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>> CHAIR ROTHORN: It looks like we are recording so I'm going to start us up.  
Now streaming live.

Good morning, Michigan and Commissioners and everyone else.

As Chair of the Commission, I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:03 a.m.

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For the public watching and the public record I will turn to the department state staff take it away Sarah.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Good morning, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. Because we are all attending the meeting remotely, please disclose you are attending remotely and as well as your physical location you are attending from.

City County or Township you are attending from.

Doug Clark.

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Juanita Curry.

- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present; attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Present from Orchard Lake, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Can you say that again?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Attending from Oakland County, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Brittini Kellom?

- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present; attending from Detroit, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending remotely from Lake County.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present from Grand Traverse County.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?
- >> CHAIR ROTHORN: Present, attending remotely from Lansing, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present. Attending remotely from San Francisco, California.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present, attending remotely from Highland, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present. Attending remotely from Saginaw Township, Saginaw Michigan.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> VICE CHAIR WITJES: I'm Present, attending remotely from Douglas County, Illinois.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissioners are present and there is a quorum.
- >> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt.

As a reminder to the public watching, You can view the agenda at [Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://Michigan.gov/MICRC).

I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda.  
Motion from Commissioner Witjes and a second from Commissioner Curry.  
Is there any discussion or debate? On the motion? Seeing none all in favor of approving the agenda please raise your hand and say aye.  
Aye.

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All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it.

So we are moving on with our agenda, which did not want to print for me today so I'm moving screens here so we are on to our Commission report.

Oh, excuse me, we have public comment or do we have public comment

Ms. Reinhardt?

>> SARAH REINHARDT: We have one individual for public comment today.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Let's move on to public comment.

Without objection we will begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with the public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

I will call on your name and the staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer, you will be prompted by the zoom app to unmute your mic and speak.

If you on the phone, a voice will say that the host would like you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute.

I will call on you by your name or the last four digits of the phone number.

Also note if you experience technical or audio issues or we do not hear from you for 3-5 seconds, we will move on to the next person in line and then return to you after they are done speaking.

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You will have two minutes to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line to provide public comment is number one.

>> Hello. This is James Galant, Marquette. These are my opinions. And, Mr. Chair, please post the transcripts you have been promising us back in January. There are none on the website yet. And at the request of Tony Daunt, the new Chairman of the Michigan State Board of Canvassers, I'm here to reiterate my concerns about election fraud and the so-called beach state in Michigan.

And the refusal of the MICRC to follow the approved by vote rules of procedure, including Roberts Rules of Order, newly revised, which is the fundamental principles of parliamentary law in America. And now it appears that that is just running rampant through the Department of State because Chairman Daunt clearly understands that there shall be no debate before a motion is properly supported as in Page 366, Line 8, Roberts Rules. Yet he proceeded to conduct all of the discussion before the motions and blatantly denied the rights of members and then entertained a motion that appeared to not to be on the agenda. And it's like you are negotiating the motion, right? And then you do it again. But that motion was not on the agenda. So it appears that this breach

is being created and supported directly by Secretary of State, Joyce Benson and the Department of State staff, including Sarah Reinhardt, Mike Brady and Jonathan Brater. And this is the beach thing, which is where the staff does whatever they want. And where somebody does whatever they want, and there is the least amount of liberty in Michigan, that's where it is, and it's right here.

This is election fraud happening at this board. The MICRC is conducting in selection, integrity, fraud because you are not following the rules. And you know what the rules are, Mr. Chair. And you just blatantly won't do it. You assign the floor to Witjes at the last meeting and then he just reluctantly, I was pained by his reaction to you forcing him to facilitate the meeting while there was no motion.

And he did it.

He was bullied. And you're the bully. And now you're the victim and he is the victim. It's the bully-victim situation. And you're all circular doing it with each other. It appears Mr. Witjes is vulnerable also.

I could see the tear in his eye

And several others on your Commission.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for your comments.

That concludes our public comment. However, I would like to mention that all e-mailed and mailed public comments are provided to the Commission before each meeting Commissioners are also regularly review the public comment portal on our [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC) website.

We appreciate everyone who offers public comment in whatever way you choose and invite you to keep sharing your thoughts especially if you would like to share ways the MICRC process or procedures have been good or could be more effective.

Moving on in our agenda to number five unfinished business.

I will ask Commissioner Lett our legal liaison to present this item hearing no objection please proceed Commissioner Lett.

You are muted, Steve.

Steve, we can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I can't print my agenda either what is number five.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Unfinished business Commission report 5A.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I give the liaison report is that acceptable?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: It is that what is intended director Woods? Sorry.

Yep.

I see your hand.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: This is the Commissioner overview Commissioner Lett we were going to approve and legal liaison will be a little later when we talk about the dormancy.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Rebecca had her hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Edward just sent out the three dissenting reports and Commissioner reports so I think that was about that.  
I was just going to add that.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you I appreciate that Commissioner Lett you have the floor.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sure this will be real short.  
We got this late yesterday or early this morning.  
I don't know which.

It looks like it's about 70 pages long.  
Including the exhibits.

I'm sure that everybody has had ample opportunity to read through this.  
The report is there for your perusal.

We will discuss it at our next meeting after you've had an opportunity to review it.  
The excuse me, the we did discuss the report last week with Kate and Nate kind of the Kate and Nate show.

There were no particular issues regarding the report from Kate as it would pertain to the effect on legal proceedings now so the report is as was presented with some minor changes here and there regarding formatting or syntax or whatever.

So finally, the report is here for your review.  
And we will -- we can discuss it next month.

If you had particular questions to submit or comments to submit that you wanted us to consider before we meet next, you can submit those to Edward and he can get them out to everybody or we simply discuss it as we go.

The minority reports were not changed in any manner that I'm aware of.  
So they are what they are.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: And I see Director Woods shaking his head meaning they were not changed at all.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: They were not changed at all.  
They were approved by the respective Commissioners so I want to thank them for that.  
What is going to happen we will give this to Good Marketing and they will format it and update the report and we will also send that out as well.  
Obviously by the time we got it they could not do it and it will be combined into one document. So we want to get that out and then post it on our website for the public to see as soon as possible. So we hope to have that up within 24 hours so everyone has a chance to see it.

And then they will format it and then I will send that out and also update that on the website for the public to see as well.

But I definitely want to thank Commissioner Lett and Baker host and Fink Bressack for their work and seemed like a long time coming and wanted to double check to make

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sure the Is were dotted and Ts were crossed as relates to how the Commission approve the maps.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good thank you Commissioner Lett and Director Woods.

I do see that was 5A we do have a 5B on the agenda.

Related to census block geographical boundaries if I still have that correct or do I have the draft.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: You have the draft.

That is going to be postponed to next month, there are a few questions that needs to be answered just so everybody knows but participating in that meeting were Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Witjes.

And so we are obviously working with MD O S and we just have a few questions we want to make sure we can answer correctly and bring that up at the next meeting in August.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Very good thanks so much so we will move on to number six our new business.

The fiscal year 22 May financial report without objection I will ask you Mr. Woods to present this item.

Hearing no objection please proceed.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: All right, I am let me know if you can see the report. Are you able to see it.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: And this is the revised fiscal year 2022.

The Governor signed the bill into law.

For the 2.2 million dollars and so we should have that in our account hopefully within the next couple of weeks.

And what this is showing is we were appropriated for this fiscal year which is 25% of the general fund, gunnel purpose of the Michigan Department of State 3,108 and 900 in addition we will have 2,200,000 for a total of 5308 and 900.

The salaries in terms of the budget stays the same.

Our travel cost is 90,000.

Meeting costs will be 179,940.

This also includes we met with the Michigan Department of State and in starting in August and September of this fiscal year and moving forward we would be responsible for the interpreters and the translators.

And all of that total comes to a thousand dollars per hour.

A thousand dollars per hour.

So just want you to know we will start incurring those costs with our next meeting in August.

Our technology is 35,000.

That consists of a cell phones as well as the support that DTMP provides for our computers as well as the cell phones.

That bill usually hits the DTMP support usually hits in September of every year just so you know.

Our advertising is 177,340.

And then our consultants this is our big one is 3.5 million.

Their office support is 4,000 for a total of 5,308,900.

And so I'm seeking approval for that because we have a change in the budget with regards to this new appropriation and all budgets are approved by the Commission.

If there are any questions, I can take them at this time.

Commissioner Roth?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

I see Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Okay, just a clarification Edward misspoke at the top on the amount that has been appropriated he said 5,000 something it's 5 million something, just a clarification.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

And Director Woods, the change that we are approving for this fiscal year which ends in August, no, excuse me, ends in September.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: September 30.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Is primarily the changes that the revenue.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Correct the change in the revenue and obviously the increase in the expenses to match that revenue.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay and which includes the meetings and what you were suggesting the secretary is no longer able to provide the meeting support.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We were able to accommodate that.

The bulk is going for legal expenses and everything else for 2 million.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Approving changes and mostly the revenue.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Right you have to match the revenue with the expense.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Of course, of course.

All right are there any questions or comments for Director Woods on this proposed budget? For this fiscal year?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I move the adoption.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commission Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I have a question.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Please Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I want to know if gifts are things purchased or under office supplies.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: No, they are not.

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>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay are they listed separate? I don't have the budget in front of me because I'm on the road are they listed separate? I didn't see it.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: When you say gifts what are you referring to Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Well one that I'm referring to was the gift that was sent to my home personally of the shadow box or the token or whatever you want to call it.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: The shadow box came under the advertising with regards to that what you're referring to and if you're referring to office supplies that could have been the postage.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, so it's under advertising.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That is correct.

You received a shop, you received a shadow box, we provided you with a mask, a picture, and your name tag as you being a part of the Commission that is correct. And that was provided to all Commissioners as well as the staff.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay and for full transparency I did bring this up to Mr. Woods in an e-mail.

I'm wholeheartedly against using taxpayer funds to provide tokens to this Commission. So I will be returning mine.

But I think in full transparency it's something that should be made aware of.

So that's why I asked.

And that's all I got.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Lange any other questions or comments? Okay we do have a motion on the floor.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Kellom's hand was raised.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you, Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: I wanted to quickly still acknowledge and thank Edward for even thinking of us to put together the shadow box out of the kindness of his heart to recognize the Commission and the work we did because that took some work and thought so thank you Edward.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: I'll second the motion from Commissioner Lett.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you so we have Commissioner Witjes.

So the motion on the floor is to approve the budget as presented.

For fiscal year 2022 all in favor raise your hand and say aye.

Aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Nay.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: I believe we have 11 members present so I believe we have 10 approving and one opposing the ayes have it.

Next on our agenda so thank you Director Woods.

Next on our agenda is new business.



Nope, that is what we just finished.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Roth note that Commissioner Orton is here and coming off mute did you have something to say?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I wanted to say I was here.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Orton will you acknowledge where you are joining us from so we can record you?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah, I'm joining remotely from Calhoun County, Michigan.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

So I believe next so we just finished number six and I believe we are moving on to number 7 but we don't have any minutes to approve.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES:

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: More than just that Commissioner.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you I see fiscal year 2023 draft which I apologize.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We also have May so I just want to make sure we are all on the same one.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: I think we missed 6A which is the fiscal year 2022 May financial report.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: All right.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Are you ready for me to bring that up Commissioner Roth?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, and I appreciate all your help with the agenda and thank you Ms. Reinhardt for the link.

So Commissioner or Director Woods please take it away.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Okay this is the amount of money we have spent for the whole entire fiscal year in column 2022.

And then specifically for the month of May.

Under K.

As you see salaries, we spent 834,844.04.

For the entire fiscal year but at the end for the month of May we spent 108,055.06.

You will see the break down for travel, advertising, our consultants costs, the office support that 1589 we have a monthly Zoom license that we use for legal liaison and other meetings that we have with regards to the Zoom.

We also do our press conferences when we have it there as well.

When you look at the net income where it says 612,824.70, I want to make sure we understand that that does not include the outstanding bills we were holding for Baker host because of cash flow with regards to that and does not include the bill we have now paid to Fink Bressack that we owe so I want to make sure we are very, very clear, open and transparent of what that does include.

And for Baker Hostetler it's the February and March bill but there is also an April bill that we have not received.

We also need to note for May as well as June we have not received a bill from Baker Hostetler as well so I want to make sure with regards to the numbers we are open and transparent and not seeing the amount as a true representation of the income we have on hand.

If you look at this and we are trying to make the budget very clear so that everyone understands where we are by the year but also what we spent in a month.

So if you have any questions, I can take them at this time.

But this is what we have.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Are there any questions for Director Woods, Ms. Wagner?

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Wanted to state for the record Commissioner Lange has left the meeting.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you miss Reinhardt so Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Good morning, everyone, good morning, Executive Director Woods.

I have one question.

On things like the travel costs I notice it went up almost \$10,000 and I was wondering if you could clarify as to why.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: You're talking about in May or.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Well I printed them out and May says this but when we looked at the budget you just put up there, we have a 90,000 appropriated for travel costs.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Correct.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: What is the difference.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: The 82000, Commissioner Wagner what we have spent for this whole entire fiscal year.

The 90,000 is the budgeted amount through September 30th.

Did I answer your question?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: You did thank you.

I was just wondering why travel would have gone up if no one is traveling.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Are there any other questions? Seeing none, I believe do we need to take action on this Director Woods? Or is this just.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I think this is just a report for consideration by the Commission.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you.

All right.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Just some feedback is the report clear? Do you like the different formatting? We want to make sure you are getting the monthly report so you can see where we are and also see what was spent as I shared with the Commissioner

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Rothhorn yesterday, the budgets we had before were approved but they didn't have but they weren't balanced so that is why we wanted to make sure we could have a clear representation of where we are with regards to our budget but also the expenses.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: So I will speak for myself.

I think it is clear and it is appreciated having a monthly budget.

Or excuse me having a monthly report on where we stand with our budget.

Any other comments? All right, so that was 6A.

And we have completed 6B.

I believe we are moving on to 6C.

2023 draft budget presentation Director Woods, without objection I will ask Director Woods to present this item and hearing no objection please proceed.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Are you able to see my screen?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Okay, once again we want to thank Governor Whitmer, Chris Harkins, state director and sub appropriations general Government for navigating the 2.2 million dollar request.

As I shared with you earlier our budget for fiscal year 2023 has not been approved. But they are willing to consider it as part of the supplemental process in completing the budget.

They have not completed the fiscal year 2023 budget which does start October 1st, 2022.

So taking a look at the numbers I want to thank Mike Brady for verifying 25% of the general fund general purpose budget that was approved was 12,679,300.

That would make the Commission legislative appropriation 3,169 I'm sorry 3,169,825.

On the draft budget that I'm presenting and alternates and alternatives I'm working with the Secretary of State and there is a willingness to see how much of the administrative responsibilities they can take over and we are in dialog with that.

And I can bring that alternative budget back to you at our next meeting for your consideration.

But this particular budget has 13 salaries at 25% of the Governor's current salary.

That also includes the vendor service fees and taxes.

I just want to make sure that everyone clearly understands that this would be a reduction in salary as relates to the Commission.

A part time Executive Director at five hours per week at the current rate.

We will not have the amount of work that we are doing right now in terms of updating in terms of the audit.

Our lessons learned report, the Commission report and things we are trying to finish out and close out before the end of fiscal year.

We won't have that much.

Obviously, this is subject to change.

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And the reason why we are presenting the budget today and not voting on it is you do know we have a primary election.

And some of us are expecting lawsuits after the primary election, maybe not.

But just in case we do want to see where we are after that primary election.

But if it's a caretaker role that is just an estimate of what is needed and can be subject to change.

Travel cost again this is an estimate based on not having public hearings, not having meetings, not being required to change things as a result of the Court's decisions or anything along those lines.

Our technology it would be 45,000.

This includes 14 cell phones and a Zoom license.

It includes IT support for 14 computers and cell phone.

And then MDOS support for meeting translations, ASL, translation and interpreters would be a part of that.

Meetings we put in 0 dollars because we are not expected to have any meetings held in person so 0 dollars for that and then the contract for consultants will be 2.4 million.

The bulk of that going to our litigation counsel and our local counsel for 2.3 million.

No money for promotional whatsoever.

And then office supplies, postage, copies toner if you need will be there as well.

And that will provide you with a budget of 3.169,825.

Once again this is a proposed.

If you have ideas, suggestions, you know please share those with me.

So I can create some scenarios and bring them back.

But I just wanted to give a starting point for the Commission's consideration as relates to fiscal year 23 budget.

We do need to have this budget approved in August.

So that it can be submitted for the supplemental so that we can have funds available October 1st because we do have to give them some time as well.

If there is any questions with regards to the supplemental budget, ideas, suggestions to make it better, please share that with me.

And let me know.

But that is what is being considered.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I just wanted to say rather than Edward limit himself to five hours a week, maybe we should put in something like not to exceed more than like 15 hours or something like that.

Five hours a week, I know he says that he's not going to be doing that much.

But I would hate to think that you know we were limiting him to five hours.

So I think we should do a not to exceed so many hours.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Can you try to see how that would work or what that would look like in a budget situation, Director Woods? Can you bring that back to us? Okay.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Sure I can work with Commissioner Vallette on that.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yeah, I was going to say the same thing, five hours to me seems like a short amount of time for the amount of work that the Executive Director does.

And while the work will get lighter in the future it won't get that light.

So maybe we can get a proposal with the Commissioner Wagner said like ten hours or something like that.

I would also like to see one with that and the Commissioner salary be at its current rate that we are at instead of changing and we can see the options from there.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: All right, thank you Commissioner Eid.

Any other thoughts for Director Woods so that he can work with this before we have our next meeting in August? Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes, I would just make sure that we have if we are going to look at keeping salaries as is we have two versions because I personally am in favor of reducing the salary and I'm sure other people feel the same.

Let's make sure we are not having one budget and we have alternatives so we can improve one or the other.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Szetela.

All right I see some nodding heads there.

All right.

Seeing no other hands I think we are going to move on.

Thank you, Director Woods.

And, yes and thank you for giving us the heads up and taking a look at it and giving our ideas.

You do a fine job, Director Woods.

A staff of one is hard.

So anyway just lots of kudos to Director Woods.

Okay we are moving on to 6D.

On our agenda.

The insights three I believe this is a contract; is that correct?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Right we need to ratify the contract.

Commissioner Vallette and I have been meeting with the audit team.

And before we got into our engagement letter became abundantly clear we would need some help with regards to our financials.

And also tracking how we matched the expense and revenue items in Sigma in terms of how we did our own checks and balances.

And we looked for insights three to assist us and they were really helping us with fiscal year 22 and then with the recent resignation of Ms. Sarah Martinez they are accepting us out with fiscal year 21.

If you look in our draft procurement policy it enables the Executive Director to engage in informal contracts under 5,000 which this one is.

And so we started that process back in June.

With regards to that.

It also requires me to provide a report on how the money was spent.

And I can share with you with regards to the first invoice so that you can see how that money was spent and let me see if I can pull that up for you at this time.

There it is.

This is our agenda but this would be the invoice.

Can you see it?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: You see that as accounting with banking, meeting with Bob and importing excel to Quickbooks and clear the transactions to reconcile 50 and accounting import and clear April 22 transactions is what they have done as well.

This is the bill we had for the month of June.

With regards to that.

And the reason why this is important is the audit needs to see how we reconciled and how we did our checks and balances with the information that was provided to us.

So that we can see if there was errors and corrections, we have the opportunity to do so.

So that's why I engaged in them.

We have a practice of always informing the Commission with regards to these contracts under 5,000 so I wanted to bring it to your attention in an open and transparent manner.

The contract has been reviewed by Nate Fink.

Who is our local counsel with Fink Bressack with regards to that and the rate is very reasonable.

It's only 50 an hour.

When I called Plante Moran and another, Clark in Lansing. They were 165 and 170.

So I think we got a really reasonable rate. If they are not using their person, they will let us know.

If you look at the rates in the contract, they are comparable to what is being charged outside.

So really appreciative of the group.

They worked extremely well with us.

They have been very responsive so that we can get our information to the audit in a timely basis and it has made a difference.

Commissioner Vallette if you would like to say anything or provide that opportunity as the audit liaison with regards to this request coming before the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well I do know they have been a big help. I mean you called them the contract that gift that keeps giving. So I know that you and I talked before you hired them. And I thought it was a good idea. I thought it was a good rate. So I'm in favor of it.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Vallette and Director Woods. Yes, and I appreciate again as a staff of one using your resources as Commissioners very well and we have done a nice job sharing power. We have Commissioner Lett doing the legal stuff and Commissioner Vallette doing the audit stuff so you have some resources to work with on our Commission and Director Woods I want to just applaud you for finding people that, yes, Commissioner Vallette also believes they are excellent resources so do we need to take action on this?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: A motion to ratify the contract.  
>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Or is this just a recommendation.  
>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved to ratify.  
>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Vallette motion to ratify and I see Commissioner Witjes second. Any discussion? All in favor of ratifying the excuse me the insight three work that has been done thus far please raise your hand and say aye. Aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it. And thank you very much.

All right I believe we are moving on to 6E on our agenda. The revised meeting dates. Without objection I will ask Mr. Woods to present this item. Hearing no objection, please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you. Greatly appreciate that. Let me know can you see that on the screen? Good. I'm looking at and maybe Commissioner Rothorn this might be easier to do this as two separate motions so we can talk about it. But looking at August 18 it replaces the meeting scheduled for August 11 and 25 so we are looking at having one meeting in August and looking at August 18 when working with the Commission and talking to MDOS in terms of availability.

We do have availability on the 18th of August for both of our teams, which are important for us to work at an optimal level and gives us enough time to close out the books for July.

So we can provide a report in August, which is also important to me as well.

So we want to make sure we have enough time to get the books closed out and have our team provide the finance reports as you have seen them today.

So the first request is to change the meeting scheduled for August 11th to the 25th.

I should say let me put it what is on the screen have the meeting on August 18 as the only meeting for the month of August for the Commission.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Second.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: So that was Commissioner Witjes and then Commissioner Lett.

Any discussion? We are only talking about the August change right now.

All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

Aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it.

Mr. Woods, take it away for September, please.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

Are you able to see the screen?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Okay we are looking at September 9 or the 15th and that is in ranked order replaces the meeting scheduled for September 8 and 22 so we are looking at only having one meeting in September.

And we wanted to let the Commission you know kind of check their schedule to see which dates works better for them.

Our first preference is for the 29th.

But if that is not a good date, our second preference would be for the 15th.

Either way we would have one meeting that would replace the two meetings that are scheduled in September that are currently scheduled for September 8th and the 22nd.

So right here it's what is the best for the Commission but in terms of the staff recommendation, my recommendation, our first preference would be the 29th and our second would be the 15th.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Is there any Commissioner who cannot make the 29th.

Please raise your hand, if you know right now you cannot make the 29th.

And I'm going to wait for Commissioner Vallette.

She may have gone to get her calendar.

Is there any Commissioner who cannot make the 29th at this point.

Please raise your hand.



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All right, then I will suggest that we have a motion right now to change our September meeting date to the -- oh, Commissioner Kellom are you raising your hand? Okay, Commissioner, yes, so I'm proposing that we have the motion to move our September meeting to September 29th to replace the two scheduled meetings that I believe are on the 8th and.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: 22nd.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: 22.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Second.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: All right we've got Commissioner Witjes then I'm going to take Commissioner Weiss as the second.

All in favor raise your hand and say aye.

Aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The motion passes so we do have our September meeting on the 29th.

Thank you all.

Thank you, Director Woods.

For coordinating that with Secretary of State, much appreciated.

All right, I do believe we are moving on to our item number 7 but we do not have minutes is that accurate?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Correct.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay so we will skip item 7 and we will move on to item 8, the Executive Director report.

Without objection I will ask Director Woods to provide his report.

Hearing no objection, please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Are you able to see?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: We are.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I want to thank Sarah Martinez for the MICRC as you know she resigned her position earlier this month due to competing priorities and just want to thank her for her efforts.

As many of you know she was a big help for public hearings.

Trying to get us organized.

And writing and providing administrative support and want to thank her for her efforts.

I'm working on a catalog of meetings as kind of a summary in terms of what took place at each of the meetings.

We will also have the YouTube channels so people can have access to the YouTube channel but it's a spreadsheet.

I will provide you all with a draft at our next meeting and I will tell you exactly where we are with each of our meetings with regards to that.

But I think it could be helpful for searching.

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I find it helpful in terms of identifying stuff we could use when I'm doing the audit reports and looking for different reports and things.

If I had this it would be fast in terms of finding some things so I think it would be helpful for openness and transparency.

MICRC in the news Commissioner Eid did an interview with WNDU out of South Bend, Indiana with regards to an update with regards to the maps.

You might have seen him also in Bridge Michigan.

And he will be representing at the VMP event in Oakland County this afternoon with regards to celebrating democracy and the redistricting process and giving kudos to those who were there to participate in that process.

I want to thank Nelson Lords who is with MDOS.

He does website updates and provides a monthly report on our website hits.

Our final maps are the biggest things people are looking for the final maps are what people are looking for so trying to make sure we have that information for those and right now this is hot and heavy because of the primary.

People want to see the maps and want to see the interactivity.

Using the shape files and other things they can use.

So really happy with the report that he provides monthly with regards to that.

There has been an interesting map booklet that Good Marketing is working on for our Commission that will be done by districts.

So we hope to have that next month as well.

With regards to the map booklet so that you can have the Congressional maps in one spot.

The District maps I'm sorry, State Senate and State House.

You can actually look at those maps online with regards to that.

But some people would like to print it in a little bit more user friendly format so we are getting that done.

The lessons learned report and video will be going to the attorneys to review to make sure things are accurate and nothing is there.

And we will have drafts for you to look at our August meeting so that you can see both the report and the video with regards to drafts for your approval and really want to thank Commissioner Rothhorn alluded to it earlier.

Commissioners Lett and Commissioner Vallette Commissioner Lett and I spent a whole lot of time together weekly in terms of meeting with the audit and just really appreciate their support and then Commissioner Lett and I are spending at least once or twice a month with our legal counsel in terms of follow-up and greatly appreciate it.

I know I'm not alone and I have support and things are moving in the right direction for the Commission.

So just really wanted to thank those two you have elected to represent you in those areas so thank you again.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Director Woods.

I appreciate the way you appreciate us.

You do a great job.

Commissioner Kellom said it earlier, you do it in small ways and do it in big ways so thank you.

Any questions for Director Woods? All right, I believe we are moving on to number 8 excuse me number 9 the legal liaison report.

Commissioner Lett do you have anything for us?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes, thank you MC.

A couple of comments.

Number one, on the dormancy policy.

Obviously, Doug and I have worked on that.

And Rebecca has also sent us a couple of suggestions, which I feel were appropriate.

We haven't discussed it a lot.

We have talked about it with the attorneys.

And since these litigation is going to be on going there isn't a huge pressure to do a new policy.

However, what I would like, if you had a chance to look at it and you have suggestions get those to me.

And we will take a look at them.

So that at a future date we can bring back a suggested policy.

Understand that the not everybody is in agreement with what we have been talking about doing.

So it's not a fade of a plea but we are getting there and we will see what we end up wanting to do.

I have met excuse me, Edward and I have met several times since our last meeting with Nate and David regarding issues that come up.

We also had one meeting in which Kate was involved on the report.

I quite frankly anticipated we would have had the draft report early this week or late last week after our discussions with the attorneys.

I don't know why it did not come sooner.

But it's here now.

So we were, in fact, requesting that we get that out sooner rather than later from their review.

And they really didn't have a lot of comments regarding anything that they were concerned with in the report as it would pertain to representation of us in the lawsuits.

The lawsuits are still pending.

One is in front of the United States Supreme Court.

The Plaintiff has requested an extension on their time to file their brief, which has been granted.

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My recollection, I guess I don't have a recollection of the Supreme Court rules, but most of those are automatic if it's the first request for an extension.

As you are aware or should be aware, the Supreme Court goes on summer vacation so we are all safe for a couple months from any adverse rulings on anything.

And we don't anticipate that there is going to be any, excuse me, any response on their motion based on their brief.

Once their brief is filed, we have an opportunity to respond with our own brief, which we will do and then the case will be up to decide, the Supreme Court will decide what they are going to do with it.

The consensus of opinion is they probably won't grant the relief that was requested. If someone was going to do that, it would have made a lot more sense to do it right up front rather than wait until all these elections take place and then grant something that is where the case is.

The other case in Western District is just sitting there and not doing anything right now. I don't anticipate that it will be.

Another case of interest if you have been following it is the North Carolina case regarding whether or not courts can draw District lines.

And we talked with Kate's firm Baker and the attorney that was online with us then whose name escapes me right now said what you are reading in the newspapers isn't quite what the case really is about.

So he didn't feel it would impact Michigan because of the constitutional amendment.

So he was while it would affect what is going on in North Carolina and maybe going on in other states, he did not feel it would be impact full in Michigan.

I think that brings us up to date on what is happening on the legal front.

It has been pretty easy working with Nate and David.

We don't really get involved much with Kate and her firm at this stage of the game.

We probably will more as activity picks up.

There was some discussion about whether or not we could anticipate any further lawsuits after the election.

We have discussed this as a Commission previously with regard to the districts and what could happen after the elections totals are in and we see what we have wrought.

And once that is done, I would anticipate that as I somewhat facetiously said, a lawsuit could be filed and it would say we told you so.

Or a lawsuit could be filed and we could look at it and say we got it right. We will find out.

And, with that, I would certainly answer any questions if you have any.

Anthony?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thank you.

Is there any update on the other lawsuits? Not bearing in the Supreme Court but I believe there is still one other one.

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>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The AG.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, on the statewide.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: No update other than it's just sitting there.

They have not done anything.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: And those are the only two that are current.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Right unless you want to file one.

Keep this thing going.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm good, Mr. Lett.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Come on now let's wrap this up.

Thank you, Commissioner Lett.

Any other questions for Commissioner Lett? Our legal liaison? Seeing none, all right, I believe we are on to the audit liaison report.

That is you Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay, we have been meeting at least once a week.

They did want to meet twice a week.

But those meetings are usually cancelled.

But everything is going good.

They originally asked for things like how did we decide what mileage to use.

How did we decide the meals.

How we hired staff.

We told them, you know, the information.

They have been asking for some reports, which Edward is promptly sending to them.

I mean, they don't even have to wait a couple days.

So everything is moving along.

I know Edward and I don't think there is going to be any issues.

We may have to do some quarterly reports that weren't done.

Insights is helping us quite a bit.

Basically that's it.

They should be done by the end of this month they are saying.

And the report should come out in August.

And that's it.

That's all I have to say.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Vallette.

Any questions? Any answers? For Commissioner Vallette.

All right, thank you, thank you.

All right then we are moving on to our MDOS partners.

Yes, Mr. Brady or Ms. Reinhardt is there a report?

>> SARAH REINHARDT: I do have a report for you all.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Take it away.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

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Okay so I'm going to share my screen quickly because what I will be talking about today has to do with the public comment portal so let me share my screen so you can see it. Just as a refresher, this is the MICRC public comment portal.

You may recall reading this a time or two in your time as a Commissioner and as a refresher this public comment portal was created as a result of a contract that MDOS entered into with MGGG redistricting lab.

And Moon Duchin out of Tufts University.

Just wanted to update you all as I updated you via e-mail a couple days ago that the public comment submission function of this portal has ceased.

So folks can still come here and see a log of all of the comments and the maps that were submitted.

But they can no longer submit a public comment.

Any member of the public wanting to submit a public comment going forward is welcome to e-mail our in box as they did before the public comment portal existed and that is [redistricting@Michigan.gov](mailto:redistricting@Michigan.gov).

In addition, another update that I have for you all is that MGGG has let us know that the host for this site, which is Amazon web services or AWS, the cost that we had entered -- the cost that we had paid to host this site will expire at the end of August.

So this website will no longer be up and running at the end of August.

Should the Commission wish to maintain the website in this format you are welcome to do so.

The cost for hosting the website with Amazon web services would be about \$500 a month.

So if you choose to let it expire, all of the public comments that are entered on this site will be retained.

We do have them in the form of an excel document.

So none of the comments or map submissions or files or links or anything that has been submitted on here would be lost.

All of that is entered into the public record and would be retained.

Should you let this website expire the only thing that would change is this format will no longer exist and you won't have this easily searchable function of searching by tags or subject matter.

It will all just be in an excel document.

And the map submissions that are on here, all of those are housed in the districter which is maintained as part of MGGG so those will still exist as well.

So my question really for the Commission going forward is, is this something that you would want to pay the additional \$500 a month to maintain the hosting of this site on Amazon web services? Or is it your collective will to let the site expire at the end of August and have all of the public comments contained here in posted on your website?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for the question, Ms. Reinhardt so it's about 6,000 a year, 500 a month. Do we Director Woods do we have that -- we currently would have to re -- or I guess that would be something that we would talk about when we approve our fiscal year 2023 budget in August is that accurate?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That would be correct. But we would also have to pay 500 for the month of September because Ms. Reinhardt shared that it would expire the end of August so 500 for this current fiscal year and then you're right if it's something the Commission wants to continue it would be 6,000 for fiscal year 23.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: So are -- Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Sarah, do we have any idea how many people are accessing this site currently?

>> SARAH REINHARDT: I do not. That is a good question. I can certainly reach out to MGGG to see if they track the number of hits they get on the website.

And report back to the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: My thought I guess my thought being that while we were actively mapping and soliciting for comments that this was a good spot if people are not looking at it or leaving a lot of comments now, which I quite frankly they are not, I don't see the usefulness of spending 500 a month on something that nobody is looking at as long as we have the records as Sarah has indicated somewhere else that people can access.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: To your point Commissioner Lett and I can't speak to how many folks are visiting the website to look at it, that is as I said something I can follow-up with, I can speak to the fact that no one actually is able to submit a new comment via the portal because that functionality ceased at the beginning of this month.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: More reason not to retain it.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: I see hands from Commissioner Witjes then Commissioner Orton so Commissioner Witjes first.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: How quickly would it be -- would you be able to put the website back up in its exact form with everything that is already there even though the comments, if we need to go back to the drawing board because at that point, I would imagine we would be asking for comments again and might as well go to the same website they have been.

If it's like a flip of a switch where we just save it and they can re-upload it and have it be there then I would be in favor of letting it expire as long as we keep everything.

But if that is the case where it's going to be difficult to have that exact snapshot right now come back and the ability to return the public comment piece back on the portal then I would say keep it up.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Sure that is an excellent question Commissioner Witjes. So the contract that we engaged with MGGG to launch this public comment portal was through the duration of this redistricting cycle in supporting the Commission. If we were to take it down because the contract has kind of reached its term, which is what we are discussing here, I'm unsure that if we were to relaunch should you all have to go back to the drawing board or a subsequent Commission have to go back to the drawing board.

I don't believe that would be covered under the contract that we previously entered into with MGGG.

If the Commission wants to relaunch it, were that to happen or a subsequent Commission wants to relaunch it were that to happen, it's likely that we would need to enter into a new contract with them to launch that.

And I'm unsure how easy it would be to relaunch the same portal.

Mike Brady, I know that you were a part of the building of this portal, working with MGGG as well.

I don't know if you have anything additional to add to that.

>> MIKE: I don't have anything additional.

There are good questions that have been raised here and I think that I imagine it would be a pretty straightforward phone call to Moon Duchin to understand or know the answers to some of them.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Although the portal may not -- although we may not be able to relaunch the portal should you all at reenter a mapping phase although we don't really know what that looks like, we will, as I said, retain all of the comments submissions.

So you would not lose those comments or public input.

But acknowledging that you would want probably a mechanism for collecting that if you were to reenter mapping.

We could, you know, ask what that might look like.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: My biggest concern is just the data itself.

Now you can point to different tags and things and all that going to be in vain if we have to put it back together might not be a good thing so unless I mean by my opinion would be to keep -- don't take any action on it now, keep going with the hosting website until we have a firm answer saying if we take it down and come back can we take the website as it is right now and re-upload it so it's in the exact same state like we just took a snapshot of it and took it down. We can bring it back up.

If the answer is yes, I would say go ahead and take it down.



Until I actually have that answer solid, concrete, I don't want to take any action on this as of right now.

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Just to clarify and apology for the interruptions.

Executive Director Woods I see your hand is up but I just want to clarify what taking action versus not taking action would mean for the Commission.

So as it stands now, not taking action, the website would expire at the end of August. It is set to do so and if the Commission wanted to avoid having the website expire you would have to take action to approve the budgeting of 500 a month.

So making the website stay up would require a motion from you all to adjust your budget.

I believe you do have another meeting in between now and then.

So you could always discuss that or make a final decision at that time.

So thank you.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Ms. Reinhardt.

Mr. Brady please go ahead then we will take Director Woods.

>> MIKE: One thing I wanted to clarify and emphasize as you recall back from you know what was this March, April, 2021 one of the last you know projects that Sally Marsh had worked on before she moved on to other things.

So from the very beginning even the conceptual approach to this project front and center was the need to have whatever system was created to have the records, have it built out in a way that it would always retain the records.

So I just can't emphasize that enough.

We knew at the very beginning there would be it's a life cycle to the Commission.

Like there is for everything else.

Obviously, you guys are not called upon to do as much as you were a year ago.

That is the nature of the life cycle.

With the data and, you know, the need for the portal to facilitate public comment we are simply not the same kind of need that there was then that there was before.

There are, you know, there remains and always will be ways for the public to comment.

But all of the public comments, all of the tags, everything else was built you know with a clear understanding that it wasn't just important for you all to get that information in real time though it certainly was important for you to have in real time from the public but it's critically important for that information to be preserved for records and retention going forward.

Because of litigation and frankly because of the need of posterity and society at large, academics, future Commissions, all of those things.

So the retention of the document was built in at the very opening conversation we had internally and with Moon Duchin and with any conversation with your staff and with the Commission itself dating back to spring of 2021.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Mr. Brady.

Director Woods? Then we will go to Commissioner Eid.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you Commissioner Rothhorn.

We are doing the same thing with my Districter where we already pulled the comments off and they accessible on the website so if you want to take a look at what that looks like.

You do not go to that website to identify the comments that were used.

And that was roughly you know, 24,000 comments that we received.

Through the -- that portal that we obtained through EDS.

So I just want to make sure that no one is alarmed with regards to the data.

I understand what Commissioner Witjes is saying in terms of getting stuff easily uploaded.

We will have to continue.

But if you want an example of what it looks like you can go to our website and see the reports from there.

Just so you have some context of what we have already done.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Let me clarify when you say our website this is Michigan/MICRC.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That is correct.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Talking about taking my districter a separate website with the maps from the mapping consultant and talking about a third website here which is from MGGG which is our portal and all of these with those two.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: It's not a website it's a report.

Remember it cost us money and the Commission elected not to continue so they downloaded the report so that we could reference the comments.

As some people are going to, I mean you can imagine some people are going to do dissertations and going to do research and want to look at the comments and what was considered.

And so we wanted to make sure we preserved that information.

And there's a link.

It's actually an excel spreadsheet.

It's not a website.

It's an excel spreadsheet an export of the comments that were made that you can see and I wanted to share it with you.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: A static Page on our website and I suppose what I'm hearing is we may actually have another Page dedicated on our website for example to whatever the MGGG portal currently is.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: They would export and be a static Page and they can get that information.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay Commissioner Eid you had your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes, I was going to suggest we add this to the agenda for the August meeting as a line item under new business.

That way we can get the answer for the questions that people have brought up.

And make a decision on if we want to leave it open or not.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

All right so we will add that to our -- so and I believe if there are no other questions or comments Ms. Reinhardt and Mr. Brady do you have what you need as far as what you were asking for before your report ends? Before we move on?

>> SARAH REINHARDT: Yes, thank you.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you we are moving on to item 12 on our agenda correspondence received in advance of the meeting was provided along with written public comments to the Commissioners in our meeting materials.

Item 13 are there any agenda items? Yes.

Commissioner Eid just added one to our agenda.

The discussion around the fees or having I think next agenda item has to be action or no action on those fees, 500 a month.

Are there any other future agenda items? All right, are there any announcements?

Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I just wanted to remind the public watching that we have a primary election in our state going on on August 2nd.

And it's funny I just voted absentee yesterday here in Orchard Lake and it was a really surreal moment seeing the districts that we drew over the past few years on the ballot.

And you know it makes me so happy we live in a state where it's both really easy to vote and I gave them my ID and they gave me an absentee ballot and the election is also being safe and secure.

So let's just remind everyone to vote and let's get the vote out there and be happy that we are in this state.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you Commissioner Eid.

Any other announcements? All right I believe we are at that time on our agenda as all the items are completed that we may adjourn may I have a motion?

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: So moved.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Commissioner Witjes and second from Commissioner Weiss all in favor of adjournment please raise your hand and say aye.

Aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

Thanks y'all.

See y'all in August.

Good-bye.