

**OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2019**

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Nehmer.

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

Also present: Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Justin Halladay-Sheriff, Tracey Cochran- Payroll / Human Resource Specialist and several members of the public.

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

Brief Public Comment: Alan Gingrich spoke about a meeting he recently attended in Ewart on behalf of the Road Commission. Mr. Gingrich also read a thank you card he received at the Road Commission.

Employee/Board Comment: Commissioner Michell spoke about residents of Hartwick and Middle Branch's approval of the Class A roads.

Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the minutes of August 6, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the claims in the amount of \$137,824.78 for the County. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Road Commissioner Positions

Commissioner Custer spoke about the Road Commission Board and feels it should go back to the people for a vote if they should be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners versus elected. Discussion was held.

Policies Discussion

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the Personnel policy updates that were recently sent out. Commissioner Emig had a few suggestions on wording of which will be changed. She will also be sending out the Social Media Policy and stated there are sample policies on the MMRMA website should anyone like to review them. Discussion was held.

County 2020 Budget

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, stated the 2020 Budgets have been sent out to Department Heads and are due back to her on August 27, 2019. She stated she will provide an update at the Board meeting on September 4, 2019.

C.O.A. Cargill Grants Presentation

Tina Wilson from Cargill Salt presented Commission on Aging a check in the amount of \$7,500. Of those funds \$5,000 came from a local Cargill grant and \$2,500 were a match in funds from Cargill's Corporate Office. The funds were used to purchase Ensure by seniors at a free or reduced cost. Mandy Duffy and Beth Straathof, C.O.A. Nurses, were present to accept the funds on behalf of C.O.A.

E.M.S. Request for Bids for Ambulance Remount

Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, asked the Board for approval to receive bids for the Ambulance Remount Grant once we receive USDA approval. The ambulance will have the same specs except they will go from a Chevrolet chassis to Ford chassis and the lights will be purchased from a new vendor.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to allow the E.M.S Director to obtain bids for the Ambulance Remount Grant. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.S Bad Debt Report 2019 May through July

Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S Director, asked the Board to approve the bad debt report for May 2019 through July 2019 as required by County Auditors. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the bad debt write-off for the E.M.S. Department in the amount of \$19,169.65 as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Brooks Security Monitoring Contracts

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke to the Board requesting approval for the Brooks Security Monitoring Contracts.

Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve monitoring contracts with Brooks Security. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A Tustin Rental Agreement

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, provided the Board with the updated C.O.A Tustin Rental Agreement. She explained the release of liability on the County by having the lessee provide their own insurance when rented. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve the updates to the C.O.A Tustin Rental Agreement. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MAC Web Page Representative

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke to the Board about MAC's request to have a designated representative from the County to be a liaison for the MAC web page. The Board would like more clarity on what MAC is looking for as the County currently has its own web page with many of the details MAC is looking to provide on their web page. Discussion was held.

Veterans' Services Letter of Intent to Apply for MVAA 2020 Grant

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked the Board for approval on the Veterans' Service Fund Grant for 2020. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the Veterans' Services Letter of Intent to Apply for MVAA 2020 grant funding and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MDMVA Incentive Grant

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked the Board to approve the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency for the Incentive Grant of \$10,000. Grant has to be used in September 2019. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency for the Incentive Grant of \$10,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comment: Justin Halladay, Sheriff, introduced Ed Williams as the new Sheriff that will start on September 8, 2019.

Extended Public Comment: Sandy Keller stated she attended the Road Commission meeting and believes there is a communication problem.

Luke Houlton, Road Commission Manager, spoke about the difficulty with hiring summer help and running the brush hog during summer hours with limited staff.

Alan Gingrich, Road Commissioner, spoke more about his earlier discussion on what townships would like to see from the Road Commission, what roads were chip sealed vs. black topped.

Moved by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Tracey Cochran, Deputy County Clerk

Jack Nehmer, Chairman