

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Monday, July 23, 2007
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 Wayne Otto from Central Montcalm Community 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 and Shelly Strautz.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the July 9, 2007, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business entitled *Homeland Security Fall Conference* and #4 entitled *Grant Application for Terrorism to Tornados Summit*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

A ballot of the Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustee's election was received. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to place the MML Board of Trustee ballot on file. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from Michigan Association of Counties regarding the increase in dues for fiscal year 2007-2008. Dues for Montcalm County will be \$9,971.43. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Johansen to pay the Michigan Association of Counties dues in the amount of \$9,971.43. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 3 through 12 and move stated action:

Robert Jensen	Drain Code	Place on file
WMRPC	Region 8 Notes	Place on file
State of Michigan DEQ	Air Quality Application	Place on file
Controller	Finance & Personnel Minutes June 28, 2007	Place on file
Conservation District	Minutes, June 19, 2007	Place on file
Human Services Coalition	Minutes, June 5, 2007	Place on file
Montcalm Alliance	'07 Economic Development Priorities/Objectives	Place on file
Montcalm COA	Minutes, May 23, 2007	Place on file
Controller	DNR National Forest Revenues Letter	Place on file
Health & Human Services	Minutes, June 9, 2007	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Petersen to relieve Gerritt Bakker of his position on the Parks & Recreation Commission due to his absences at the meetings. Motion carried with Commissioner McCrackin voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the July 27, 2007 Parks & Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to allow Commission on Aging permission to install a 28' x 48' fenced patio to the COA building. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to have the Finance and Personnel Committee accept the \$6,000 from AAAWM and to designate no more than \$1,500 from current fund balance to contribute to the patio project. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen that John Johansen be appointed to the Greater Greenville Transportation committee and place Dan Petersen and Marcia Walker as alternates. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the July 23, 2007 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow Teri Layman to attend the animal control officer training at WMU-Graduate Center in Grand Rapids with the training dates of October 8 – 12, 2007, November 5 – 9, 2007 and December 3 – 7, 2007 for a fee of \$900 and authorize the use of the county vehicle to attend the classes. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke that the Controller/Administrator send a letter to the Animal Control Director outlining the potential areas of improvement from the Controller's memo to the Finance and Personnel Committee about his previous evaluation and to have a reevaluation of the director in 90 days. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow Commission on Aging to accept the \$6,000 grant from AAAWM and to designate no more than \$1,500 from current fund balance to contribute to the patio project. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 072307 in the amount of \$158,803.73. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the July 23, 2007, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard informed the board that her office held a passport clinic at Sheridan Hospital July 18th. The response was very positive. She also presented the board with a report on the Retention Facility and informed them that decisions regarding the records there would be necessary in the near future.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that he has filled the accountant position. Lori Czubko will start on August 6, 2007.

Commissioner Retzloff requested permission to attend the Homeland Security and EMAC conference this fall in Grand Rapids. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to allow Commissioner Retzloff to attend the Homeland Security fall conference, with Emergency Services to pay the registration fee and the Board of Commissioners paying for two nights of lodging. Motion carried.

Commissioner Petersen addressed the board regarding a grant application for the Terrorism to Tornados Summit. He has approached Walmart to provide the refreshment and they indicated that they need a grant application submitted. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johansen to allow the Controller to sign the grant application to Walmart for the Terrorism to Tornados Summit. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Chairman Carr stated that the transition with Chris Hyzer as Controller has gone very smoothly. He couldn't be happier.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Walker to adjourn at 1:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman