

**OSCEOLA COUNTY  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

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

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

Also present: Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk and several members of the public.

**Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

**Moved by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the minutes of February 5, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.**

**Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the claims in the amount of \$47,543.51 for the County. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**MIDC Administrator Contract**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the contract with Karen Moore for MIDC Administrator. Ms. Moore is requesting a change in paragraph fifteen (15) of the proposed contract. Susan noted that all six (6) counties involved are being asked for the same change. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator Agreement with the proposed change to section 15 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Morgue Update**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, advised Commissioners that the morgue authority has contracted with a physician for the facility. They hope to be operational soon. Discussion was held.

**MVAA Service Fund Grant Award**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked Commissioners to approve a grant award from the State for our Veterans' Services in the amount of \$57,129.00. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve the MVAA 2019 County Veteran Service Fund Grant in the amount of \$57,129 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Strategic Community Partners Contract**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked Commissioners to approve the contract proposed with Mr. Jetter, Strategic Community Partners, for the internal investigations of E.M.S. and C.O.A. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to approve the proposal from William A. Jetter in the amount of \$7,200 plus travel. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Building Official/Inspector Contract**

Tony Gagliardo, Building Official, spoke to Commissioners about his contract for services. He previously asked for a vehicle to use to do inspections, however the County has found there are not extra vehicles he might use. He asked to meet with Health, Safety and Grounds Committee to revisit his proposed contract to decide how to proceed. The matter was referred to Committee.

**Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers & Journal Register Report**

Commissioner Halladay reported no budget amendments or cash transfer, however a January Journal Report was provided for approval.

**Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by commissioner Gregory, to approve the February Journal Register Report from the County Treasurer for January adjustments as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**DHHS Annual Report**

Danielle Martin, MDHHS Director with Osceola/Mecosta, highlighted several items in their annual report presented to Commissioners. She also explained some of the services provided by the agency. She spoke about CPS cases as well as the need for more licensed foster care providers. She also highlighted volunteer services.

**Osceola County Soil Conservation District Report**

Dixie Ward, District Manager for Osceola County Soil Conservation District, shared a report and highlighted portions for Commissioners. She spoke about goals the conservation district is hoping to achieve. Vicki Sawicki, Invasive Species Coordinator for the District, spoke about the information presented and highlighted their 2018 accomplishments. Mark Sweppenheiser, Assistant District Manager, was introduced to Commissioners and explained he plans to continue with programs already in place and adding new ones to the district.

**C.O.A. United Way Grant Application**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked for the Commissioners to approve a grant application to the United Way for \$25,000 to be used for the nutrition program. A brief discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the Commission on Aging United Way Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**C.O.A. Taste of Osceola**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained to Commissioners that the Taste of Osceola has in the past been done by the Leadership Group and part of the proceeds were received by the Commission on Aging. However, this year there is not a Leadership Group, and the staff at C.O.A. would like to host this year's event. Lori Leudeman, County Treasurer and former member of the Leadership Group, also spoke about the event and expressed willingness to assist. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve having the County Commission on Aging host the Taste of Osceola event as a fundraiser. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Contract for Temporary Clerical Services for Building Inspections**

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained that the clerical person at the Building Inspections Department needs to be out for a period of time, so she has contacted someone with previous experience in the position to see if they might be willing to help during this leave of absence. Discussion was held

**Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve having Peggy Graham provide clerical services for the Building Inspections department at \$15.30 per hour to cover during an employee's leave of absence for up to three months. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

Employee/Board Comments: None.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to adjourn at 10:43 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

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Jack Nehmer, Chairman