

**OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
November 20, 2018**

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chairman Emig.

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

Also present: Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Russ Wayne-Jail Administrator, Justin Halladay-Undersheriff, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and several members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

Board minutes were reviewed but not approved at this time. They will be re-submitted for Board approval at the next meeting.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the claims of the County in the amount of \$74,157.01. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers & Journal Register Report

Commissioner Tiedt reviewed the budget amendments presented and asked that the Board approve those along with the County Treasurer's Journal Report for October.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the budget amendments and County Treasurer's November Journal Register Report for October postings as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

2019 County Budget

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, briefly reviewed the 2019 County budget and asked for approval of the proposed budget as well as the appropriation of that budget by the Board.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the 2019 County Budget as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the 2019 Budget Resolution/General Appropriations Act as presented and authorize the appropriate signatures. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.S. Purchase of LUCAS Devices & Service Agreement

Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, did a demonstration of a LUCAS Device, which is an automated CPR device for Board members. He explained the company has several new 3.0 models of the equipment that have never been used and are discounting them by 50% and explained the reason for the discount. He asked to purchase 6 (six) devices and has found money within his budget for the expenditure. He also spoke about the preventative maintenance agreement, recommending the 4-year agreement which comes with a price guarantee. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the purchase of six (6) LUCAS Devices and the four-year service agreement with payment from the 210 Fund Capital Account and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Cell Phone Purchase by Sheriff Crawford

Russ Wayne, Jail Administrator, was present on behalf of Sheriff Crawford who is asking to purchase his current cell phone from the County upon his retirement. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to allow Sheriff Jim Crawford to purchase the cell phone currently in use for \$1.00. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector Resignation & Agreement

Don LaBrenz, County Building Official and Inspector, spoke to Board members about the recent resignation of the Mechanical/Plumbing Inspector, Gerald Antor. Discussion was held on the agreement with Mr. Antor and how to proceed in filling the vacancy.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to accept the resignation of and terminate the contract for services with Gerald Antor as the Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector effective immediately and contract with Kenneth Clark for the Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector services for a six-month period with terms for extension. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Building Official Agreement for 2019/2020

Don LaBrenz, County Building Official and Inspector, and Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the contract currently in place for our Building Inspector. Discussion was held on making Mr. LaBrenz a full-time employee for the County as he no longer qualifies as a Contracted Service Provider. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting.

MSU Extension Annual Certifications for C.O.A. & County

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained that there is a request from MSU Extension for a signed agreement with the County and Commission on Aging as related to affirmative action. A brief discussion was held to sign one for the County which covers all departments.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to agree to the MSU Extension Certification and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. Plan for AAAWM Additional Transportation Funding

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, advised that Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan has additional money to allocate for specific services such as meals and transportation. She explained the recommendation from staff and asked for Board approval. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the request for additional funding from AAAWM for volunteer transportation. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. Snow Plowing

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked for approval of a snow plowing agreement for the Commission on Aging facility in Evart. A brief discussion followed.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the snow plowing and ice removal agreement with Wirth Construction and Landscaping and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Veterans Affairs Grant

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained this is an additional incentive grant for our Veterans' Services program and asked for the Board to approve the application. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the application to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency County Incentive Grant for \$10,000 for a part-time position. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. Operations Review

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked the Board for further clarification as to what they want her to ask in a Request for Proposals (RFP) at investigating the Commission on Aging operations review. After providing information as to the County Coordinator's responsibility and the Board's role in the department she feels she needs further clarification as to what the Board is seeking to do. Discussion turned to the E.M.S. Investigation Review and the policies both departments have currently in place. After a lengthy discussion County Counsel will be contacted to come and speak with Board members.

Closed Session

Moved by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve going into Closed Session to discuss collection bargaining. Motion carried with seven (7) yes votes.

Open Session Resumes

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to close the Closed Session meeting regarding union collective bargaining. Motion carried with seven (7) yes votes.

Approve Closed Session Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the minutes from the Closed Session as presented. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the tentative agreements for the Police Officers Association of Michigan Corrections and authorize the appropriate signatures on the contracts. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the tentative agreements for the Command Officers Association of Michigan and authorize the appropriate signatures on the contracts. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comments: None.

Extended Public Comment: Scott Schryer from McBain, Michigan, spoke about his former employment with Osceola County and asked to be put on paid administration leave rather than termination until an investigation can be conducted.

Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to adjourn at 11:46 a.m. Motion carried.