

IONIA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT BOARD – PENSION AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2019 – 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS:

Robert Dunton, Jason Eppler, Larry Tiejema, and Steve Nash

CLERK:

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Additions, Deletions and Corrections to the Agenda
4. Citizen Request and Initial Public Comment
5. Approve minutes (none as this is the first sub-committee meeting)
6. New Business
 - a.) Election of Officers
 - b.) Meeting Schedule
 - c.) 2020 Preliminary Budget Draft Packet
 - d.) Review of 2018 MERS Actuarial Valuation Report
 - e.) Review of 2018 Watkins Ross OPEB Accounting Report
7. Unfinished Business
8. Commissioner/Management Reports/Discussion Items
9. Closing Public Comment
10. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting –
11. Adjournment

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Robert Dunton at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Members present - Robert Dunton, Jason Eppler, Larry Tiejema, and Steve Nash

Others present – Paul Spitzley and Morgan Prescott

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS & CORRECTIONS TO ADGENDA: None. Motion by Jason Eppler and seconded by Larry Tiejema to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN REQUEST AND INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None, as this is the first sub-committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Motion by Larry Tiejema to nominate Robert Dunton for Chairman of the Ionia County Road Department Pension and Budget committee, seconded by Jason Eppler. Motion carried.

Motion by Jason Eppler to nominate Steve Nash for Vice-Chairman of the Ionia County Road Department Pension and Budget Committee, seconded by Larry Tiejema. Motion carried.

B. Moved by Eppler, supported by Nash to hold future meetings of the Pension and Budget Advisory Board to the 1st Monday of each month unless it is determined they need to meet more often or hold special meetings. Next meetings are set for Monday, January 6th, at 9:00 A.M. and Monday, February 3rd, at 9:00 A.M. Motion Carried

The Board discussed their vision of the Pension and Budget Advisory Committee. Eppler suggested the Board of Commissioners (BOC) communicate their main concerns regarding the specific issues they would like to see addressed by the committee with Spitzley concurring. Tiejema commented on the BOC goals for the Road Department By-Laws. Nash inquired about the organizational chart. Dunton requested a formal introduction for all board members.

C. The Board reviewed and discussed the 2020 Preliminary Budget Draft Packet. Moved by Eppler, supported by Tiejema for the recommendation for the 2020 Budget to be approved.

D. The Board reviewed and discussed the 2018 MERS Actuarial Valuation Report. Spitzley explained MERS Actuarial report. Eppler explained the structure of MERS. Tiejema suggested a representative from MERS be invited to a future meeting to help the advisory committee better

understand how the pension works. Spitzley will request a representative from MERS to attend the February Pension and budget Sub-Committee meeting.

E. The Board reviewed and discussed the 2018 Watkins Ross OPEB Accounting Report. Spitzley informed the board that a corrective action plan was needed for OPEB as the waiver was denied. It is undetermined what is expected to be in the corrective action plan, however this would need to be completed by March of 2020. Tiejema suggested having a representative from Watkins Ross attend a meeting to further the boards understanding of OPEB. Spitzley will request a representative from Watkins Ross to attend the January Pension and Budget Sub-Committee meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMISSIONER/MANAGEMENT REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The date and time for the next regular meeting will be Monday, January 6th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Eppler and seconded by Nash to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m. Motion carried.



Robert Dunton, Chairman



Morgan Prescott, Clerk

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MONDAY, January 6th, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS:

Robert Dunton, Jason Eppler, Larry Tiejema, and Steve Nash

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Additions, Deletions and Corrections to the Agenda
4. Citizen Request and Initial Public Comment
5. Approve minutes from December 2nd, 2019
6. New Business
 - a.) Review of 2018 Watkins Ross OPEB Accounting Report
7. Unfinished Business
8. Commissioner/Management Reports/Discussion Items
9. Closing Public Comment
10. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting – February 3rd, 2020 at 9 AM
11. Adjournment

IONIA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT– PENSION AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, JANUARY 6th, 2020

Meeting called to order by Chairman Robert Dunton at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Members present - Robert Dunton, Jason Eppler, Larry Tiejema, and Steve Nash

Others present – Paul Spitzley, Morgan Prescott, Stephanie Fox

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS & CORRECTIONS TO ADGENDA: Moved by Eppler, supported by Tiejema to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN REQUEST AND INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Tiejema, supported by Nash to approve meeting minutes from December 6th, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

A. The committee reviewed and discussed the Watkins Ross 2018 OPEB Accounting Report. A representative from Watkins Ross was scheduled to be present however was unable to make it. Spitzley will follow up with Watkins Ross to invite them to future meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

COMMISSIONER/MANAGEMENT REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:


Spitzley shared some suggestions on where the Road Department was able to see adjustments and savings in the budget in order to contribute funds to unfunded liabilities.

Tiejema commented on the Ionia County Board of Commissioners intention to discuss Road Advisory Board By-Laws at their meeting on January 7th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The date and time for the next regular meeting will be Monday, February 3rd, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



Robert Dunton, Chairman



IONIA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT BOARD – PENSION AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
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Monday, February 3rd, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS:

Robert Dunton, Jason Eppler, Larry Tiejema, and Steve Nash

OTHERS PRESENT: _____

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Additions, Deletions and Corrections to the Agenda
4. Citizen Request and Initial Public Comment
5. Approve minutes from January 6th, 2020
6. New Business
 - a.) Review of 2018 MERS Actuarial Valuation Report
7. Unfinished Business
 - a.) Review of Potential Retiree Healthcare Changes
8. Commissioner/Management Reports/Discussion Items
9. Closing Public Comment
10. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting – March 2nd, 2020 at 9 AM
11. Adjournment

IONIA COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT– PENSION AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 2020

Meeting called to order by Chairman Robert Dunton at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Members present - Robert Dunton, Jason Eppler, Larry Tiejema, and Steve Nash

Others present – Paul Spitzley, Morgan Prescott, Jerry Renucci, Jill Renucci, Bernie Ardis, Scott Peterson, Mike Overley, Chris Veenstra

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS & CORRECTIONS TO ADGENDA: Moved by Eppler, supported by Tiejema to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZEN REQUEST AND INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bernie Ardis, retiree, addressed the board regarding his concerns with the potential changes to retiree healthcare while referring to Pubilic Act 152 of 2011.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Tiejema, supported by Nash to approve meeting minutes from January 6th, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mike Overley, a representative from MERS, was present to participate in discussion regarding the underfunding of the Road Departments pension plan, how now being under the “umbrella” of the county effects the funding levels as well as answering questions from the board and present retirees. He also presented information on the Health Care Savings Plans that are available to MERS members.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Chris Veentsra, a representative from Watkins Ross was present to discuss the current situation regarding the underfunded OPEB liabilities. He answered questions from the board and retirees regarding the model changes that are currently being discussed.

Spitzley was asked to follow up with other public sectors whom combated similar issues, to compare results and present to board at future meeting.

COMMISSIONER/MANAGEMENT REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS: None

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bernie Ardis asked the board to be conscious of any decisions being made to change the retiree health provided to them and to allow them plenty of notice and details about possible changes.

Tiejema responded providing information on the structure of any decisions that are made. Assuring present retirees there will be notice and need for a public hearing regarding any changes along with a vote by the Ionia County Board of Commissioners.

Spitzley noted there will be a letter that will go out to those effected if and when there are changes being made.

The date and time for the next regular meeting will be Monday, March 2nd, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.



Robert Dunton, Chairman



Morgan Prescott