

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting  
Monday, March 9, 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 Eugene Kooi from the Entrican Bible Church offered invocation.

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

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Sandy Carlton, Mike and Jeanne Urbanski, Julie Klaczkiewicz, Gisela Peek and Curt Mudgett.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve the February 23, 2009, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Sandy Carlton addressed the board regarding a C-Snip transport that will come into the county the second Monday of each month at a reduced fee. Pick up and drop off will be in Greenville.

Chris Hyzer presented the board with resolutions for Bryce W. Comer, Daniel C. Gillaspie, Chad W. Thornburg and Bryan A. Weed commending them for achieving the level of Eagle Scout. Moved by Commissioner Retzliff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve and adopt the following **RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION 2009 - 05**

WHEREAS, Bryce W. Comer became a Bobcat on May 5, 1998, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryce W. Comer earned the rank of First Class on September 1, 2004, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryce W. Comer progressed through the ranks of the Boy Scouts and received the rank of Life on January 31, 2007, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryce W. Comer continued his active role in the Boy Scouts and reached the rank of Eagle Scout on November 2, 2008, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryce W. Comer had to earn a total of 21 merit badges to reach the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryce W. Comer earned the following 21 merit badges:

Basketry	Citizenship in the Nation
First Aid	Citizenship in the World
Swimming	Lifesaving
Art	Communications
Canoeing	Shotgun Shooting
Indian Lore	Wood Carving
Fingerprinting	Archery
Rifle Shooting	Environmental Science

Small Boat Sailing  
Citizenship in the Community

Camping  
Personal Management  
Personal Fitness, AND;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners commends and honors Bryce W. Comer for his notable accomplishment.

**RESOLUTION 2009 - 06**

WHEREAS, Daniel C. Gillaspie became a Scout on March 4, 2004, AND;

WHEREAS, Daniel C. Gillaspie earned the rank of First Class on October 13, 2005, AND;

WHEREAS, Daniel C. Gillaspie progressed through the ranks of the Boy Scouts and received the rank of Life on December 4, 2006, AND;

WHEREAS, Daniel C. Gillaspie continued his active role in the Boy Scouts and reached the rank of Eagle Scout on April 7, 2008, AND;

WHEREAS, Daniel C. Gillaspie had to earn a total of 21 merit badges to reach the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle, AND;

WHEREAS, Daniel C. Gillaspie earned the following 27 merit badges:

Coin Collecting	Archery
Woodwork	Rifle Shooting
Dog Care	Shotgun Shooting
Collections	Emergency Preparedness
Pets	Gardening
First Aid	Farm Mechanics
Personal Management	Fingerprinting
Fire Safety	Auto Mechanics
Communications	Personal Fitness
Family Life	Citizenship in the Nation
Indian Lore	Citizenship in the World
Cooking	Citizenship in the Community
Camping	Environmental Science
	Cycling, AND;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners commends and honors Daniel C. Gillaspie for his notable accomplishment.

**RESOLUTION 2009 - 07**

WHEREAS, Chad W. Thornburg became a Bobcat on October 30, 1998, AND;

WHEREAS, Chad W. Thornburg earned the rank of First Class on March 8, 2004, AND;

WHEREAS, Chad W. Thornburg progressed through the ranks of the Boy Scouts and received the rank of Life on October 23, 2006, AND;

WHEREAS, Chad W. Thornburg continued his active role in the Boy Scouts and reached the rank of Eagle Scout on November 13, 2008, AND;

WHEREAS, Chad W. Thornburg had to earn a total of 21 merit badges to reach the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle, AND;

WHEREAS, Chad W. Thornburg earned the following 21 merit badges:

First Aid	Citizenship in the Community
Leatherwork	Citizenship in the Nation
Swimming	Emergency Preparedness
Auto Mechanics	Environmental Science
Camping	Fishing
Wilderness Survival	Rifle Shooting
Communications	Cinematography
Archery	Shotgun Shooting
Citizenship in the World	Family Life
Oceanography	Personal Management
	Personal Fitness, AND;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners commends and honors Chad W. Thornburg for his notable accomplishment.

#### **RESOLUTION 2009 - 08**

WHEREAS, Bryan A. Weed became a Arrow of Light on February 1, 2004, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryan A. Weed earned the rank of First Class on March 29, 2005, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryan A. Weed progressed through the ranks of the Boy Scouts and received the rank of Life on January 22, 2007, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryan A. Weed continued his active role in the Boy Scouts and reached the rank of Eagle Scout on April 12, 2008, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryan A. Weed had to earn a total of 21 merit badges to reach the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle, AND;

WHEREAS, Bryan A. Weed earned the following 23 merit badges:

First Aid	Fly Fishing
Skating	Cycling
Truck Transportation	Camping
Communications	Pets
Personal Fitness	Wood Carving
Family Life	Pioneering
Basketry	Emergency Preparedness
Citizenship in the Community	Environmental Science
Citizenship in the Nation	Reading
Citizenship in the World	American Cultures
Fishing	Personal Management
	Cinematography, AND;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners commends and honors Bryan A. Weed for his notable accomplishment.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve consent agenda items 2 through 4 and move stated action:

Controller	Agreement between County & Kent County Humane Society	Place on file
Scott Minard	Dodge Report, February 2009	Place on file
Controller	MDOT Letter Re: Financial Assistance for Countywide Transportation	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to allow the Montcalm County Jail to apply for a grant that would enhance the live scan machine and would allow for the capture and submission of palm prints on all sex offenders as mandated by Federal Law and be reimbursed by the grant up to \$16,000. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to allow EMS to accept bids for the sale of the old R-23 unit (1996 GMC). Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to allow EMS to donate the used extrication equipment from R-29 to the Lakeview Fire Department in as is condition. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to allow EMS to do home body removals for any funeral home within Montcalm County for a fee of \$25 per hour with a 2 hour minimum when the funeral homes are unable to perform the service. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Crouse, Blanding, Lindeman and Johansen. Nays: Commissioners Caris, Carr and Retzloff. Motion carried

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to allow Commission on Aging to solicit bids for the catering of Senior Meal Program. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to be used for CityWatch systems for Hospitals and Schools. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve warrant number 030909 in the amount of \$109,306.71. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the March 9, 2009, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m. Bryce W. Comer, Daniel C. Gillaspie, Chad W. Thornburg and Bryan A. Weed were in attendance to be presented with resolutions acknowledging their achievement of Eagle Scout. Commissioners Carr, Lindeman, Johansen and Caris presented the resolutions.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that Central Dispatch is interested Ortho photos.

Animal Control has informed Mr. Hyzer that the DEA has approved the County's application to euthanize animals by injection. They are currently seeking a source to purchase the drugs.

Public comments were offered. Gisela Peek addressed the board and suggested that each township contribute money to upgrade the Animal Shelter.

Mike Urbanski provided the board with a copy of a Random Source Dog and at Dealer Inspection on R & R Research.

Commissioner Johansen informed the board that Pat White will be here on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to make a presentation on the Open Meetings Act.

Commissioner Baker addressed the board regarding stray cats in Montcalm County. He suggested the board look at a way to control the population.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 1:32 p.m.  
Motion carried.

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Kristen Millard, County Clerk

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Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman