

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 9, 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. Reverend Jerry Carlson from the First Assembly of God in Sheridan offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Walker, Petersen, Retzliff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris and McCrackin. Members absent at roll call: None.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Roberta Murray, Tim McGuire, Teri Smith, Franz Mogdis, Ryan Jeltema and Chris Hyzer.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the September 24, 2007, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the agenda with the change of the 1:15 p.m. agenda item being moved to 1:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

At 1:05 Tim McGuire, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Counties, addressed the board and provided them with a Legislative Update.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with Resolution 2007-19. Moved by Commissioner Retzliff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2007-19:**

WHEREAS, Montcalm County has requested funding of \$30,000 for the Montcalm County Economic Development Study Project from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with Montcalm County's local community development plan as described in the application; and

WHEREAS, the planning activity is anticipated to lead to an implementation project where at least 51% of the beneficiaries will be low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, no local funds or other funds to be invested in the project have been expended and will not be expended prior to formal grant award, completion of the environmental review process, and formal, written authorization to incur costs is received from Community Development; and

WHEREAS, the required public participation requirements have been completed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners on behalf of Montcalm County authorizes the submission of the Michigan CDBG Application entitled "Montcalm County Economic Development Study Project".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chris Hyzer, County Controller/Administrator is authorized to sign said application on behalf of Montcalm County.

Motion carried.

An operating assistance project authorization for volunteer drivers was received from MDOT. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve the MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0263/Z3 and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

A FY 2008 Older American Act contract amendment was received from AAAWM. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Walker to accept the FY 2008 OAA Contract Amendment, not to exceed \$126,051 and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 4 through 21 and move stated action:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Controller                 | Edmore Base Listing Agreement                | Place on file |
| Controller                 | Justice Benefits Agreement                   | Place on file |
| Kevin Weaver               | Animal Control Report, August 2007           | Place on file |
| Kevin Weaver               | Animal Control Report, September 2007        | Place on file |
| Village of Howard City     | Proposed Sheriff Substation                  | Place on file |
| Controller                 | Child Care Budget Summary                    | Place on file |
| Controller                 | Survey & Remonumentation Update              | Place on file |
| Controller                 | Finance & Personnel Committee Budget Minutes | Place on file |
|                            | ▪ August 9, 2007                             |               |
|                            | ▪ August 22, 2007                            |               |
|                            | ▪ September 6, 2007                          |               |
| DHS Board                  | Minutes, August 23, 2007                     | Place on file |
| Montcalm Center            | Minutes, August 28, 2007                     | Place on file |
| Grievance Review Committee | Minutes, September 24, 2007                  | Place on file |
| Parks & Recreation Comm.   | Minutes, August 28, 2007                     | Place on file |
| Soldier's Relief Fund      | Minutes, September 20, 2007                  | Place on file |
| Community Liaison Comm.    | Minutes, August 29, 2007                     | Place on file |
| Animal Planning            | Minutes, September 27, 2007                  | Place on file |
| W. MI Regional Planning    | Minutes, June 15, 2007                       | Place on file |
| Greater Greenville Trans.  | Minutes, August 22, 2007                     | Place on file |
| MI Works Consortium        | Minutes, August 6, 2007                      | Place on file |

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Walker to appoint Steve Book to the Parks & Recreation Commission to complete the open position until January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the September 19, 2007 Parks & Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Petersen to continue the collection of recyclables at the Eureka Township site. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Petersen to place the October 4, 2007 Solid Waste Management Planning Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to place the October 9, 2007 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

At 1:30 p.m. Eric Halvorsen, Soldier's Relief Fund, was in attendance to present the board with the Soldiers Relief Fund annual report. He gave the board an update on the status of the fund. Mr. Halvorsen explained that the Soldier's Relief Commission did not have the funding available to provide direct relief to all of the applicants this past year. He estimates that \$20,000 will be needed next year just for direct

relief. He explained that requests are coming in for greater amounts of money now than they have in the past. Mr. Halvorsen was thanked for his report.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow EMS to post the Field Services Supervisor position effective immediately. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to refer the issue of EMS departmental structure to the Health and Human Services committee. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow the Sheriff to exercise the 36 month lease for two 2008 Chevrolet Impalas @ 20,000 miles per year at a monthly cost of \$370.25 and \$641.79 due at signing. The purchase price at the end of the lease would be \$11,772.80, if the county goes with the purchase option. Motion carried with Commissioner Paepke voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to increase the budget line item 593712-956000 by \$710.00 from unused funds from last year's employee training line item. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to allow the Controller/Administrator to post the Commission on Aging director's position in the newspaper and professional circulations. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the three year engagement letter provided by Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. to provide auditing services to Montcalm County for year FY 2007, 2008 and 2009 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to send a letter to Mid-Michigan Health Department stating the concerns of the county's position on the recent bid of the auditing services. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve warrant number 100907 in the amount of \$260,454.25. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to place the October 9, 2007 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard addressed the board regarding the need for a county logo/seal. She informed the board that the logo would be used on the employee ID cards. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to adopt the Montcalm County Flag as the Montcalm County logo. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with three Brownfield Applications. Jim Linton from AKT Peerless was in attendance and explained the Brownfield grant applications to the board. Three grant applications have been received. Two of the applications are for \$200,000, with no local match. One is for hazardous substances and one is for petroleum. The other application is for a Revolving Loan Fund.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the grant applications for the Brownfield Authority and allow the Controller/Administrator to sign the applications. Motion carried.

Chris also informed the board that Commission on Aging received a grant from the Central Montcalm Community Foundation in the amount of \$4,000 to help with the food program. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to accept the \$4,000 grant from the Central Montcalm Community Foundation for the Commission on Aging food program and authorize the proper signatures. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with an overview of the Remonumentation program that was written by Tingley & Associates. This one page handout can be used by Commissioners when speaking to their respective townships.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. Motion carried.

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Kristen Millard, County Clerk

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Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman