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>> CHAIR EID: Good morning everyone. I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 11:01 a.m. This Zoom webinar is being live streamed on Youtube on the redistricting Commission Youtube channel. For anyone in the public watching, who would prefer to watch via a different platform than they are currently using, please visit our social media@redistricting mi. Our live stream today includes closed captioning, ASL interpretation viewing at a later date. This meeting also is being transcribed and those closed-captioned transcriptions will be made available and posted on the Michigan.gov/MICRC website along with written public Comment submissions. There is also a public comment portal that may Be Accessed visiting Michigan.gov/MICRC. Members of the media who

may have questions before, during or after the meeting should direct those questions to Edward Woods III, Executive Director for the Commission at WoodsE3@Michigan.gov or 517-331-6309. For the public Watching and the public record I will turn to the department of State staff take note of the commissioners present. please say present when I call your name. If you are attending from the meeting remotely, please announce during roll call you are attending the meeting remotely and unless ab.

I will begin roll call alphabetically with Elaine Andrade?

- >> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present attending from Imlay Township, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Donna Callaghan?
- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present attending remotely from Mexico.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Juanita Curry?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present attending remotely from Detroit Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Anthony Eid?
- >> CO.
- >> CHAIR EID: Present; attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Brittini Kellom?
- >> COMM.
- >> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Attending from Detroit Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Steven Lett?
- > COMMISSIONER LETT: Present; attending from Lee County, Florida.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Marcus Muldoon?

- >> COMMISSIONER MULDOON: Present from Carrollton, Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Cynthia Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present; attending remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Rebecca Szetela?
 - >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present; attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Janice Vallette?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present; attending from Highland Township, Michigan.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Erin Wagner?
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present attending remotely from Eaton township, Michigan.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Richard Weiss?
 - >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present; attending remotely from Saginaw Township, Saginaw Michigan.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: I will go back to Rhonda Lange. There are 12 Commissioners present. You have a quorum.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you. As a reminder to the public watching with, you can view the agenda at www.michigan.gov/micrc. I'll entertain a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting.
 - >> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.
- >> CHAIR EID: I hear a motion made by Commissioner Lett and seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Is there any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, there's been a motion that has been made and seconded. To approve the agenda for today's meeting. All those in favor please raise your hand and say aye. Is there any opposed? Please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted. Without objection, we'll move to the public comment portion of today's meeting. For this part, I'll turn it over to the vice chair of the Commission, Commissioner Brittany Kellom.
- >> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Okay. I didn't get a list to know if I have public comment. I'll ask at this time, if we have public comment. If so, I'll proceed.
- >> CHAIR EID: We have two public comment today. The first is from James Gallant. The second is from Anthony Scannell.
- >> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live, remote public commentary to the Commission will be allowed. I will call your name and our staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer, you'll be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak. If you are on the phone, a voice will say "the host wants you tow speak" and prompt you to press "star 6" to unmute. I will call you by your name, or the last four digits of your phone number. For today it'll be by your name. Please note if you experience technical or

audio issues or we don't hear from you for three to five seconds, we'll move on to the next person in line and return to you after you're done speaking. After they're done speaking. If your audio does not work, e-mail redistricting@michigan.gov and we'll help you troubleshoot so you can participate during the next public period at a later meeting. You'll have up to 90 seconds to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer. First in line to provide public comment is James Gallant. Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

- >> The current participant is not present.
- >> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. We'll move on to the second participant Anthony Scannell. Anthony, allow a couple of moments.
 - >> That participant is also not present.
- >> V. CHAIR KELLOM: I think with only two folks that have signed up for public comment, that will conclude our public comment portion of our agenda. So to anyone else, please feel free to e-mail public comment. We appreciate everyone and anyone who offers public comment in whatever way you choose. We invite you to keep sharing your thoughts. Especially through our next mapping process. Especially if you would like to share ways the Commission could improve Commission business. And I will return the meeting back to our chair Anthony Eid.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Kellom. Next up on the agenda are the items we'll address at today's special meeting. First up is topic 5a, appeal to the United States Supreme Court. We have our local council Nate Fink to help facilitate the item. Without objection, please proceed, Mr. Fink.
- >> NATE FINK: Good morning everyone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The litigation team is here to discuss the pending appeal and pending litigation in the AG versus Benson. I would recommend that because this relates to pending litigation and litigation strategy issues, I would recommend that under your rules of procedure, section 6.2.5 that the Commission go into closed session for the purpose of discussing that pending litigation, which is a permissible purpose under the Detroit versus MICRC Supreme Court case. So I think I would recommend that a motion is made to go into closed session and the Commission is required to do a roll call vote, should such a motion be made, and requires an affirmative roll call vote of two-thirds of members serving to approve the closed session.
 - >> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move we go into closed session, Mr. Chair.
 - >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.
- >> CHAIR EID: There's a motion we move to closed session to discuss a pending litigation with the United States Supreme Court. The motion was made by Commissioner Lett and seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Is there any debate on the motion? I see no hands raised. With that said, we'll now vote on the motion to move to closed session. All those in favor please raise their hand and say aye.
 - >> NATE FINK: You're required to do a roll call vote.
 - >> CHAIR EID: All right. Well, can we get a roll call vote from the department of

state.

- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Absolutely. There's a motion on the floor to move into closed session for the purposes of discussion of discussing the U.S. Supreme Court with our attorney. MICRC attorney. If you're in favor of the motion, respond by saying "yes" if you are not, please by respond by saying "no." Elaine Andrade.
 - >> COMMISSONER ANDRADE: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Donna Callahan.
 - >> COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Anthony Eid.
 - >> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Brittany Kellom.
 - >> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Steve Lett.
 - >> STEVE LETT: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Marcus Muldoon.
 - >> COMMISSIONER MULDOON: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Rebecca Szetela.
 - >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Erin Wagner.
 - >> ERIN WAGNER: No.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Richard Weiss.
 - >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Mr. Chair with a 10 yes to two no, the motion carries. Thank you.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.
 - >> CHAIR EID: We'll be moving to closed session.
- >> NATE FINK: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry. So there's an additional agenda item, which is after the discussion of the appeal, which is to discuss the mapping -- the remedial mapping schedule for the senate, which also relates to pending litigation. And a component of that, I believe, should be discussed also in the closed session. But it's definitely relates to the AG versus Benson pending litigation. It's a separate discussion, but I think it should also -- I think perhaps a little bit clunky, but I think the Commission should also vote. My recommendation the Commission take a separate vote to have a discussion held in closed session to discuss the proposed revisions to the remedial mapping schedule related to the senate. So I would request or recommend that the Commission take another vote on that so we don't have to come back here, do another vote, and then go sort of back and forth. it looks like

Commissioner Lett.

- >> CHAIR EID: I see your hand, Commissioner Lett.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Attorney fink, are you referring to the revised schedule or a portion of it? What are we referring to?
- >> NATE FINK: There's some component of the discussion that relates to some sort of litigation strategy components. There's some briefing schedule issues that fall within that. And so I think that portion of the discussion should be had in closed session, and then ultimately the permission will come out of closed session and vote on a proposed, hopefully, vote on the proposed remedial schedule. But I believe it's appropriate for the Commission to have a part of that discussion in closed session. It does relate to litigation strategy.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: All right. I'll move that the closed session also attend to the proposed senate remedial plan schedule. Those items that would pertain to trial strategy.
 - >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I'll second.
- >> CHAIR EID: There has been a motion and a second. Motion by Commissioner Lett and seconded by Commissioner Weiss. The motion is to include a discussion on the proposed schedule for the senate remedial plan, as it pertains to pending litigation. Is that correct, Mr. Lett?
 - >> COMMISSIONER LETT: That's correct.
- >> CHAIR EID: Is there any discussion on the motion? I do not see any hands up. So can we once again get a roll call vote, Miss Young.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Absolutely! And just for the record, that was Commissioner Weiss that seconded the motion, is that corrected?
 - >> CHAIR EID: That's correct.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Okay. Thank you. The motion is before you, Commissioners. Yes response is that you're in favor of the discussion during the closed session. And a no response means you're not in favor of the discussion during the closed session portion. I'll begin with Donna Callaghan.
 - >> COMMISSIONER CALLAGHAN: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Juanita Curry.
 - >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Eid.
 - >> CHAIR EID: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Brittany Kellom.
 - >> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Rhonda Lange is not in. Steve Lett.
 - >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Cynthia Orton.
 - >> CHAIR ORTON: Yes.
 - >> YVONNE YOUNG: Erin Wagner.

- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Richard Weiss.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: With a vote of 10-2, the vote carries.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Miss Young. We'll enter closed session to discuss the two topics we just approved. This meeting will stay up during that, but please -- how do we usually do this? Do folks leave the meeting and then rejoin or is it better just to leave it up and keep your cameras off? What do we think of that?
- >> EDWARD WOODS: Look for your link in the mail. This link will stay open until the Commission returns.
- >> CHAIR EID: All righty. And we just received that link in our in-boxes. So everyone close out of this meeting. See you in the closed session.

[Closed session]

- >> CHAIR EID: I will call the public portion of today's Commission meeting back to order at 12:18:00 p.m. Can we have department of state take the roll.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Absolutely, Mr. Chair.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioners, when I call your name, please say present. If your physical location has not changed, you don't need to share that. I'm going to start with Commissioner Curry.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Eid.
- >> CHAIR EID: Present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom.
- >> V. CHAIR KELLOM: Present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Lett.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Muldoon. Disbluid present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner have a Vallette.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Weiss. Disblieses present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan.
- >> COMMISSIONER CALLAGHAN: Present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: And I'm going back to Rebecca.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.
- >> YVONNE YOUNG: You have a quorum, sir. 12 Commissioners are present.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Miss Young. Next on the agenda is item 5B approve the revised proposed schedule for the senate remedial plan. I'll ask Edwards Woods III to facilitate this item. Is there any objection? Seeing none. Mr. Woods, the floor is

yours.

>> EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We have our schedule. We have been going back and forth taking into context what everybody wanted. I did have a plan, if the Commission wants to consider a Saturday schedule. I did reach out to Secretary of state. They're willing to accommodate. I reached out to the closed captioner, that would be time and a half if we were to meet on Saturday. If the Commission wanted to reach out to MC Rothhorn, I reached out to him for the Commission's consideration. If we want to go to Saturday. To have someone who is aware of what takes place in person at our public hearing sessions. I wanted to get someone who had experience working with the Commission, who was familiar with what I do. The other thing is, in the past you know, when Sue Hammersmith was our director, Julia filled in. The rate we paid, Julia is a fifth of the rate we would pay Nate Fink if he was to do it, and a sixth of the rate if we were to have David Fink do it. That's why I thought it would be more fiscally responsible to go with MC rothhorn, if the Commission was to accept my recommendation at a lower rate and going with what happened previously. If the Commission decides to do it on Saturday. I have not heard back from interpretation, as it relates to their costs. But you can assume it's going to be either the current cost or could be time and a half or whatever it may be. But just wanted to provide that context for the Commission. If it wants to consider Saturday meetings.

As you know, the court is expecting on tomorrow joint submission for the plaintiffs as well as our counsel with regards to the Senate remedial redistricting plan. It's really dealing with with when the Court will get the initial maps and then when the Court will get the final maps. Then the review. As it relates to the meeting dates, those are the actual Commission dates in terms of how we meet. We have that flexibility. As you already know, the third Thursday of every month is our Commission meeting. That is going to be from 10:00 to 12:00, as always. Next week we'll have our briefings from our partisan fairness as well as our map drawers. We'll show the 2011 map. We'll show the Lyndon map, just to provide context with what the work we'll be doing. As well as the sixth will need to be reconfigured. That'll be done next week. We'll hear from our partisan fairness with regards to the process, as you already heard. The process will go exactly the same way as we did with the House. So that'll be a regular Commission meeting.

On the 23rd. Based on the feedback I got from everyone on the schedules, we'll have a evening meeting. Or afternoon from 4:00 to 7:00. We'll be drawing senate maps. We'll start drawing senate maps on April 23rd. That means the Commission for mapping will start on Monday, April 22nd. We'll draw senate maps on that Wednesday and Thursday, following that schedule, 10:00-1:00 and 4:00-7:00. We'll come back and start drug maps again on Monday, April 29th from 10:00 to 1:00 and Tuesday, April 30th from 10:00 to 12:00. Off May 1st and come back at it again May 2nd. May 7, 8, and 9. We'll have one in Wayne county. We're working on dates

as we speak. We did do site visits yesterday. I can tell you May 9th, our goal is to be at Wayne State University. Wayne State University on May 9th, which is in Wayne county. May 7 and 8, we're still working on logistics for two facilities. Then the following week, we'll come back on those public hearings. We'll be in-person meetings. They'll be hybrid, for those Commissioners who are unable to attend. There will be a hybrid option.

May 14, 15, and 16 will be drawing maps on the 16th. It's our regular Commission meeting. We'll be doing business on the 16th as well as drawing maps. May 20, 21 is another drawing map session. What we wanted to do, because of the Memorial Day holiday, was to have the maps done on that 22nd. That will give a 30-day public comment period for the public to say something with regards to our maps. And the 22nd is on a Wednesday, we'll have them on a Wednesday so we can have them due to the Court and then have them up and ready to go. Our same goal would be Wednesday, as well. We will host a virtual public hearing. A virtual public hearing session on the 29th and the 6th. We'll actually go over the maps that the Commission has for the publics' consideration. That will be in a virtual setting. Once again, taking into account the Memorial Day holiday weekend. People coming back. Then giving people time to get their questions answered or their statements together as the Commission will hold public hearings on June 11, 12, and 13. That will be in Detroit. We're looking at several high schools. School will be out of session. We're looking at hosting it in several high schools throughout the city. Detroit on the 11th, 12, and 13. And the 20th is the regular Commission meeting. The 21st the public comment period closes, and the Commission will engage in senate map deliberations. On the 24th, 25, and 26th, with the maps due to the Court on Thursday the 27th.

Then we have the plaintiff's schedule. The reason why the senate map is due on a Thursday versus Friday, we wanted to take into consideration the 4th of July holiday as a business day. By moving it from that Friday to Thursday, we accommodate that day to be fair with the plaintiff. This follows the same court order that was done with the House maps, in terms of timelines and what we did. So we copied it to a t. With the only exception is accommodating an business day as it relates for the plaintiff to respond with regards to whatever map the Commission decides to vote.

If there's any questions, I can take them at this time. I got feedback from the Commissioners. I got feedback from secretary of state, as well as our consultants, if there are any consults with the schedule. This was the consensus with regards to that the only thing is if the Commission decides they want to do a Saturday, that would need to be an action taken by the Commission.

- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods. I'll entertain any motions, if a Commissioner wants to make any.
 - >> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move we adopt the schedule as presented with a

possible future modifications, depending on what the -- what we and the plaintiff finally conclude or the Court decides. But I move we adopt it as presented.

- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.
- >> CHAIR EID: We have a motion on the table to adopt the proposed senate remedial plan schedule as presented. With the caveat how tomorrow goes with the conference of the plaintiffs. That was made by Commissioner Lett and seconded by Commissioner Weiss. I'll open the floor up for discussion. I see Commissioner Szetela, the floor is yours.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm not in favor of this schedule. I think it unnecessarily prolongs the mapping time period, for reasons which seem inexplicable. Other than collecting a longer paycheck. We could realistically get them done in a week or two. It seems taking a two month period to draw a map seems excessively long to me. I have concerns about that. It's extremely disruptive for those who have full-time jobs to have to delay this out for two months, when we can do it much, much faster if we buckle down and did it.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Szetela. I see Commissioner Callaghan.
- >> COMMISSIONER CALLAGHAN: I have a different question here. It's not clear 100% to me looking at the schedules are hybrid, virtual, and in person. Can that be noted on the schedule?
- >> EDWARD WOODS: The public hearings May 7, 8, 9, and June -- everything else is virtual.
- >> COMMISSIONER CALLAGHAN: Okay. Everything else is virtual. Okay. Thank you.
- >> CHAIR EID: Is there anymore discussion on the motion? Do not see any hands. We will now vote on the motion. All those in favor of adopting the proposed remedial senate plan schedule, please raise your hand and say "aye." All those opposed, please raise your hand.
 - >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Nay.
 - >> Nay.
- >> CHAIR EID: It seems to me that the ayes have it. The proposed schedule is adopted. Next up on the agenda is item number 5c, approve a vendor or vendors to increase citizens engagement in mapping the Senate Remedial Plan. If there's no objection, I will turn this over to executive Director Edward Woods III to present this item. Is there any objection?
 - >> I do not see any objection. Executive Director woods, the floor is yours.
- >> EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. As the Commission already knows, and we will put this on the screen. We did a request for quotes. A request for quote is an informal bidding process where the Commission has a range between \$5,000, and \$49,99.99 to procure services versus going for a full-blown procurement process for anything over \$50,000. And what we're doing is the same

thing we did for the House. We're doing for the Senate. We want to promote citizens engagement in recon fig rating senate districts 6, 8, 10, 11, in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb county. Basically not to exceed \$50,000. As a result we had a process we set stuff out for bid. The bids were due on April, Thursday 4 at 5:00 p.m. We received three bids. 98 Forward, Consulturit Public Relations, and Design Company, and Mcconnell. We've evaluated on seven ranked redistricting criteria. It's evaluation for public relations with the public awareness campaigns, including redistricting, working with traditional, nontraditional media, develop and execute a multimedia public relations plan, principal and résumé, reference, résumé for the team, and estimated budget. If you noticed, all of the bids came over the \$49,999.99. An e-mail was sent to each person to see if they would be willing to work for the \$49,999.99, if they were to receive the contract and the answer was yes. For those that responded to both the traditional as well as the nontraditional media, we asked them would they be willing to work in a bifurcated as it relates to the contract. Whether they do the traditional community outreach or the nontraditional and social media outreach. We got affirmatives on those that responded in their RFPs to both of them. As a result of that, the way the bid works, we would actually pay them directly for their services, but the paid media, paid advertising, the Commission pays separately. This would be hours worked by the vendor. Hours worked by the vendor. We were able to evaluate the bid. The bids were evaluated by Kristin Taylor, our event planner, administrative assistant, and myself. We had advice, not influence or telling us what to do from the Michigan Department of State which is consistent with the procurement policy in terms of how we evaluate the request for proposal. As a result, we have the following recommendation. We would like to bifurcate and provide the traditional community outreach for \$24,999.99 to Mcconnell communications. They have been working with in the past with regards to that, once again, the request for quote, that's what you're hearing. Bifurcation is \$49,999.99. So we're splitting it for Mcconnell, which is what they did last time with the traditional media and communication outreach. This time the social media outreach for \$24,999.99 to Consulturit Public Relations. They deal with the legal doctrine that allows upper level of government to restrict or even prevent lower level government from self-regulating. It's a complex topic similar to redistricting. They established a millennial round table, so we get Younger people involved in the process and have that. They've also done social media campaigns where they do live stream or they get actually future members of the Commission to interact with the public through Instagram, Facebook, what have you, to have their questions answered. So this is the recommendation that we would like to present to the Commission with regards to the request for quote for public relations with regards to the senate remedial plan. If there's any questions, I can take them at this time. I believe all of you were able to see the bids, as well.

>> CHAIR EID: Yes, we did receive that earlier. I'll open the floor to any motions.

- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move the bids be accepted.
- >> I second.
- >> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lett, can you clarify your motion to state which bids.
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: The ones currently on the screen, the Mcconnell bid for \$24,999.99 and the consultturit -- however you say that. Public relations and design for the same amount.
- >> CHAIR EID: Okay. I heard a motion by Commissioner Lett and a second by Commissioner Curry. I will now open the floor up for discussion on the motion. Commissioner Szetela, I see your hand. The floor is yours.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Hi. Mr. Woods, I'm wondering -- I agree is the issue during the last meeting about concerns members of the public have raised about lack of trust with the Commission and the feeling that we didn't listen to them back in 2021, and why would they believe we listen to them now. Is there any plan to kind of address that in some of the media and outreach we're having to try to restore faith with the public and address those concerns, which seem like a big elephant from the room, from my perspective.
- >> EDWARD WOODS: Thank you. There will be a comprehensive approach with regards to that. To ensure that people know they can show up, speak up, and their voice can be heard. And that the Commission is listening. As you know, in the last process, when it came to the Motown South, the public overwhelmingly, you know, favored that particular map and the public feedback. As you noted, we're in the process of restoring that trust to ensure we do listen to the public and will continue with that, as well. But that is definitely the plan.
- >> CHAIR EID: Is there any more discussion on the motion? I do not see any hands. So we will move to vote. All those in favor to accept the recommendation and the media bids from Mcconnell communication and Cuturit at the amounts currently listed on the screen of \$24,999.99 for each. Please raise your hand and say aye. All those opposed, please raise your hand and say nay. The item --
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Anthony, I'm going to abstain. This is Commissioner Szetela. Abstain for lack of information.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Szetela. The ayes have it. We have now completed the items to address on the agenda. We will move on to announcements. Are there any announcements today?
- >> EDWARD WOODS: I want to remind the Commission that the regularly scheduled meeting is next week. If you have any agenda items or something you would like to share, please give those to me today. So far I note we have three things that will be on the agenda. As I'm aware, I know Commissioner Wagner had a request to hear from Dr. Petterring with regards to discussing his e-mail. That would be on the agenda. We also got a discussion item to look at the Michigan State University. And Commissioner Curry and Commissioner Weiss requested we review

the application that the Commissioners filled out when they joined the Commission.

So those are three items that I'm aware of that we'll be discussing in addition to our regular minute approval, financial reports, executive report, and legal liaison report. If there's any additional items, we'll have presentations, as I shared earlier. For partisan fairness our counsel and mapping consultant. If you let me know by close of business today. I would like to at least give you the agenda by Friday. In case something was missed or something so we can get the materials to you on Monday.

- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods. We'll be on the look out for more in the agenda or in the April 18th meeting. Are there any other announcements? Okay. As the items on the agenda are complete and the Commission has no further business, it's time for us to go home. I will entertain a motion to adjourn, at this time.
 - >> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.
 - >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I second.
- >> CHAIR EID: Motion made by Commissioner Lett and Commissioner Orton, I think. All those in favor please say aye. Any opposed? Wonderful. Today's meeting is adjourned at 12:43:00 p.m. See you all next week.