

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 10, 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. Commissioner Johansen offered invocation.

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

Others present: Kristen Millard, Roberta Murray, Ryan Jeltema and Chris Hyzer.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the August 27, 2007, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

Public comments were offered and none were given.

A letter of interest in continuing to serve on the Human Services Board was received from Sandra Cook, Sheridan. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Johansen to re-appoint Sandra Cook to the Human Services Board. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with 911 Funding Resolutions, however Senate Bills 410 and 411 have not been brought before the Appropriations Committee yet so no action needs to be taken at this time.

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

MMDHD	Talking Points, July 2007	Place on file
Kevin Weaver	Animal Control Report, July 2007	Place on file
Scott Minard	Dodge Report, August 2007	Place on file
Solid Waste Committee	Minutes, August 21, 2007	Place on file
EightCap, Inc.	Minutes, June 22, 2007	Place on file
COA	Minutes, July 23, 2007	Place on file
Ionia Montcalm DHS	Minutes, July 19, 2007	Place on file
Mont. Human Svcs Coalition	Minutes, July 10, 2007	Place on file
Montcalm Center	Minutes, July 24, 2007	Place on file
Greenville Transportation	Minutes, July 25, 2007	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to adopt the LPN scale as presented by the Controller/Administrator. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow Commission on Aging permission to replace the permanent part-time In-Home Services Coordinator with an LPN or a RN to oversee the in home-services and adult day care. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to allow Commission on Aging permission to decrease the number of hours for the In-Home Services Coordinator from 32 hours per week to 24 hours per week. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to approve the EMS Director contract for Dave Feldpausch from 10/1/07 to 9/30/08. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to approve warrant number 091007 in the amount of \$94,717.12. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to place the September 10, 2007 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that he has met with Scott Minard regarding Eureka Township's proposal to have the Building Department handle all of their building permits. Mr. Minard has drafted a letter to Eureka Township informing them that they will be charged \$30 per inspection on the building permits that were issued prior to his office taking over the Building Department responsibilities. Commissioner Petersen will be delivering that letter to the Eureka Township Supervisor prior to their meeting tonight.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with a copy of a Commission on Aging contract amendment for contract number 51.76 between Montcalm County and AAAM that Chairman Carr will be signing today. The amendment is to cover the shifting of funding from one program to another.

At 1:30 p.m. Mr. Mark Olmstead, Olmstead Excavating, was in attendance to discuss personal property tax with the board. He provided the board with a list of excavators that are not currently being charged personal property tax. He stated that it is unfair for one business to be charged when there is not a system in place to be sure that every business is being charged the same. It is making it very difficult for him to be competitive when he's paying personal property tax and his competitor isn't.

Commissioner Johansen thanked Mr. Olmstead for providing the board with the list and bringing it to the board's attention. He informed Mr. Olmstead that there are State Representatives currently proposing moving all of the assessing to the county so that it is more equalized. He explained that at this time, it is a local issue and the county's hands are tied.

Commissioner Johansen suggested the board send a letter to the Montcalm County Assessors Association making them aware that this issue was brought before the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to have the Controller send a letter to the Montcalm County Assessors Association advising them that Mr. Olmstead has brought the issue of the personal property tax before the Board of Commissioners. The letter is to spell out Mr. Olmstead's concerns regarding the un-equitable assessment of personal property tax. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Commissioner Baker stated that he would like to see the Treasurer and Clerk do whatever they can to try to help out with the personal property tax issue. The clerk stated she would see what they could do.

Ryan Jeltema informed the board that he is the new reporter for the Board of Commissioners. He can be reached at the Daily News at extension 3055.

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

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman