

**OSCEOLA COUNTY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 2, 2019**

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Nehmer.

Present: Commissioners Jack Nehmer, Larry Emig, Mark Gregory, Jill Halladay, Tim Michell, James Custer, and Roger Elkins.

Also present: Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Shane Helmer-E.M.S. Assistant Director, Mark Watkins-E.M.D. Director, Rosie McKinstry-Equalization Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk and several members of the public.

**Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.**

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee/Board Comment: See below.

Sean Duffy, E.M.S. Paramedic for Osceola County, read a statement regarding E.M.S. Director Jeremy Beebe and a report made public from a consultant regarding the E.M.S. Department after an uncompleted investigation.

Chairman Nehmer read a statement addressing a list of recommendations made by the consultant Mr. William Jetter apologizing for the adverse effects for a report he was not authorized to provide. He noted the Board will not be acting on any of Mr. Jetter's recommendations.

Geoff DePew, E.M.S. Lieutenant, read a statement regarding his disappointment in the whole investigation of E.M.S. and how it has affected morale within the department.

Billie Jean Patton, E.M.S. Lieutenant, spoke regarding the recommendations from Mr. Jetter and believes staff morale is better since a former employee has left.

David Eastman, E.M.S. Paramedic, spoke about his time with our E.M.S. and compared what a top notch service we provide compared to outside agencies he has worked with.

Shane Helmer, E.M.S. Assistant Director, addressed allegations in Mr. Jetter's recommendations concerning the connection between him and the Evart Fire Department. He also commented on chain of command within the department.

Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, spoke as to the recent E.M.S. consultant review and his understanding of the scope of that review as it was originally intended.

Chairman Nehmer briefly spoke regarding the Personnel and Administration Committee held on March 14, 2019.

Sandy Szeliga, C.O.A. Social Services Coordinator, spoke on behalf of the seniors and explained some of her concerns regarding the "user friendliness" of the Evart meal site. She also read a memo the meal sites have received regarding bringing in outside food to the meal sites.

Robin Fuerneisen, C.O.A. Nutrition Coordinator, addressed Area Agency on Aging policies and Health Department regulations regarding our meal sites.

**Moved by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.**

**Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the claims in the amount of \$46,701.12(after deducting \$1,679.23 WAJ & Associate) for the County. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

Board recessed at 11:00 a.m. for employee recognition ceremony.

Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

#### **Drug Free Workplace Policy**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked Board members to adopt the updated Drug Free Workplace Policy as previously provided per the recommendations of MMRMA.

**Recommended by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the updated Drug Free Workplace Policy as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

#### **Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers and Journal Register Report**

Commissioner Halladay reviewed the one budget amendment received. There were no cash transfers or a journal register report to approve at this time.

**Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the budget amendment as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

#### **County Planning Commission Appointment**

Dan Massy, Community Developer, asked Board members to appoint applicant Pamela Shinn to a vacancy on the County Planning Commission.

**Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to appoint Pamela Shinn to the County Planning Commission for a term expiring 12/31/2021. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

#### **Discharge of Mortgage**

Dan Massy, Community Developer, explained an administrative error requiring a need to redo the mortgage discharge. A brief discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve the Discharge of Mortgage for Reedy and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

#### **MVAA Training Grant Application**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the grant application is for funding to send our Veteran's Service Office staff to conference for more training. A brief discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the Application to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency's for County Training Reimbursement. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Moved by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to go into closed session concerning complaints regarding E.M.S. Director Jeremy Beebe. Motion carried with seven (7) yes votes.**

**Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to go back into open session at 12:25 p.m. Motion carried with seven (7) yes votes.**

**Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the minutes from closed session as read by the Clerk in closed session. Motion carried.**

Employee/Board Comments: None.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

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Jack Nehmer, Chairman