

**OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2018**

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

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

Also present: Don LaBrenz-Building Official, Justin Halladay-Undersheriff, Captain Russ Wayne-Jail Administrator, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk and several members of the public.

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

Brief Public Comment: David Eggle, Sherman Township Supervisor, shared concerns regarding the Emergency Medical Service schedule in their area of the County.

Scott Schryer, McBain, Michigan, addressed the Board regarding his former employment as Commission on Aging Director.

Employee/Board Comment: Tracey Cochran, Payroll/HR Specialist, advised Board members of a problem found in their salaries over the past year and the corrective action to be taken.

Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes of November 6, 2018 and November 20, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the claims of the County in the amount of \$55,849.77. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Building Official Employment

Don LaBrenz, County Building Official and Inspector, along with Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about Mr. LaBrenz being able to continue as an Independent Contractor rather than putting him on the payroll. Susan asked for the Board to renew his contract, which expires at the end of 2018 for another year. A lengthy discussion was held. No action was taken.

Indigent Defense Budget

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the proposed budget that will be used in the process of setting up a contract for the proposed system. The Board doesn't need to approve today, but will become a part of the contract when it is completed. A brief discussion was held.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers and Journal Register Reports

Commissioner Tiedt reviewed budget amendments presented and asked for approval for those and the Treasurer's Journal Register Report.

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

Veteran Service Grant

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about an opportunity to possibly obtain a \$25,000 Veteran Service Grant. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the 2018 County Veteran Service Fund Grant as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MSU Extension 2019 Memorandum of Agreement

Shari Spoelman, MSU District Coordinator, reviewed the annual agreement between MSU and Osceola County for Extension services. She noted it is consistent with the adopted 2019 approved budget. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the Agreement for Extension Services with Michigan State University on behalf of Michigan State University Extension and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MSHN-SUDOPB Intergovernmental Agreement

Chairman Emig explained the proposed Intergovernmental Mid State Agreement. The agreement is a continuance of the present agreement which is currently in place. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the Mid-State Health Network 2019 Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Advisory Board Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. MIPPA 2018 Beneficiary Outreach & Assistance POS Contract

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the contract amendment to our contract with MIPPA for senior services. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the 2018 MIPPA Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance Purchase of Services Contract Amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. Building Security

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, updated on some additional steps being taken at the Commission on Aging facility in Evart. She noted these are similar to what has been done within other County departments.

C.O.A. In-Home Services over Holidays

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the need for in-home services to continue being provided for seniors during the holidays, however the current County policy would need to be waived in order to allow this to happen. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to waive the County holiday policy for office closure for Commission on Aging to allow for in-home services to be performed. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

State Marijuana Legislature

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, informed Board members of a possible grant opportunity for the County related to the new marijuana law. She explained it can only be used for educational purposes and will involve reporting and monitoring. Osceola County qualifies for \$7,889.00 and does not apply to law enforcement. Undersheriff Halladay spoke briefly on the issue. Discussion was held, but no action was taken.

Employee/Board Comment: Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, asked for direction from the Board as to when they plan on scheduling their 2019 organizational meeting. January 2, 2019 at 9:30 will be the day and time of this meeting.

Extended Public Comments: Scott Schryer, McBain, Michigan, addressed the Board a second time continuing his opening comments.

Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. Motion carried.