

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Monday, June 26, 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 Jamie Nichols from the First Congregational 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, Robert Jensen, Shelly Strautz, Lori Wilson, Marcia Sawdy and John Berchtold.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the June 12, 2006, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Mr. Robert Jensen addressed Commissioner Johansen and handed him a list of questions he wanted answered. Chairman Carr explained that the Public Comment section of the meeting is only for comments from the public, not a time for Commissioners to answer questions. Mr. Jensen's questions were regarding the 1998 storm cleanup.

An Amendment to the Montcalm County Address Ordinance was presented to the board. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve and adopt the Amendment 2006-01 to the Montcalm County Address Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2006-22:**

Whereas, on June 3, 2006 at 1:54 p.m., the home of Michael Willard in the Township of Eureka, Montcalm County, was engulfed in flames; and,

Whereas, Sgt. Gary Valentine of the Greenville Department of Public Safety was the first to arrive on scene at the Willard home; and,

Whereas, Sgt. Gary Valentine heard Michael Willard's cries for help from the rear of the burning structure and rushed around to the rear of the structure to find Michael Willard on the back deck, two stories up; and,

Whereas, upon noting that "black smoke was rolling out of the door of the deck, which was his only exit", Sgt. Valentine utilized a garden hose to cool Mr. Willard down until firefighters could arrive, and

Whereas, Greenville Public Safety Officer Mark Tomkinson and medical first responder Jack Johnson then arrived on scene and placed a ladder against the deck, after which MFR Johnson climbed the ladder and assisted Mr. Willard to safety; and,

Whereas, Mr. Willard was subsequently treated and transported by Montcalm County Emergency Services personnel to the emergency room where he was treated for burns on his arms, back, and neck; and,

Whereas, were it not for the quick thinking and appropriate actions of Sgt. Gary Valentine and the timely response and rapid actions of Officer Tomkinson and MFR Johnson, Mr. Willard would undoubtedly have been far more seriously injured or killed.

Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners applauds, commends, and gratefully acknowledges the heroic actions of Sgt. Gary Valentine,

Officer Mark Tomkinson and MFR Jack Johnson whose timely response and appropriate actions undoubtedly prevented the serious injury or death of Michael Willard.

Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the WMRPC regarding the Inland Waters Access Initiative. The County has 30 days in which comment. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to place the Inland Waters Access Initiative correspondence on file. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the WMRPC regarding the State Trailways Initiative. The County has 30 days in which comment. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the State Trailways Initiative correspondence; on file. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the WMRPC regarding the State Park and Recreation Area Consolidation. The County has 30 days in which comment. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the State Park and Recreation Area Consolidation correspondence on file. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the WMRPC regarding the Wildlife Land Consolidation Initiative. The County has 30 days in which comment. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the Wildlife Land Consolidation Initiative correspondence on file.

Correspondence was received from the WMRPC regarding the Handicapped Hunting and Viewing Facilities ADA. The County has 30 days in which comment. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the Handicapped Hunting and Viewing Facilities ADA correspondence on file. Motion carried

An Ordinance Amendment adopting various amendments to the Montcalm County Parks Ordinance was received. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve and adopt the Amendment 2006-01 to the Montcalm County Parks Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Walker to approve consent agenda items 9 through 24 move stated action:

Controller	Jail Renovation	Place on file
Montcalm County BOC	Resolution 2006-14	Place on file
Controller	Resolution 2006-20	Place on file
Don Cooper	Resolution 2006-21	Place on file
AAAWM	Contract Amendment	Place on file
Montcalm County BOC	“Do 1 Thing” Resolution	Place on file
MEDC	Grant Amendment- Clarion	Place on file
Kevin Weaver	Animal Control Report, May 2006	Place on file
Kevin Everingham	Probation Residential Services Contract	Place on file
Kevin Everingham	Contract between County & Pine Rest	Place on file
Kevin Everingham	Outpatient Treatment Services Agreement	Place on file
Ionia/Montcalm Dist DHS	Board Minutes 5-18-06	Place on file
Montcalm Cons. District	Board Minutes 5-9-06	Place on file
Controller	Interim Dispatch Director Agreement	Place on file
Controller	Owner/Contractor Agreement – Jail Renovation	Place on file
Solid Waste Committee	Minutes, June 15, 2006	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve additional correspondence items 1 through 3 and move stated action:

Smith Housing	Cont. Agreement between Smith & County	Place on file
WMRPC	Minutes 3-17-06	Place on file
WMRPC	Update, May 12, 2006	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the contract with Continuant and allow the Controller to sign the Master Maintenance Advantage Plan Agreement with the monthly premium of \$426.67. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow the County to approach Home Township to request the re-zoning of the Edmore Base to a plan unit development. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the June 26, 2006 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve funding for the County Treasurer of \$3,636 plus benefits to cover the training period for a new chief deputy due to the retirement of Chief Deputy Carol VanHorn with funds to come from Contingency account. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the budget transfer of \$1,800 from 12628-730000 (computer supplies) and \$1,800 from 12682-728000 (postage) to 12682-809000 (service contracts) for microfilming of images. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow Lori Wilson to attend the International Conference for Recorders in San Francisco, CA. (July 2-8, 2006) with a total cost of the trip costing \$1,375 with \$1,000 coming from the Register of Deeds Automation Fund line item 282682-866000 and \$375 to be paid by Lori Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the purchase of \$1,100 for interactive map software for the Register of Deeds. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow the Prosecuting Attorney to use the unused salary of the Chief Prosecuting Attorney and/or use court appointed lawyer line item to cover expenses for Special Prosecuting Attorneys. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow the Controllers office to distribute information for cost saving insurance discounts to County Employees through Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 062606 in the amount of \$332,929.77. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to place the June 26, 2006, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

John Berchtold informed the board that the annual MAC conference will be held at Shanty Creek in August. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Johansen to send Commissioner Retzloff to the MAC summer conference and direct the Controller to make the reservations. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Lori Wilson informed the board that HB 5124 will be voted on this week and if passed, will cause a revenue loss to the county. She asked that at least one commissioner attend the house session on Wednesday to send a card opposing the legislation.

Commissioner Johansen addressed the board regarding Mr. Jensen's public comments earlier. He indicated that Mr. Jensen's comments were based on the cleanup from the 1998 wind storm.

Commissioner Johansen commented on an editorial that ran in the Daily News on June 21st regarding the Ambulance service. He pointed out that paramedics require extensive schooling now and the shortage of paramedics will be occurring statewide, not just in Montcalm County.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman