

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 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 Nate Berry from the Nevins Lake Church offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Blanding, Lindeman, Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris and Crouse. Members absent: None.

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Tom Sova, Jeff Troyer, Sandy Carlton and Mark Stevens.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve the March 23, 2009, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the agenda with the addition of item #3 under New Business entitled *MCCAW Request to Gather*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Sandy Carlton advised the board that volunteers are currently at a home in which a woman passed away and 60 cats were found in the home. According to Ms. Carlton, Montcalm County Animal Control declined assisting the family. Members of Montcalm County Citizens for Animal Welfare are currently at the home removing the cats.

Mark Stevens addressed the board regarding the R & R Research contract. He is in support of animals being used for medical research.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with the USDA Grant Application in the amount of \$4,000 to be used for the K-9 vehicle. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported Commissioner Johansen to accept the USDA Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$4,000 to be used for the K-9 vehicle and allow for the appropriate signatures. Motion carried.

Notification of a water system improvement in City of Greenville was received from the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported Commissioner Lindeman to place the correspondence from the WMRPC on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with the MDOT Contract 2007-0263/Z2 between Montcalm County and Clock Conversions. The contract is for the conversion of one van for Commission on Aging. No action will be taken on this item today as a van has not been purchased yet. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported Commissioner Johansen to place the proposed MDOT Contract 2007-0263/Z2 between Montcalm County and Clock Conversions on file. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from Jim Jannereth regarding property in Carson City that he wants to donate to the county. Mr. Jannereth tried to give the property to Carson City, however they declined the donation based upon possible contamination of the property. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported Commissioner Lindeman to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2009-10 Disclaimer of Interest :**

WHEREAS, Carson City Properties, LLC, James Jannereth, Manager, 3919 Macrace, Grandville, Michigan, 49418, recorded at Liber 1436 Page 1111, Montcalm County Records, a quit claim deed dated the 27th of March, 2009, conveying to Montcalm County, State of Michigan, the following described land located in the County of Montcalm, State of Michigan:

A parcel described as: the N ½ of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 12,
T9N R5W, Bloomer Township

WHEREAS, The above-described parcel of land was deeded to Montcalm County without delivery of the deed to Montcalm County, and without acceptance of the deed by Montcalm County; and

WHEREAS, No consideration was exchanged between the Grantor and Montcalm County.

NOW THEREFORE, Montcalm County disclaims any right, title or interest in and to the above described parcel of land.

Motion carried.

A request to gather on the Administration Building lawn was received from Curt Mudgett, Trinity Church in Stanton. Pastor Mudgett would like to gather at the flag pole in observation of the National Day of Prayer on May 7, 2009. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported Commissioner Caris to allow Trinity Church to gather at the flag pole on May 7, 2009, in observation of the National Day of Prayer. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 6 through 15 and move stated action:

Ron Baker	Collective Bargaining Minutes, March 30, 2009	Place on file
Ron Baker	Motor Vehicle Accident Minutes, Feb. 23, 2009	Place on file
Pat Carr	Animal Control Ad-Hoc Minutes, March 11, 2009	Place on file
Carl Paepke	Parks & Recreation Minutes, February 3, 2009	Place on file
Scott Minard	Dodge Report, March 2009	Place on file
WMSRDC	Transfer Agreement for the Damage Assessment Kits	Place on file
Controller	Dept. of Treasury Letter Re: Equalization Director	Place on file
Controller	March 2009 End of Month Animal Report	Place on file
Controller	64B District Court AFSCME Union Contract	Place on file
Controller	General AFSCME Union Contract	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve the aerial photography agreement with MCCDA and allow for the proper signatures. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Blanding to accept the Abilita retainer agreement at \$550 per month for 24 months and allow the Controller/Administrator to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Blanding to allow the Montcalm Center to be able to trade in the PBX box for the phone system when they purchase their new system. Motion carried with Commissioner Paepke and Carr voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the April 13, 2009, Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to allow the Sheriff to fill the vacant Correction Officer position due to the recent resignations. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Sheriff to go out for bids for a new marine vehicle. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the County Clerk to refill the office assistant position in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office with a permanent full-time employee effective April 27, 2009, with the starting pay to be determined by the County Clerk based on the education and experience of the candidate chosen. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 041309 in the amount of \$228,476.43. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the April 13, 2009, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard informed the board that a retirement party will be held on April 24th in the Circuit Courtroom for Karen Hart-Pringle. Ms. Millard also informed the board that both of her offices will shut down for approximately 90 minutes that day so all employees can attend Karen's party.

A request to hold a rally at 11:00 a.m. on the lawn of the Administration Building was received from Montcalm County Citizens for Animal Welfare. MCCA W is also requesting that the board secure appropriate accommodations for the board meeting on April 27, 2009, as they intend to have more than 20 people in attendance.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to grant MCCA W's request to use the lawn around the flag pole at the Administration Building for a rally in support of ending pound release and direct the County Controller/Administrator to mark the parking spots in the west parking lot "For County Business Only". Motion carried.

The location of the April 27, 2009, Board meeting will be left to the discretion of the Chairman.

Public comments were offered.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 1:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman