

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., Chairperson Patti Peretto called the meeting to order. The meeting was held in the Board of Commissioner's Room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Chairperson Patti Peretto, Commissioners Jeff Ofsdahl, Jacob Conery, and Mark Stauber. Absent: Commissioner Mike Stafford.

Also present: Administrative Assistants Lynette Lorenz, Mary Dalpra, Treasurer Melanie Camps, Sheriff Mark Valesano, Civil Counsel Steve Tinti and Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle.

Moved by Conery, supported by Stauber, to approve the agenda. Voice vote, motion carried.

Peretto called for Public Comment.

Paul Putnam, MSU District Director, commented that he hasn't had an opportunity to discuss a budget. Peretto said that he can do that during the budget review.

Peretto called for public comment two more times with no further comments voiced.

The only item on the agenda was the 2022 Budget Review. Lynette Lorenz said that she had to take \$84,720.00 from the general fund to balance the Child Care Fund. This made the total that we had to take from the beginning of the year balance \$153,387.00 to make the budget balance.

Conery said does anyone have any suggestions? Peretto said that we will have until next month's board meeting to accept it and put it out for public review.

Paul Putnam gave an update on MSU. He said that last year due to the Covid pandemic everything had to be done on-line and they were able to reach a new audience. He said \$74,389 would get him a full-time MSU Coordinator. He understands that would be difficult and hoped to be able to reach at least \$30,000 from the county. Peretto asked if he reached out to the schools to see if they would be willing to put in \$10,000 each and then the county could possibly put in \$10,000. Putnam said he hasn't been able to because of the pandemic last year and with the school's schedule it's been difficult to coordinate a time to meet. He said the conversation will have to continue.

Tinti said our expenditures exceeded our income and we cannot continue to "bleed". He also pointed out that we will not be getting any Covid money next year.

Stauber said we have to run the county like a business and that the revenue just isn't there.

Libby Hansen, the new MSU Extension Coordinator, commented that she has only been working a month and is still learning. She updated the board on many upcoming events and events that were already held. She's trying to get more people interested in 4-H. Putnam praised Hansen for her work so far and ambition.

Ofsdahl said we need to figure out if we can find money.

Moved by Stauber, supported by Conery, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Chairperson Patti Peretto

Clerk/Register Julie Kezerle