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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE STARK COUNTY COMMISSION
January 16, 2024

Chairman Franchuk called the special meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Present: Dean Franchuk, Paul Clarys, Bernie Marsh, Neal Messer, and Cory White. Department Heads Present: Auditor Karen Richard, Sheriff Corey Lee, Road Superintendent Al Heiser, and Human Resources Joetta Pearcy.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Clarys **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Marsh
To ratify the agenda as presented.

DISPOSITION: All voted aye. Motion Carried.

2023 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Richard presented the 2023 budget amendments as follows:

Weed – if the commission would like to keep the fund at 75% of appropriations, they would need a transfer in of \$20,000.00. After 2024 they should not need any transfers anymore.

Stark County Victim Witness – the grant doesn't cover all the expenses and will need a transfer of \$25,000.00 from the General fund to make the SCVW fund positive.

The Farm to Market fund is closed but is collecting taxes that are in arrears, those funds need to be transferred to Unorganized Road & Bridge in the amount of \$7,177.39.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Messer **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner White

To transfer \$7,177.39 from the 2110 Farm to Market to the 2120 Unorganized Road & Bridge account.

DISPOSITION: Roll call: Commissioners: Messer - aye, White – aye, Marsh - aye, Clarys - aye, Chairman Franchuk – aye. Motion Carried.

An amendment is needed for the 2720 Jail Capital Projects account as there was an original budget of \$2,637,731.30 and is over budget expenses by \$59,285.27.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Messer **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Clarys

To amend fund 2720 Jail & Capital Projects from \$2,637,731.30 by \$59,285.27 to a total amount of \$2,697,016.57.

DISPOSITION: Roll call: Commissioners: Messer - aye, Clarys – aye, Marsh - aye, White - aye, Chairman Franchuk – aye. Motion Carried.

An amendment is needed for Estimate Tax as no amount was budgeted as it is used for billing the cities.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Messer **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner White

To amend fund 6012 Estimate Tax by \$2,665.70.

DISPOSITION: Roll call: Commissioners: Messer - aye, White– aye, Marsh - aye, Clarys - aye, Chairman Franchuk – aye. Motion Carried.

An amendment is needed for the 911 Equipment line 6042. The original balance was \$65,000.00, and they spent \$90,855.90. The budget needs to be amended by \$25,855.90.

MOTION BY: Commissioner White **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Marsh

To amend line item 6042 from \$65,000.00 to \$90,855.90, an increase of \$25,855.90.

DISPOSITION: Roll call: Commissioners: White - aye, Marsh– aye, Clarys - aye, Messer - aye, Chairman Franchuk – aye. Motion Carried.

Richard states the COVID line has COVID, Cares, and ARPA funding and \$373,638.80 has been spent in 2023. Of the balance amount, \$1.3 million is what is actual ARPA, and she will provide a full breakdown of what is just ARPA. The state recommendation in 2021 was to move the remaining CARES funding to the General fund, as it was supposed to go into the General fund, to begin with. Richard will also provide the amount of the Cares funding.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Messer **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Clarys

To transfer \$45,000.00 from the General fund to \$20,000.00 Weed Control and \$25,000.00 to 6018 Stark County Victim Witness

DISPOSITION: Roll call: Commissioners: Messer - aye, Clarys – aye, Marsh - aye, White - aye, Chairman Franchuk – aye. Motion Carried.

Richard asks what the Commission would like to transfer over to Capital Improvements and Jail Capital Projects from the General. She states the Jail Capital Projects line is going through money quickly and they are now below the 75% of appropriations. She would also like to discuss with the commission the list of projects that will be coming up under Capital Improvements.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Messer **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Marsh

To transfer \$1.5 million into account 2500 Capital Improvement.

DISPOSITION: Roll call: Commissioners: Messer - aye, Marsh – aye, White - aye, Clarys - aye, Chairman Franchuk – aye. Motion Carried.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Messer **SECONDED BY:** Commissioner Clarys

To transfer \$500,000.00 into account 2720 Jail and Capital Projects.

DISPOSITION: Roll call: Commissioners: Messer - aye, Clarys – aye, Marsh - aye, White - aye, Chairman Franchuk – aye. Motion Carried.

Richard discusses the CD's currently held - \$4.75 million. Some will be renewed in 2024 and asks if the commission would like to put more into CDs. The sweep fund is currently earning at 5%. Clarys thinks we should look at doing some layering of the CDs and the interest rate on the DDM may come down in the short term. White asks for an update the next time they meet, and Richard states she can provide the amounts and dates they renew.

Commissioner Marsh made a **MOTION** to adjourn at 9:18 a.m., Commissioner Messer **SECONDED**, Adjourned.

Karen Richard, Auditor

Dean Franchuk, Chairman