I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Van Etten called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2021, MEETING MADE BY MS. LATTIMER. SECONDED BY MRS. FERRATELLA. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 7-0.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Outside Agency Requests** – Mr. Wheeler stated at the September meeting of the HSH&E Committee we had a presentation by AIM which clarified their request which is a one-time request for $30,000. There has also been an additional outside agency request by the Steuben Prevention Coalition Opioid Committee for $4,500 to be used to purchase 3,000 DisposeRX medication packets, two medication lock boxes and education materials. The Prevention Coalition is also asking for $8,500 to send two students to the annual conference in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Wheeler stated some of these requests do not require action now. However, do you want to consider the request from AIM this month? This committee can make the recommendation and then we could have the request go through standing committees and then be presented to the Legislature. As AIM’s request is time sensitive, do you want to address that now? The committee was in agreement. Mr. Wheeler stated we will hold a special joint meeting of the HSH&E and Finance Committees prior to the Legislative meeting on September 27th and a resolution will then be presented to the Legislature to appropriate those funds.

Mr. Wheeler stated with the other requests on the list we can put them on the appropriate standing committee agendas. Mr. Van Etten stated I agree that we should do that. We have received money in from the Federal government so we should start moving on that.

Mr. Van Etten asked do you have a total for the requests that have been submitted? Mr. Wheeler replied I do not have a total, however, for the smaller requests that have been submitted, those are between $50,000 - $60,000. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked will those be unrestricted funds? Mr. Wheeler replied yes.
Mr. Malter asked what is the status on the capital spending proposals? Mr. Wheeler replied the RFP’s have been issued with a return date for the end of September. Some of the companies want to do a site visit so that is in process.

Mr. Nichols stated I think we should look at the Soil & Water request because of all the flooding we had and we don’t know if we will be receiving FEMA funding. Mr. Wheeler stated we can put that on the agenda for the October AIP and Finance Committees.

Mr. Horton stated last month the request from the Fair was presented. Did someone reach out to the Fair to make sure this was not just a wish list and to confirm if they have their own funding or if they are in need of funding? Mr. Van Etten commented it appeared to be a wish list. Mr. Wheeler stated we will request their financials. Mr. Nichols commented there needs to be more research done on the Fair’s request.

Mr. Van Etten asked what about the $100,000 request from the IDA to support economic development? Mr. Wheeler stated this is a partnership with the IDA for infrastructure improvements. We will also need to hold a Special Joint AIP and Finance meeting prior to the September 27th Legislative meeting.

B. Capital Spending Proposals – Mr. Wheeler stated the RFP’s are out and are due back at the end of September. We will need time to go through them and then we can bring them to the committee for review. Ms. Fitzpatrick asked will these projects fall under unrestricted funds? Mr. Wheeler replied they will, except the Civil Defense project for Public Health and 911. Also, if you do the drive through clinic at Mt. Washington, that portion would fall under the restricted funds.

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated we need to have a running balance for how much money we are committing to each proposal. The request from the Prevention Coalition to send two youth to an annual meeting in Washington, D.C. is not a great use of those funds. The other request the Prevention Coalition has, I feel like some of this stuff they do is enabling versus prevention and I am not a big fan of supporting that. She stated that she had requested additional information from Soil & Water and I am certainly on board as funding their request helps everyone in the County. When it is infrastructure, it is good because everyone benefits. It would be nice to see a running total. Mr. Wheeler stated we will keep track of that.

Mrs. Lando stated in response to Ms. Fitzpatrick’s comments, the $8,500 request to send two students to Washington, D.C., we hope that they will come back to their schools to get other youth involved in prevention. It helps to make more young people aware to prevent the use of drugs and alcohol.

Mr. Wheeler stated the Sheriff has indicated that the chillers at the Jail are approaching end of life. There are two sets that are original to the building and they will cost approximately $400,000 to replace. He stated he just wanted to put that on everyone’s radar as that is something we may add to this list. Mr. Malter commented the State has closed some of their jails, can we sell it? Mr. Wheeler replied no, you are constitutionally required to have one.

MOTION: TO ADJOURN MADE BY MS. LATTIMER, SECONDED BY MR. NICHOLS. ALL BEING IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIES 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted by

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Steuben County Legislature