

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, November 1, 2022
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Wood County Courthouse – Room 114

PRESENT: Ed Wagner, Lance Pliml, Laura Valenstein, Donna Rozar (via Webex)

EXCUSED: Adam Fischer

OTHERS PRESENT (for part or all of the meeting, in person or via Webex): Bill Clendenning, Dennis Polach, Jeff Penzkover, Ed Newton, PaNyia Yang, Kim McGrath, Kelli Francis, Adam Fandre, Heather Gehrt, Sue Smith, Amy Kaup, Reuben Van Tassel, Nick Flugaur, Trent Miner, Mary Schlagenhaft, Roland Hawk, Kyle Theiler, Marissa Kornack, Shane Wucherpennig, Tim Deaton (The Horton Group)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Wagner at 9:00 a.m.

There were no public comments.

Motion (Pliml/Valenstein) to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Pliml gave a brief update on ARPA funds. Pliml stated that a presentation on childcare was given to the APRA Adhoc Committee on October 31st. Brief discussion ensued.

Wellness Coordinator Fandre provided an update on the Wellness Program.

Treasurer Gehrt stated that she had signed up for, and since accepted, the Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF). Gehrt explained that the County received \$50,000 in 2022 and the County will receive another \$50,000 in 2023. She further explained that the funds can be used for essentially anything other than lobbying. Brief discussion ensued. Wagner stated that it should be placed on the next agenda so that ideas can be brought back on what to spend the funds on.

Gehrt stated that the opioid payments were received. Pliml stated that the vast majority of counties are going to opt for securitization. Health Director Smith stated that there is an opioid task force that has been established that will work together to develop an opioid abatement plan.

Finance Director Newton provided an update on Finance Department activities.

Newton provided a brief budget overview to the Committee.

Newton shared that the Moody's rating call went well and that there was no change to the County's rating.

Human Resources Director McGrath presented a resolution to amend the Property & Liability Deductibles budget for an additional \$50,000 due to larger than expected claims in 2022.

Motion (Rozar/Pliml) to approve the resolution to amend the Property & Liability Deductibles budget. Motion carried unanimously.

McGrath stated that there have been discussions at various committee meetings and other internal discussions in regards to the Workplace Violence Prevention Policy and how it relates to concealed carry. McGrath stated that, since this is a Handbook policy, it falls under the provisions of this Committee so she is bringing it to their attention. Discussion ensued. The consensus of the Committee was for McGrath to bring a draft policy to the next Committee meeting for further discussion.

McGrath explained that Anthem and Aspirus have both sent communication indicating that they have not come to a 2023 contract agreement. Tim Deaton of The Horton Group explained that most of the time these things get resolved, but he is working with McGrath to have viable options ready in case Anthem and Aspirus do not reach

not agreement. McGrath stated that Human Resources will be sending out a communication this week to employees letting them know that the County is aware of the issue, is working on it, and that there will be no increase to premiums in 2023 regardless of what the outcome is.

Wagner stated that he has the materials for the Department Head evaluations that the Committee needs to complete. The consensus of the Committee was to complete the evaluations at the next regular Committee meeting.

Items for next agenda: Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) Spending Ideas
Workplace Violence Prevention Policy
Department Head Evaluations

The next regular Committee meeting is December 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Wagner declared the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Kelli Francis. Minutes in draft form until approved at the next meeting.