

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 8, 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 Caris offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Walker, Lindeman, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris and McCrackin. Members absent at roll call: Commissioner Retzloff.

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Steve Crouse, Roberta Murray, Karl Harter, Ron & Irene Blanding, Sandy Carlton, Jeff Troyer, Diana Henderson and Franz Mogdis.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Caris to approve the August 25, 2008, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

Public comments were offered. Commissioner McCrackin introduced both Steve Crouse and Karl Harter, candidates for District 9 County Commissioner, to the board. Commissioner Walker introduced Ron Blanding, candidate for District 1 County Commissioner, to the board.

The Fiscal Year 2009 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Agreement for Montcalm County, CS-FOC-09-59001 was received from the Department of Human Service for the Friend of the Court Office. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the DHS FY 2009 Title IV-D CPR Agreement and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received Sheriff Barnwell regarding a Mutual Aid Contract with Isabella County. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to enter into the Central Michigan Mutual Aid Reciprocal Law Enforcement Agreement with Isabella County and Authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received RAVE regarding Domestic Violence Awareness Month. They are requesting space in the Court Complex to display the Clothesline Project. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Caris to allow RAVE to use the lobby of the Court Complex from September 30, 2008 until the afternoon of October 31, 2008 to display the Clothesline Project for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Baker to amend the motion to ask for approval from the offices located in the Court Complex to see if there are any concerns regarding allowing RAVE putting a display in the lobby that will remain there for one month. Amendment carried. Original motion carried as amended.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda item 4 and move stated action:

State Tax Commission

Order of Revocation, The Blacksmith Shop LLC

Place on file

Motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m. Franz Mogdis was in attendance to request a resolution to extend the Renaissance Zone in Edmore. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to adopt **RESOLUTION 2008-15;**

Whereas, the Village of Edmore Subzone is currently designated as a Renaissance Zone pursuant to Public Act 376 of 1996; and

Whereas, this Renaissance Zone subzone is slated to expire in 2015: and

Whereas, the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act, 1996 PA 376, has been amended by 2006 PA 440 to permit extending the duration of time for one or more portions of a Renaissance Zone; and

Whereas, A&O Equipment, a Michigan-based company, intends to purchase approximately 8.2 acres of land in the Village of Edmore Subzone; and

Whereas, A&O Equipment has requested that the Renaissance Zone on its proposed property/location be extended in duration by an additional 8 years, so that the new expiration date would be 2023; and

Whereas, the extension of the Renaissance Zone duration on A&O Equipment property is necessary to increase economic development, and expand business and employment opportunities in the Village of Edmore and the surrounding communities for years to come; and

Whereas, the County of Montcalm is the "qualified local governmental unit" that originally applied for the Village of Edmore Subzone designation; and

Whereas, the Village of Edmore, requests that the County of Montcalm, apply for an 8 year time extension for 8.2 acres of property that A&O Equipment intends to purchase in the Village of Edmore Subzone.

Lot 15, Lot 17, and Lot 18 of the Sunrise Addition to the Village of Edmore

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the land described by the legal description shall be granted a Renaissance Zone time extension with various state, local and county taxes being waived on the property for a period of 15 years beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2023.

The adoption of this motion is contingent upon the Village of Edmore's adoption of this resolution as well. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to send letters to property owners on Daggett Road indicating that the County is willing to sell County parcels on Daggett Road for \$3,000 per parcel with the offer to expire December 31, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the September 8, 2008 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the employee agreement with Jerry McCoy as the Emergency Manager. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to have Chairman Carr sign the amended FY 2008 contract in the amount of \$125,051 and FY 2009 contract in amount of \$126,051 from AAAM for Commission on Aging. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to sign the contract from MDOT in amount \$13,749 for Commission on Aging. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve warrant number 090808 in the amount of \$150,884.19. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the September 8, 2008 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to enter into Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of the FY 2009 County Budget. Motion carried.

Sandy Carlton addressed the board regarding the Animal Shelter budget. She asked questions on various line items. She also asked if the budget could be amended after adoption and was informed that it could be.

Chairman Carr explained that the purpose of the Budget Hearing is not to dissect each individual line item, but instead is to question philosophical differences. He explained that the Finance Committee has spent a great deal of time developing this budget and there is just not enough time to allow every line item to be questioned.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that he attended the MAC Super Committee meeting. Items on the agenda were the Bottle Bill, which is intended to add deposits to water bottles and sports drinks. Discussion also took place on some counties going to four 10 hour work days. Supervision has proven to be an issue for these counties.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

Chairman Carr stated that he has some concerns regarding use of county owned vehicles by department heads. Commissioner Caris stated that there was discussion on this subject during the budget process, but it was decided that it would be best to deal with this issue outside of the budget process.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Caris to close the FY 2009 Budget Hearing at 1:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to adjourn at 1:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman