

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 25, 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. Pastor Dan Maguire 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: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Frances Schuleit, Sandy Carlton, Mike Urbanski, Marilyn Smith and Ryan Jeltema.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the August 11, 2008, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

Public comments were offered. Sandy Carlton, Greenville addressed the board regarding the new Animal Control Director being on the job for 90 days. She is asking that a 90 review be conducted. Ms. Carlton stated that she has requested that a sign be posted in the Animal Shelter stating that unclaimed animals may be sold for research, but that is yet to be done. She also stated that there has been little movement to change the method of euthanasia, and the answering machine at the Animal Shelter still has the old directors voice on it as well as the old office hours.

Mike Urbanski thanked the board for allowing the Animal Shelter to utilize Petfinder.com.

Correspondence was received from Mark Fabiano, Pierson, requesting a quit claim deed for the piece of land-locked property adjacent to his at 2215 Dagget Road, lots 3 & 38 of Hart's Original Plat. This piece of property was offered for sale in 1999 and again in 2001. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to forward this request to the Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee for their research and recommendation. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 2 through 3 and move stated action:

USDA Forest Service	PA 0240, 2008, Part 811 (Off-Road Rec. Vehicles)	Place on file
Controller	Jail Medical Contract	Place on file

Motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m. Marilyn Smith, Montcalm County Home Improvement Program, was in attendance to inform the board of program guideline changes. The CDBG program now has the ability to add payment of unlimited foreclosure prevention money to homeowner rehab, but this must be done in conjunction with rehab. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to amend the CDBG Housing Program Guidelines to reflect current MSHDA policies/regulations and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the August 25, 2008 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to start Heather Haag, an office assistant at the MSU Extension, a the rate of \$14.62 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Prosecutor to refill the Assistant Prosecutor 1 position. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Controller to purchase the Xerox Work Centre 5638P for the Circuit Court Clerk's office in the amount of \$9,397 from Michigan Office Solutions with funds to come from the Office Equipment Fund. Motion carried with Commissioner Lindeman voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve warrant number 082508 in the amount of \$429,948.08. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the August 25, 2008 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that the Sheriff has brought him the PA 416 Road Patrol Grant application. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Caris to approve the PA 416 Road Patrol Grant Application and allow the Chairman and Controller to sign. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer presented the board with the proposed changes to the Private Road Ordinance. The Planning Commission would like to send the proposed changes to the local municipalities for comments. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to allow the Controller to send the proposed changes to the Private Road Ordinance to all Montcalm County municipalities for their review and comments. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that James Freed, Village Manager of Lakeview, and Mark Borden, City Manager of Carson City, have agreed to serve on the Brownfield Authority. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Walker to appoint James Freed, Village Manager of Lakeview, and Mark Borden, City Manager of Carson City to the Brownfield Authority. Motion carried with Commissioner Carr voting no.

Public comments were offered.

Commissioner Baker thanked the board for sending him to the MAC Conference in Frankenmuth last week. He found the seminars very informative.

Commissioner Paepke informed the board that the landfill in Pierson is getting ready for gasification.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to adjourn at 1:36 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman