

**OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2018**

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Emig.

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

Also present: Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Lisa Kaspriak-Medical Examiner Assistant, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and other members of the public.

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

Brief Public Comment: Sally Momany, from Richmond Township, read a statement to the Board regarding advocacy on behalf of others and what she believes to be the responsibilities of the Board.

Employee/Board Comment: Commissioner Elkins advised other Board members he would need to leave early today.

Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the minutes from February 20, 2018. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the claims of the County in the amount of \$44,174.21. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Mid Michigan ME Group

Lisa Kaspriak, Medical Examiner Assistant, spoke to the Board regarding lack of payment made to the Mid Michigan ME Group in 2018 due to the County's request for proof of insurance from their Group. She asked for the Board to re-consider releasing this payment, and future payments, until this matter can be resolved. She also noted that Osceola County is the only County they provide service for that is requiring this type of insurance. Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the need for the insurance coverage and the possibility of liability on the County. Susan also noted that she, along with several other County Administrators, will be discussing this liability issue later in the week with MMRMA representatives. Discussion was held.

Discussion then turned to the payment being held by the County for an MEI that has not provided required liability insurance for services performed.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve payment to Sally Momany for previously provided Medical Examiner Investigator services. Recommendation was supported with Commissioner Wayne voting no.

Board discussion was held on how the Board wished to proceed with releasing payments to Mid Michigan ME Group once the required insurance certificates were received.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to make payments to Mid Michigan Medical Examiner Group at the first of each quarter as a prepaid. Recommendation carried with six (6) Commissioners voting yes and Commissioner Wayne voting no.

The Board discussed the 1st quarter payment to Mid Michigan ME Group when no proof of insurance has been provided as of this date.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to release the payment to Mid Michigan Medical Examiner Group for the first quarter of 2018 while the general liability insurance issue is being addressed. Recommendation was supported with Commissioners Wayne and Tiedt voting no.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers, and Journal Register Report

Commissioner Tiedt reported no cash transfers or budget amendments were received. The Treasurer's monthly journal register report was not received.

Emergency Medical Services

Commissioner Gregory suggested the County pursue having a third party come in and do an unbiased evaluation and review of our E.M.S. Department in order to determine the truth about many allegations being received. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve having a review of our EMS Department and operations from an outside service. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. United Way 2018 Grant Funding Application

Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, explained his \$25,000 grant application being presented to the United Way and asked for Board approval.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the Commission on Aging application to the United Way for the 2018 Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. Update

Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, updated the Board on progress in obtaining insurance coverage through MMRMA that would allow an outside group, like the Wood Carvers in Tustin, to use their building.

Veterans MVAA County Training Grant

Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the grant money available for continued training for county veteran counselors and asked for the Board to approve the application.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the Veterans MVAA County Training Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Other Business

Board members discussed the letter of resignation from Mid Michigan ME Group and Doctor Wagner, Medical Examiner, given to Commissioners today as Lisa Kaspriak left the meeting earlier today. Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, was given direction to proceed with RFP's for a replacement. Discussion was held.

Employee/Board Comment: Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, gave an update to Board members from a recent Morgue Authority meeting she attended.

Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, commented on the issues the County is having with the Medical Examiner and Mid Michigan ME Group.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, Osceola County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman