

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, June 23, 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 Lindeman offered invocation.

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

Others present: Kristen Millard, Carolyn Kain, Bunny Bode, Suzanne Hoseth Kreeger, Sandy Carlton, Mike and Jeanne Urbanski, Barbara Neal-Ward, Kim Singh, Cheryl Stacer-McVey, Bill Barnwell, Ryan Jeltema and Chris Hyzer.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the June 9, 2008, 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. Bunny Bode provided the board with copies of flyers were distributed at the Lakeview Summerfest. She stated that neither she, nor the Lakeview Area News, were involved in distributing or preparing the flyers. She stated that she has disassociated herself with the formalized group, Concerned Citizens Coalition, that distributed the flyers.

Sandy Carlton addressed the board regarding the animal shelter and the method of euthanize on dogs over 30 lbs.

Jeanne Urbanski addressed the board regarding the animal shelter and the Concerned Citizens Coalition.

Mike Urbanski addressed the board regarding R&R Research euthanizing dogs over 30 lbs., which is not part of their contract with Montcalm County.

Commissioner Paepke passed out a copy of an article from the Grand Rapids Press regarding saving Tyler Creek. He stated that this is part of the Timberland RC&D program.

At 1:15 p.m. Adam C. Phillips was in attendance to be presented with a Resolution recognizing his status of Eagle Scout. Commissioner Paepke presented him with the resolution and congratulated him on his accomplishment.

At 1:19 p.m. Suzanne Hoseth Kreeger, candidate for 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge, was in attendance to introduce herself to the Board and present them with her qualifications. She asked the board members for their support.

Patrick Duff, candidate for 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge was scheduled for 1:20 p.m., however he was not in attendance.

At 1:30 p.m. Kim Singh, Health Officer, was in attendance to present the board with the MMDHD 2007 Annual Report. Ms. Singh highlighted the report for the board and offered to answer questions.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with a Letter of Agreement between the Thin Blue Line of Michigan and the County of Montcalm. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the Letter of Agreement between the POAM and the County of Montcalm for the Thin Blue Line of Michigan and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve consent agenda items 2 through 7 and move stated action:

Controller	2008 County Information Report to the Legislature	Place on file
WMSRDC	Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement	Place on file
WMSRDC	Transfer of Ownership Agreement	Place on file
WMSRDC	Transfer of Ownership Agreement, Nextel Go Kits	Place on file
Controller	MSC2007002-EDPA Agreement	Place on file
Treasurer	Annual Report, Balance in Land Sale Proceeds Acct.	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adopt the 2008 Health & Human Services Work Plan. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the June 9, 2008 and June 23, 2008 Health & Human Services Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the June 23, 2008 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow EMS to accept bids from the general public and salvage dealers for the sale of the Unit 79 vehicle, a 1995 Ford van, and sell it to the highest bidder. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve of the Administrative Aide job description for MSU with the recommended changes and allows the position to be posted internally and externally, with deadline for applications to be set for Monday, July 7, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Sheriff to refill the vacant deputy sheriff position immediately. Motion carried with Commissioner Lindeman voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2008-14:**

WHEREAS, The Drain & Lake taxes assessed against the County of Montcalm at Large, as shown on the County Drain Commissioner's – Special Assessment Rolls – for the year 2007, has not been accredited to the respective Drain & Lake Funds, for which they were assessed. Said Special Assessments total – Drains \$93,126.68 and Lakes \$753.72.

WHEREAS, The sums so assessed should be transferred from the General Fund of the County to the respective Drain & Lake Funds for which they were assessed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners here assembled in regular June session for the year of 2008 that the sum of \$93,880.40 be transferred from the General Fund of the County of Montcalm to the respective Drain & Lake Funds for which such assessment was made. The County Controller of Montcalm County shall be and is hereby authorized to make such transfer.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow the Animal Control Director to hire two part time animal control officers and have them work up to 30 hours a week. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve warrant number 062308 in the amount of \$303,438.52. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the June 23, 2008 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer brought the board up to speed on the Rails to Trails issue. The deadline for an appeal to be filed with the Surface Transportation Board was June 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hyzer has not been contacted by anyone to indicate whether an appeal was filed or not.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to provide a letter of support to the West Michigan Trails and Greenways Coalition in its effort to acquire the railroad corridor from Ionia to Greenville and authorize Chairman Carr to sign the letter of support. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with an information flyer about the Montcalm Countywide Transit Initiative.

Commissioner Johansen informed the board that as the Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee he has informed Charles Rhines, President of Mid-Michigan BioOil, that any economic development issues should be directed to Franz Mogdis, Montcalm Alliance.

Sandy Carlton addressed the board regarding the animal shelter and stated that she feels the public needs to be made aware of what the final disposition of animals left at the shelter could be. She stated that there is not a sign posted indicating that animals may be donated to research. She stated that she would be willing to pay for the sign.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 2:18 p.m. Motion carried.

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Kristen Millard, County Clerk

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Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman