

# PERSONNEL / WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

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## MEMBERS

*Ralph Tillotson, Terry Collins*  
*Committee of the Whole*

## MEETING LOCATION

Chambers  
301 N. Main Street  
Adrian, MI 49221

**Minutes:** Tuesday, May 10, 2022 – 10:05 a.m.

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**Present:** Commissioners Bolton, Collins, Bales, Goetz, Jenkins-Arno, Krasny, Stimpson, Tillotson, and Wittenbach

**Also Present:** Dan Morton and Eric Sullivan from the Sports Facility Companies, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, Rebecca Borton, Roxann Holloway, Thomas Kendziora, Jenny Escott, Carolyn Bater, Erin Van Dyke, Brittany Kurutz, Bev Kampmueller, Sheriff Bevier, Heidi Cannon, Matt Richardson, Jen Ambrose, Ian Wendt (WLEN), Shirley MacBeth, Bob and Carol Knoblauch, Bill Leisenring, Jim Hammond, Jack Baker, Jim Sayer, Gordon Gauss, Jim Driskill, Claude Rowley, Roxann Sweet, Sharon Denney, Cheryl Snead, representatives from Red Letter, and several other unidentified guests

### I. Approval of Minutes

*Motion by Goetz, seconded by Stimpson, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.*

### II. Personnel Business

- A. Employment Changes:** Personnel changes were available for review.
- B. Other Personnel Business:** There was no other personnel business.

### III. Ways and Means Business

- A. Finance Reports:** The Fund Status report was unavailable this month as the soft close for the audit will not happen until next week. Administrator Murphy reviewed the General Fund Income report.
- B. Budget Calendar:** The 2023 Budget was submitted for review.

*Motion by Collins, seconded by Wittenbach, to recommend approval of the 2023 budget calendar. Motion carried.*

- C. Delinquent Tax Fund:** This is the annual resolution that provides authority to the Treasurer to obtain sufficient funds to pay local units of government the amount of delinquent property taxes returned to the County.

The borrowing resolution needs to be approved in order for the Treasurer to make the municipalities whole in their delinquent taxes.

*Motion by Bolton, seconded by Wittenbach, to recommend approval of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund Resolution #2022-08. Motion carried.*

- D. Lake Arrowhead:** Drain Commissioner, Jenny Escott, reviewed a request to authorize a rate increase for capital improvements/debt services charge to the Lake Arrowhead Estates in Raisin Township. This increase will cover the cost of a new pump and is an increase of \$7.15 per month for three years.

*Motion by Bolton, seconded by Collins, to recommend adoption of resolution #2022-07 Authorizing rate increases for Capital Improvements/Debt Service Charge to the Lake Arrowhead Estates Water System. Motion carried.*

**E. Airport Commission Recommendation:**

Kim Murphy explained that the Airport Commission reviewed and recommended a request to make electrical improvements and upgrades to Hanger Q. This was not a budgeted project but is necessary, therefore is coming before the personnel/Ways & Means Committee for further recommendation. The cost is approximately \$7,350.

*Motion by Stimpson, seconded by Goetz, to recommend approval of the AEG Electric quote in the amount of \$7,350 for the electrical upgrade in Hangar Q [to be paid out of 581.895-930 Bldg Repairs & Maintenance]. Motion carried.*

- F. Project Phoenix Update:** Kim Murphy introduced Dan Morton and Eric Sullivan from Sports Facility Companies. They were able to recap their zoom presentation from last month and answer several questions presented by the Board of Commissioners.

A feasibility study is an in-depth evaluation of a facility concept which includes a multitude of market factors that may impact the long-term viability of the project.

SFC's feasibility findings include a 20-year pro forma report that combines a thorough analysis of market and demographic conditions with an analysis of potential competitors and real-world financial and operational data. Financial projections, realistic and reliable program plans, and recommendations for successful project development were reviewed.

The feasibility report is available on the County website ([Lenawee.mi.us](http://Lenawee.mi.us)) a video of today's presentation will also be available.

Mr. Morton and Mr. Sullivan reviewed their national experiences and success stories. Their role in Project Phoenix is to evaluate the feasibility of success and present an honest and realistic opinion.

- G. Other Ways & Means Business:** There was no other business.

## **H. Consent Agenda**

The Mental Health Awareness proclamation will be placed on the consent agenda for

## **I. Public comment**

Shirley MacBeth (Riga) expressed concerns over how the project will benefit her township, how will the project be funded, and questioned whether Commissioners are attending their local municipal meetings.

Claude Rowley (Hudson) expressed concerns of the job creation, hourly wage, employment turnover and retention for Project Phoenix.

Roxann Sweet (Rome) indicated that her township is against the project. She also expressed concerns over the financial pro-forma, availability of the courts for local participation, and viability for success. She also requested the Commissioners consider an evening meeting.

Bill Leisenring (Tecumseh) spoke in support of Project Phoenix. He addressed the return on investment, the need to be fiscally responsible, and the desire to have a facility in Lenawee County to keep families here instead of traveling out of state to attend tournaments.

Garreth Zebley (Tecumseh) talked about his development plan and the economic impacts it could have through culinary arts and entertainment. He expects his project to move forward if Project Phoenix moves forward.

## **J. Adjournment**

*Motion by Stimpson, seconded by Collins, to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. Motion carried.*