at a rate of \$21.75 per hour and authorize the Board Chairman to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Garber, seconded by Commissioner McMaster to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve the purchase of the 2021 Ford truck not to exceed \$32,000 with funding provided entirely by CARES. The motion passed with the following roll call vote 4 yeas: Commissioners Plowman, Holzhausen, McMaster and Webster. 3 nays: Commissioners Marks, Root and Garber.

It was moved by Commissioner Garber, seconded by Commissioner Holzhausen to move to Thursday's Board of Commissioner's meeting consideration to approve to sign grant agreement between the Shiawassee County Health Department and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) for Environmental Health Services in the amount of \$37,150 for period of 10/1/20 through 9/30/2021 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign all necessary documents. Motion carried.

**CHAIRPERSON:** Nothing to report.

**COORDINATOR:** Budget packet distributed. County legal counsel.

**Call to the Public:** Matthew Shepard, Perry – jail part-time position, purchase of Ford truck and 44 North.  
Tom Manke, Owosso – Ford truck purchase and COVID vaccine.  
Tony Newman, Drain Commissioner – COVID, Ford truck and County legal counsel.

Commissioner Webster clarified the Health Department does give weekly health reports to Commissioners.  
Commissioner McMaster clarified the Jail Garden grant criteria.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

          /s/ [Brandon Marks]            
Chairman Brandon Marks

          /s/ [Caroline Wilson]            
Caroline Wilson, County Clerk