

**OSCEOLA COUNTY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
July 17, 2018**

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman Emig.

Present: Commissioners Jack Nehmer, Jill Halladay, Larry Emig, Alan Tiedt, Pam Wayne and Mark Gregory.

Also present: Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Heather Streicher-Juvenile Probation Officer, Jon-Thomas Burgess-Technology Coordinator, Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk and several members of the public.

**Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Brief Public Comment: Jason Owen, Labor Representative P.O.L.C./G.E.L.C. introduced himself to Board members.

Alan Gingrich, Road Commissioner, advised Commissioners that several local jurisdictions have placed road millages on the August ballot.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

**Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes of July 3, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.**

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the claims of the County in the amount of \$50,386.01. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**E.M.S. Ambulance Remount Bids**

Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, reviewed the bids received for the ambulance remount project. He spoke about each of the three (3) bids received and asked that he be allowed the option as to whether or not a Ford or Chevy chassis is purchased for the remount. Jeremy also reminded Commissioners \$50,000 of this project will be funded with a USDA Grant. Jeremy explained why he was recommending the bid from Emergency Vehicles Plus. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to award the ambulance bid to Emergency Vehicles Plus in the amount of \$180,146.20 with either a Ford or Chevy Chassis; trade in the 2009 International Chassis and authorize the County Clerk to sign the title. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**E.M.S.-Bad Debt 2018 Qtr. 2 Report**

Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, asked for the Board to approve the E.M.S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter bad debt reported.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the E.M.S. Department quarterly write-offs in the amount of \$33,135.48. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Child Care Fund**

Heather Streicher, Juvenile Probation Officer, presented the proposed Child Care budget application to Board members for the upcoming fiscal year. She reported it remained basically the same as the past few years. A brief discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the Child Care Fund budget application in the amount of \$733,367.50 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**MSU Extension Separate Internet Connections/Firewall**

Shari Spoelman, MSU Extension District 6 Coordinator, spoke to the Board for their request for a separate internet connection with their own firewall. She explained the reasoning behind their need. Jon-Thomas Burgess, Technology Coordinator, addressed some coverage concerns with our current internet coverage. Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, addressed concerns about the contract currently in place with MSU as to what the County provides for that department. A lengthy discussion followed. Topic will be placed on the next agenda for further consideration.

**Commission on Aging-Liability Waiver**

Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, asked for approval from the Board of the Liability Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement form presented. He explained when this type of agreement will be put into place and its purpose. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the Liability Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement form for use at Commission on Aging building sites. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Commission on Aging-A.A.A.W.M. Funding**

Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, reported that A.A.A.W.M. has given us another \$10,000 in funding for the congregate meals and other in-home services. This is extra money received within our region that has not been needed by others, so this is similar to a redistribution of funds. A brief discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the receipt of additional funds from Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan for in-home and congregate meals programs for Commission on Aging and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**A.A.A.W.M. Multi-Year Implementation Plan FY 2019**

Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, asked for the proposed A.A.A.W.M. Annual Plan for fiscal year 2019 be approved by the Board. A brief discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan's Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2019. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Marion Hotel and 202 E. Main Street Demolition**

Dan Massy, Community Developer, and Lori Leudeman, County Treasurer, explained to Board members the proposal asking the County to purchase a piece of property recently forfeited for property taxes. They explained the first offer, by law, was made to the local jurisdictions, who have declined the opportunity. Lori explained that once the County owns the parcel they are requesting the County turn over possession to the Osceola County Land Bank Authority. Discussion was held. Discussion on demolition of the old structure was also held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to exercise the county's option under MCL 211.78(1) to purchase the property at 202 E. Main Street, Village of Marion, for a total bid of \$5,149.41 and transfer this property to the Osceola County Land Bank Authority, with funding coming from the Delinquent Tax Property Proceeds fund. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Victim Rights Grant 2018-2019 Application**

Tony Badovinac, Prosecutor, along with Dani Taylor, Victim Rights Advocate, asked the Board to approve the application for the Victim Rights Grant for fiscal year 2018-2019. A brief discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to authorize the Victim Rights Grant 2018-2019 Application and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Health, Safety & Grounds Committee**

Commissioner Gregory reviewed the recent committee minutes and offered a recommendation from the committee. He asked that the driveway repair at the Annex Building be done by Quality Concrete Constructions and explained how this will help the current problem at that facility. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to waive the county's purchasing policy requiring sealed bids for the northeast driveway entrance repair at the Annex Building and award the bid to include concrete and drainage to Quality Concrete Construction for \$12,800.00 to be paid with money transferred from the appropriation in the 245 Fund, 901 department from the air conditioning allocation. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

Commissioner Gregory then spoke about continuing committee discussion on security options for Courthouse Buildings.

**Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers & Journal Register Report**

Commissioner Tiedt reviewed the budget amendments, cash transfer and the Journal Register Report presented and asked for approval.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the budget amendments, cash transfer and July Journal Register for Osceola County from the County Treasurer for June adjustments as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**2019 County Budget**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, advised Board members that budget packets will be going to County departments soon and asked for direction on possible salary increases for non-union employees, department heads and elected officials. A discussion was held. Board members advised her to have wages estimated with a 2% increase for 2019 but will make a final determination on that number before finalizing the budget.

**Mid-State Health Network SUDOPB**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, advised Board members the appointment of Larry Emig to the Mid-State Health Network SUDOPB will soon expire and an appointment needs to be considered by Board members.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to appoint Larry Emig to the Mid-State Health Network-Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board for a three-year term ending on 08/31/2021. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Meeting Notification to Board of Commissioners**

Commissioner Halladay previously asked this topic be placed on next agenda. She is concerned with how contact is made with Commissioners when special meetings are called and meeting start times are changed. A discussion was held.

**Board of Canvassers Appointment**

Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, asked that an appointment be made to fill the vacancy on the Board of Canvassers due to the resignation of Carolyn Curtin. A brief discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to appoint Kathy Gondick to the Osceola County Canvassing Board. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

Extended Public Comment: Alan Gingrich, Road Commissioner, spoke about Representative Hoytenga's movement on the Broadband project.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, at 11:29 a.m. Motion carried.

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Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

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Larry Emig, Chairman