

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2009

1:00 PM

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Carr at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Curt Mudgett from Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Stanton offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Blanding, Lindeman, Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr and Crouse. Members absent: Commissioner Caris.

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Mike & Jeanne Urbanski, Sandy Carlton, Bob Clingenpeel, Lisa Lund, Franz Mogdis, Don Smucker, Carol Darby, Kim Singh, Bob Brown, Gwen Stromp, Dr. Scott Koenigsnecht ISD Sup, Bob Burns, Helen Schneider, and Ryan Jeltema.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve the December 15, 2008, regular meeting minutes and the January 2, 2009, Organizational meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business entitled: *Montcalm County Emergency Food and Shelter Board*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Kim Singh, Director of Mid Michigan District Health Board, addressed the board regarding the transportation issue that will be before the board today. She stated that she feels countywide transportation is imperative to the well being of the residents of this county and she wholeheartedly supports it.

Helen Schneider, Charlotte, addressed the board regarding the county's contract with a Class B dealer. She stated that Eaton County used to sell animals to Class B dealers. The Eaton County Board of Commissioners formed a task force in which concerned citizens were allowed to serve on. She stated that 17 of the 18 recommendation that came out of the committee were adopted by the Eaton County Board. She encouraged Montcalm County to do the same.

Sandy Carlton, Greenville, addressed the board regarding the scarcity of letters to the editor in the Daily News and the Lakeview Area News regarding the county's contract with R & R Research. She stated that lack of letters does not mean that the public is not interested, it only means that letters are being run by legal counsel. She also addressed the board's policy regarding public comments.

At 1:15 p.m. Franz Mogdis addressed the board regarding the Transit Initiative budget request. Mr. Mogdis asked that no action be taken on the motion that was tabled at the last regular meeting. Instead, he is asking that the board allow for the submission of a proposed budget for the transit initiative.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2009-01**, allowing the submission of the MDOT grant to the so that the county may be reimbursed as of October 1, 2009 instead of 2010:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended (Act 51), it is necessary for the County of Montcalm, (hereby known as THE APPLICANT) established under Act 196 of 1986, to provide a local transportation program for the state fiscal year of 200 and, therefore, apply for state financial assistance under provisions of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for THE APPLICANT, to name an official representative for all public transportation matters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commission or department for its administration of Act 51; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to certify that no changes in eligibility documentation have occurred during ht past state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the performance indicators for this agency have been reviewed and approved by THEAPPLICANT; and

WHEREAS, THE APPLICANT, has reviewed and approved the proposed balanced (surplus) budget, and funding source of estimated federal funds \$300,000, estimated state funds \$675,000, estimated local funds \$800,000, estimated far box \$100,000, estimated other funds \$0, with total estimated expenses of \$1,875,000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that THE APPLICANT hereby makes its intentions known to provide public transportation services and to apply for state financial assistance with this annual plan, in accordance with Act 51; and

HEREBY, appoints Chris Hyzer as the Transportation Coordinator, for all public transportation maters, who is authorized to provide such information as deemed necessary by the State Transportation Commissioner or department for its administration of Act 51 for 2010.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Lindeman, Retzloff, Johansen, Baker, Carr and Crouse. Nays: Commissioners Paepke and Blanding.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve consent agenda items 1 through 8 and move stated action:

Controller	BOC By-Laws and Rules of Procedure	Place on file
Carl Paepke	Parks & Recreation Commission minutes 11-18-08	Place on file
Scott Minard	Dodge Report, December 2008	Place on file
Controller	Collective Bargaining Minutes, December 8, 2008	Place on file
Controller	Surface Transportation Board Decision	Place on file
Controller	Approval of 2008-09 Child Care Fund Budget	Place on file
Controller	MSF Approved Renaissance Zone	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adopt the 2009 work plan of Economic Development and Physical Resources committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the January 12, 2009, Economic Development & Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to allow Commission on Aging to accept the bid in the sum of \$45.00 for the sale of the 1994 Ford van to Kyle Lund. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow Jerry McCoy to work an additional 8 hours per month to participate in the Spectrum Health Pandemic Flu Planning project, and to accept the \$300 per diem stipend for those services since they are not subject to or subsidized by ay other type of federal or state reimbursement through the end of September 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow EMS to purchase the Road Safety Driving system from the exclusive vendor for not more than \$36,000 with ½ of the payment made as a deposit and ½ paid at completion. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow EMS to accept the grant offer from Region 6 Bio-Defense Network Coalition for up to \$12,000 for the purchase and installation of cellular modems. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Controller to approve the bid specifications for the new R-29 unit and submit them to vendors for bids. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the sale of the old A-18 unit to Kyle Lund for \$500. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve hiring a temporary employee to fill in while the employee is on sick leave at an hourly cost of \$12-15 depending on experience. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke that the Controller be allowed to purchase thirty (30) desktop machines, one (1) rugged laptop and three (3) laptops with a total price of \$36,400.00 from Dell. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 011209 in the amount of \$804,394.79. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the January 12, 2009, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that the service award luncheon is Thursday, January 22, 2009 at noon at Maxfield's restaurant.

Mr. Hyzer also informed the board that the county's license to euthanize animals via lethal injection was approved last week. The next step is to go through the DEA.

Commissioner Johansen informed the board that the Montcalm County Emergency Food and Shelter Board is seeking a representative from the Board of Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Paepke to appoint Commissioner Johansen as the Board of Commissioners representative to the Montcalm County Emergency Food and Shelter Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to removed the tabled transit initiative motion from the table. Motion carried with Commissioner Paepke voting no.

Moved by Commissioner, Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to have legal counsel review the proposed articles of incorporation , by laws, and resolution for forming a county-wide transit authority. Moved by Commissioner Blanding, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to postpone the motion indefinitely. Motion carried with Commissioner Paepke voting no.

Public comments were offered. Sandy Carlton is asking the board to address misinformation coming from the Animal Control staff regarding euthanization. She is again asking that a sign be posted in the Animal Shelter informing people that animals left at the shelter may go to research.

Lisa Lund, Human Services Coalition, introduced herself to the new board members.

Mike Urbanski addressed the board regarding a sign not being posted at the shelter regarding animals going to research.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 1:52 p.m.
Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman