

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 11, 2008

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 Jamie Nichols from the First Congregational Church in Stanton offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Walker, Petersen, Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris and McCrackin. Members absent at roll call: None.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Dixie Ward, Roberta Murray, Tom Humphreys, Don Lehman, Ryan Jeltema and Chris Hyzer.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the January 28, 2008, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve the agenda with the following additions: *Executive Session for the purpose of pending litigation* under Controller Correspondence and a 1:15 p.m. agenda item entitled *Solid Waste Coordinator update*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Tom Humphreys, candidate for 70th District House of Representatives, was in attendance to introduce himself to the board. He will be available after the meeting to answer any questions that board members have.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with the Smoke Free Policy. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Walker to adopt the Smoke Free Policy for County owned buildings. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with nine letters from the State Tax Commission regarding revocation of the Personal and Real components of industrial facilities exemptions in the City of Greenville. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the letters from the State Tax Commission on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with a survey from the Alcona County Board of Commissioners regarding merging the Register of Deeds office under the County Clerk's office. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to allow the County Controller to respond to the Alcona County Board of Commissioner survey regarding the merging of the Register of Deeds office under the County Clerk's office. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 4 through 7 and move stated action:

Kevin Weaver	Animal Control Reports	Place on file
	o November 2007	
	o December 2007	
	o 2007 Year End	
County Controller	2008 Remonumentation Grant Agreement	Place on file
County Controller	Emergency Management Resolution	Place on file
County Controller	Resolution 2008-3	Place on file

Motion carried.

At 1:14 p.m. Dixie Ward, Solid Waste Coordinator, was in attendance to give the board an update. She went over two graphs. The first was the Household Hazardous Waste Collections. Ms. Ward explained that since she began working on this program in 2004 and added oil, tires, computers and electronics to the collections, they have increased the amount of waste collected up to 47,999 lbs.

The next graph was showing the pounds of waste recycled via the Mobile Recycle Centers. She explained that RWG in Sheridan is no longer in business which has made it somewhat difficult since the Mobile Recycle Centers do limit when people can drop off their recyclables.

The Solid Waste Committee originally set up the Mobile Recycling Centers. She explained the it costs approximately \$12,000 a year to have a one day a month recycling site.

At 1:30 p.m. Kim Singh, Health Officer for the MMDHD; John Kroneck, Wellness & Prevention Coordinator for Life Guidance Wellness & Prevention Services; and Joe Sedlock, Riverhaven Coordinating Agency, were in attendance to give the board an update from the Montcalm Substance Abuse Advisory Council.

Mr. Sedlock presented the board with the substance use disorder prevention and treatment services funding summary for FY 2007. He explained that Montcalm County's Substance Abuse Council is by far the most effective of the three that he works with. He congratulates them and Montcalm County for their efforts.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow the Controller to seek bids on the plumbing and carpet for the renovations in the clerk's new office space and the new janitorial closet. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the February 11, 2008 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow EMS to continue to offer a sign on bonus of up to \$1,000, based on experience and qualifications for the recruitment of full time paramedics in exchange for 24 months of guaranteed full time employment with the county and the agreement will end when EMS is fully staffed. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow Emergency Services to hire a fourth supervisor and amend the staffing and control summary for 2008 and budget lines accordingly. Motion carried with Commissioner Petersen voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve the professional service agreement with Peter Preston to provide services in order to complete the proposed Private Road Ordinance with cost not to exceed \$500 plus reimbursable costs and allow the Controller to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the accounting procedures for cash accounts as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 021108 in the amount of \$192,918.53. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the February 11, 2008 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that revenue sharing is written into the Governors proposed budget.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that the Commissioner luncheon at the Health Department is Monday, February 25th.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Caris to enter into Executive Session at 2:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Petersen, Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris, McCrackin and Walker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 2:09 pm.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 2:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman