

**OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2018**

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman Emig.

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

Also present: Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Jon-Thomas Burgess-Technology Coordinator, Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk and several members of the public.

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

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee/Board Comment: Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, advised Board members the next County Alliance will be held at the Kettunen Center.

Moved by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the minutes of May 15, 2018, as presented. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the claims of the County in the amount of \$79,499.38. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.S. Ambulance Remount RFB

Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, reported all USDA approvals have been received to obtain bids for an ambulance remount. He explained the time frame in which he believes we can accomplish the project. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Gregory to issue the Request for Proposals for the new ambulance chassis and box remount. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Budget Amendments

Commissioner Tiedt reported no budget amendments were received.

C.O.A. Marion Terminix Agreements

Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, asked for approval of a Terminix agreement for the new facility in Marion. He advised this is the same agreement he has for the Tustin and Evert facilities. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the Terminix agreement for the Marion Commission on Aging building and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Animal Control Internet Services

Jon-Thomas Burgess, Technology Coordinator, shared information on better internet service for our Animal Control Department. He explained the problem with what we currently have and recommended changing to Spectrum. He also shared costs for the project and why the costs

will be incurred. Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, also spoke about the new phone system which is internet based and how they would tie those old phone lines in with the rest of the County. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the agreement with Spectrum for Animal Control Department services and installation and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Housing Grant, Program Income

Dan Massy, Community Developer, explained the Housing Grant program and how a fire destroyed a residence owing money under the program. He then explained the Program Guidelines recommending Commissioners forgive a portion of the debt. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to forgive \$5,400 for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Homeowner Rehab Program Loan for 148 E. Lincoln, Reed City, Michigan in the best interest of Osceola County, thereby reducing the amount owed to \$34,900. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Attorney Invoice

Commissioner Halladay explained why she submitted an attorney bill for a recent FOIA request she received. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve payment of the attorney invoice from Commissioner Halladay in the amount of \$50.00 regarding the FOIA request. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MERS Options

Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, spoke about the information MERS shared from a previous Board meeting and asked how and if the Board wished to pursue any of the possible options offered at that time. Discussion was held and a committee will be formed to look at options in more detail.

49th Circuit Court Contract Attorney LGAL Costs

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, shared information presented by Judge Thompson regarding the amount paid to contract attorneys for visiting children who are placed in and out of County. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to concur with the 18th Probate Court and 49th Circuit Court recommendations to change the Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem visit fees. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Resolution on Indigent Defense

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the proposed amendments to PA 93 of 2013 regarding funding for Indigent Defense. She advised the increase to local governments would be negatively impacted under the proposed amendment. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the Resolution of Opposition to Amendatory Legislation to Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013 regarding Indigent Defense. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comments: Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, told Board members the Marion Fair Board wished to give the County several tickets for an event at their upcoming Fair in appreciation of the County's annual appropriation. After discussion, the Board declined the offer, but expressed their appreciation.

Board liaison reports were given.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Halladay at 11:04 a.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman