

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 25, 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. Commissioner Johansen offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Walker, Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris and McCrackin. Members absent at roll call: Commissioner Petersen.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Roberta Murray, Mark Bellinger, Steve Russell, Bob Surdam, Mike Kotenko, Ryan Jeltema and Chris Hyzer.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the February 11, 2008, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the agenda with the addition of a 1:30 *Executive Session for the purpose of Attorney Legal Opinion*; and #3 under New Business entitled *Conservation District*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with the Office of Drug Control Policy, Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Subcontract. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve the Office of Drug Control Policy, Byrne Memorial Formula Grant Subcontract (CMET) in the amount of \$72,268 and authorize the proper signatures. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda item 2 and move stated action:

Scott Minard

Dodge Report, January 2008

Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff that the contract with Goodwill be modified to eliminate the Wednesday Mobile recycling site in Stanton and replace it with a mobile recycling site in Sheridan with site to be determined by Dixie Ward. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to place the February 21, 2008 Solid Waste Management Planning Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve the FY 2009 MDOT Grant application (5310) for the Commission on Aging and submit for Chairman Carr signature. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to allow the Sheriff to add one deputy to the County full time employee count for the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 022508 in the amount of \$299,168.47. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the February 25, 2008 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with a listing of the committee appointments for their files.

Commissioner Johansen provided each board member with a copy of a letter from the Montcalm Conservation District dated December 2007 regarding NCRS funding levels. Without support from the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners receiving funding from the NRCS would not be possible. He thanked the board for their support.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Caris to enter into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of Attorney Legal Opinion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris, McCrackin and Walker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 2:38 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff that the County seek proposals for the position of medical examiner, and that the county continue to employ Dr. Banner to perform such services during the interim until a statutory appointment can be made.

Under discussion Commissioner Baker stated that he has just become aware that the appointment of the Medical Examiner was a 4 year term. He asked if the expiration date of the Medical Examiner position would be four years from the date of appointment or if it would expire at the beginning of 2012. Pat White stated that it would be a full four year appointment.

Commissioner Caris stated that since it has been brought to the board's attention that the appointment of the Medical Examiner should be for a four year term and Dr. Banner was appointed to a one year term, which is now expired, he feels the board needs to go out to bid for individuals interested in serving as the County's Medical Examiner for a four year term.

Commissioner McCrackin asked if there would be a savings in the Medical Examiners budget to help offset the costs of hiring another deputy. Chairman Carr said that would need to be looked at.

Motion carried.

Public comments were offered and none were given. Mark Bellinger thanked the board for reinstating a deputy at the Sheriff's Department.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to adjourn at 2:38 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman