

**OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
MAY 15, 2018**

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Emig.

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

Also present: Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Shane Helmer-Assistant E.M.S. Director, Shari Spoelman, MSUE District Coordinator, Jerry Lindquist-MSUE Agriculture Educator, Jacob Stieg-MSUE 4-H Program Coordinator, Renee Sanders-MSUE Nutrition Program Instructor, Robin Eisenga-MSUE Office Manager, Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator and Karen Bluhm-County Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the agenda as amended adding MERS presentation. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes of May 1, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the claims of the County in the amount of \$72,267.86. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MSU Extension 2017 Annual Report

Shari Spoelman, MSUE District Coordinator, presented Board members with a copy of their 2017-2018 Annual Report. She shared some of the highlights within the report, also recognizing staff members for their outstanding work. She had staff members present introduce themselves to the Board noting Shannon Lindquist, Social-Emotional Health Educator, was unable to attend today.

Jerry Lindquist, Agriculture Extension Educator, shared information regarding an invasive weed known as wild parsnip.

Jacob Stieg, 4-H Program Coordinator, shared 4-H participation numbers for the past year. He then spoke about Project Red at Gingrich's Family farms scheduled for May 16th and 17th.

Treasurer Administration Fee on Taxes Collected

Lori Leudeman, County Treasurer, spoke about the collection of summer taxes for several of the local townships. She noted that per MCL 22.905b(5)(c) allows for adding 1% fee to the County Allocated portion in addition to the 1% already collected on the State Education Tax. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins to approve the administration fee to the County allocated portion of summer tax bills as presented by the County Treasurer. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MERS Presentation

Tony Radjenovich, from MERS, shared several cost saving options changes in employee MERS benefits moving forward. He shared four (4) different funding scenarios based on slight changes for Board members to

see the affects of long term liability and current costs. He also told Board members they could possibly combine some of the changes to affect costs further. Discussion was held.

Medical Examiner Proposal

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, reviewed the one and only proposal received from WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine to continue on as Medical Examiner for Osceola County. She noted the interim use of their services while waiting for proposals to be received has been working well. Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, spoke regarding the working relationship they have experienced during this trial period with them. Jeremy noted that they are asking for the Board to approve using their policies and procedures if selected. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to accept the proposal from Western Michigan University Stryker M.D. School of Medicine for Medical Examiner services and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to accept the Policies and Procedures for Medical Examiner services and operations for Osceola County's policies. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers & Journal Register Report from Treasurer

Commissioner Tiedt reported there were no budget amendments, but did ask for approval of the Treasurer's April Journal Report

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the April Journal Register Report from the County Treasurer for April budget amendments and adjustments as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Discharge of Mortgage

Dan Massy, Community Developer, asked that the Board discharge the mortgage on property owned by Dore's in Highland Township because it has been fully repaid.

Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to accept the Discharge of Mortgage for the Dore property and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Departments Sharing One Full-Time Employee

Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, spoke to the Board about sharing a current full-time employee with Equalization. She noted traffic has been slow in her office recently, and may again pick up, but in the meantime feels that best use of this employee could help save money by the sharing. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the County Clerk and Equalization Director to share one full-time employee as long as work load allows while the part-time position in Equalization stays vacant. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Veterans' Services MVAA Training Grant

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, indicated the County has been awarded a training grant for our Veterans' Services representatives.. She asked the Board approve the grant so the money can be spent.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to accept the Training FY18 grant for Veteran's Services conference. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Funding Morgue Authority

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, updated Board members on the ongoing discussion at the Morgue Authority regarding trying to obtain a full-time pathologist and assistant. Funding was discussed.

Employee/Board Comments: Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, asked Board members if they had reviewed the recently received AAA evaluation.

Extended Public Comments: None.

Moved by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer to adjourn at 11:26 a.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman