

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2006
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 Kurt Hoffman from Trinity Evangelical Free 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, Chris Hyzer, Shelly Strautz, and John Berchtold.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the April 24, 2006, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the agenda with the addition of a 1:30 p.m. agenda item entitled *Public Hearing: Howard City Annexation* and #1 under Old Business entitled *Update of Local Planning List*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

John Berchtold provided the board with revised sections of the Parks Ordinance. The Parks Commission would like to see the revision approved as an amendment to the Ordinance. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the proposed Parks Ordinance Amendments on file. Motion carried.

John Berchtold presented the board with the Resolution regarding the lack of economic development tools for counties, which is to be sent to Senator Cropsey and Representative Emmons. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2006-14**:

WHEREAS, legislation is being discussed that would provide all Michigan local units the ability to offer economic incentives that currently only Michigan CORE communities can offer; and

WHEREAS, counties do not have the opportunity to offer these tools countywide; and

WHEREAS, cities, villages and townships can, in most of the proposed legislation, exempt county property tax mileage without consent of the county Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Montcalm County supports the ideal of thriving local units, but wishes to remind the Legislature that County government needs to be at the table as part of this legislative change and particularly to discuss the impact upon county government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners requests that Senator Cropsey and Representative Emmons, call this matter to the attention of the leadership of the Michigan Legislature and request that the Michigan Association of Counties be given an opportunity to address the same.

Motion carried.

The approved agreement between the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners, the County Sheriff and the FOP, Lodge 149 and the Corrections Division was received from Pat White. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the FOP Contract for the period of January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2008 and authorize Chairman Carr and Sheriff Barnwell to sign it. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 5 through 13 move stated action:

Montcalm Center for Behavior Health	Minutes of March 25, 2006 meeting	Place on file
Jack McCrackin	Medical Control Authority	Place on file
City of Ionia	Participation in CMET	Place on file
DOC	Approval Construction Documents Jail Project	Place on file

Collective Bargaining Committee	Minutes of April 11, 2006	Place on file
John Johansen	Ionia/Montcalm DHS Board Minutes 3-16-06	Place on file
Attorney Tornga	MERS Pension Plan Transfer	Place on file
Marcia Walker	Comm. On Aging Exec. Comm. Minutes 3-23-06	Place on file
Marcia Walker	Montcalm Alliance Budget	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve additional correspondence items 2 through 11 and move stated action:

EightCap, Inc.	Governing Board Minutes 3-24-06	Place on file
Mont. Human Services Coalition	Minutes of April 4, 2006	Place on file
Mont. Human Services Coalition	“Draft” Minutes of May 2, 2006	Place on file
Washtenaw County BOC	Letter re: Inmates in Montcalm County Jail	Place on file
Ron Retzloff	Animal Control – Use of County Vehicles	Place on file
911 Central Dispatch Authority	Minutes of May 4, 2006	Place on file
Carl Paepke	County Land Sale (Pierson)	Place on file
Building Official	RWG Condemned Building	Place on file
MI AFSCME	AFSCME 3067.02 Ratification	Place on file
MI AFSCME	AFSCME 3067.03 Ratification	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Baker to accept the proposal by West Michigan Regional Planning Commission for prep of a revised five year plan to the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Baker to place the April 25, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the April 24, 2006 Motor Vehicle Committee minutes; the April 26, 2006 CIS Oversight Committee minutes; and the April 27, 2006 Health and Human Service Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to enter into Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of the Village of Howard City Annexation request. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Petersen, Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris, McCrackin and Walker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Mark Rambo, Village of Howard City Manager, introduced himself and explained the purpose of the annexation. He explained that there is no opposition from the Township of Reynolds regarding this annexation.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to have the Finance and Personnel Committee look at purchasing deer guards for seven patrol cars in the amount of \$280 per vehicle for a total cost of \$1,960. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to approve the laptop specifications for the Equalization Department as attached to the Economic Development and Physical Resource Committee minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the May 8, 2006, Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to accept the bid from Griffith Builders for the base bid for the jail renovation plus the roof alternate in the amount of \$217,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to direct the Controller/Administrator take sealed bonds bids in an amount not to exceed \$275,000 with a payment period over the next three (3) or five (5) years. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker that the following section to be added to Section 6(c) of the Conflict of Interest Policy: *“Unless expressly approved by the Board of Commissioners, no employee of the County may bid or offer a proposal for services or for an item to be purchased by the County if the bid or*

proposal directly impacts the Department in which he or she works. However, the Board of Commissioners exempts employees of the County providing court transcripts.”. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the MCES Ambulance Services Standards for Waiver of Payment as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to pay the claims on warrant 050806 in the amount of \$214,933.40. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the May 8, 2006, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to come out of Public Hearing at 1:58 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris, McCrackin, Walker, and Petersen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2006-15, A RESOLUTION ORDERING AND DETERMINING TO GRANT THE PETITION OF HOWARD CITY TO AMEND ITS BOUNDARIES:**

WHEREAS, Act No 3 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended (the “Act”) authorizes the changing of village boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Howard City, in accordance with the Act, has adopted a resolution to alter its boundaries so as to include the real property legally described on the attached Exhibit A, which is incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Howard City, further in accordance with the Act, has submitted to this Board a petition requesting the entry of an order altering the Village’s boundaries as described above; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider the Village’s petition was published in the Greenville Daily News and the River Valley Shopper for three (3) successive weeks immediately preceding the presentation of the petition and/or posted (by attaching the same in a secure manner) for three (3) successive weeks immediately preceding the presentation of the petition in three (3) of the most public places within the Village and in three (3) of the most public places of the territory directly affected; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing to consider the Village’s petition was held by this Board, in accordance with the published notices, on May 8, 2006, at which all interested parties were given an opportunity to be heard regarding the proposed change in boundaries; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration the Board has determined that it is appropriate and reasonable to grant the Village’s petition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The petition for annexation submitted by the Village of Howard City, dated March 29, 2006, is granted.
2. It is ordered and determined that the real property legally described on the attached Exhibit A shall be annexed into the Village’s boundaries.
3. A certified copy of this order shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Village of Howard City and to the Michigan Secretary of State (Office of the Great Seal.)
4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, rescinded.

Motion carried.

John Berchtold informed the board that Diane Murray has called three times during the meeting today asking the board to pass a resolution allowing her to apply for \$100,000 in grant money. The deadline for the grant application is prior to the board meeting again.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to take a break to get call Diane Murray to get the details for the resolution. Motion carried.

The meeting reconvened at 2:22 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2006-16:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Montcalm County Commission on Aging be authorized to submit to the Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan, a grant application for operational purposes, to benefit the Montcalm County Commission on Aging, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Patrick Carr be authorized to sign said grant application.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve the amended local planning team list and fill the vacancy of Municipal Law Enforcement after the local chief's vote on their representative. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to adjourn at 2:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman