

## MINUTES

### **HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Agriculture and Rural Development**

**DATE: February 22, 2018**

Chairman Victory called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. Representatives Victory, Whiteford, Pagel, LaSata, Hoadley, and LaGrand were present.

Representative Hoadley moved to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2018 meeting. The motion carried by voice vote without objection.

The Subcommittee heard a presentation by Rick Crawford, representing the Michigan Associations of Fairs and Expositions, and two members of the FFA, Alex Scovill (from Perry, Michigan) and Alyssa Bednarski (from the Jackson Area Career Center). The FFA members discussed the importance of the organization in promoting leadership skills, and in fostering the connection between food and farming.

In response to member questions, Cinda Karlik, who coordinates the fair grant program at the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, discussed the grant application and award process. She indicated that they had received applications for grants totaling over \$1.0 million – significantly more than available funding.

Chairman Victory adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM without objection.