

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2006

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 Ken Kraft from the First Baptist Church in Stanton offered invocation.

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

Others present: Kristen Millard, Chris Hyzer, John Berchtold, and Shelly Strautz.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the September 25, 2006, 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 and none were given.

A Notice of Public Hearing was received from the Village of Edmore for a Tax Abatement Request for Packaging Corporation of America. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the Public Hearing Notice from the Village of Edmore on file. Motion carried.

Correspondence regarding the lease contract between Montcalm County and the Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health was received from Robert Brown, Executive Director of the Montcalm Center. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the correspondence from Robert Brown on file. Motion carried.

A resolution withdrawing support for the Single Point of Entry demonstration pilot was received from Philip Larson, Director of the Ionia Montcalm District Department of Human Services. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the correspondence from Philip Larson on file. Motion carried.

John Berchtold presented the board with a Resolution, as requested by the County Clerk at the last board meeting, asking the Legislature to pass legislation to allow for funding for the filing of PPO's. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2006-31**:

WHEREAS, the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners is charged with providing adequate funding for the Circuit Court and the Montcalm County Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, a substantial number of Personal Protection Orders (PPO) are processed through the Montcalm County Clerk's Office each year; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has rescinded the filing fee for such orders, thereby placing the cost of such filings solely on the General Fund of the County as an unfunded mandate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that the Legislature pass appropriate legislation to allow counties to impose a fee of up to twenty-five dollars to cover costs incurred by the County in the filing of a PPO.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Allen Cropsey, Representative Judy Emmons, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Motion carried.

John Berchtold presented the board with a Resolution honoring and thanking Carol VanHorn for forty two years of service with Montcalm County. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to postpone adopting a resolution for Carol VanHorn until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve consent agenda items 6 through 20 and move stated action:

Controller	Resolution honoring Lori Wilson	Place on file
Kevin Weaver, Animal Control	Monthly Report – August 2006	Place on file
Diane Murray	FY 2007 Grant Contract	Place on file
Michigan Consolidated Gas	Public Hearing, MPSC Case U-14800	Place on file
US Bankruptcy Court	Discharge of Debtor, Davidson	Place on file
Controller	MDOT Reference Station Agreement	Place on file
Norcross Construction, LLC	Snow Clearing Agreement	Place on file
Kevin Everingham, Corrections	Status of Cognitive Program	Place on file
Solid Waste Committee	Minutes of June 15, 2006	Place on file
Parks & Recreation Commission	Minutes of August 16, 2006	Place on file
Parks & Recreation Commission	Minutes of September 20, 2006	Place on file
MMDHD, Board of Health	Minutes of August 30, 2006	Place on file
Ionia Montcalm DHS	Minutes of August 17, 2006	Place on file
Collective Bargaining Comm.	Minutes of September 22, 2006	Place on file
Montcalm HSC	Minutes of August 8, 2006	Place on file

Motion carried.

A copy of item #10, Discharge of Debtor, is to be forwarded to Marcia Sawdy, County Treasurer.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve additional correspondence items through 4 and move stated action:

Lisa Lund	Montcalm October Happenings	Place on file
RMC	Letter to Sen. Cropsey & Rep. Emmons	Place on file
Central Area Michigan Works	Minutes from August 7, 2006	Place on file
Michigan Northern Counties	Minutes from September 18, 2006	Place on file

Motion carried.

Richard Reeves, Equalization Director, was in attendance at 1:20 p.m. to present the board with the 2006 Allocation Report of Millages to be levied in tax year 2006. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to approve the L4402, Montcalm County 2006 Allocation Report as prepared by the Equalization Director. Motion carried.

Chairman Carr asked Mr. Reeves about the tax bill forms that we use in Montcalm County. He asked if there is a reason that we send multiple bills to property owners that own more than one property instead of just sending one bill that includes all of the properties owned by a particular individual. Mr. Reeves explained that it is his position that each property pays the 1% administration fee and therefore should receive their own bill. He explained that problems arise when multiple owners are listed on a property and individual bills aren't sent.

At 1:30 p.m. Lori Wilson, Register of Deeds, was in attendance to be presented with a Resolution for being selected as the 2006 Michigan Register of Deeds of the Year. Chairman Carr presented Ms. Wilson with the resolution.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to accept proposals on the repair or the replacement of the boiler in the Administration Building, which will be approved by the County Mechanical Inspector, and bypass the bids specs due to emergency nature and allow the Controller/Administrator to determine the best fit for the County. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to approve the removal of the water fountain on the second floor and the capping of the water line. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to place the October 10, 2006 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Equalization Director to advertise the Administrative Aide position for his office. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker that the Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff be authorized to renew existing police contracts with the Townships of Eureka, Montcalm, Sidney and Crystal as

well as the Village of Sheridan beginning January 1, 2007 and that the annual costs be set \$68,200 per deputy for the calendar years 2007, 2008 and 2009, subject to final approval by the Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff and the Township and Village boards. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the job description of the Land Use Educator as presented by MSU Extension with a pay range between \$14 - \$22 per hour. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to hire Don Smucker as the CIS site administrator at a rate of pay of \$10 per hour up to 150 hours of work during fiscal year 2007. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Jail Administrator to be able to be able to purchase the shelving from Mid-Michigan Maintenance in the amount of \$1,475.00 with funds to come from the jail budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 101006 in the amount of \$268,293.53. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the October 10, 2006, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

John Berchtold informed the board that bills for membership/maintenance charges have been mailed in the amount of \$100 per year for CIS support. Each partner has been contacted in hopes that they will come on board again. Approximately 8 municipalities are not participating at this time, but the CIS Committee is hopeful that they will come on board.

Mr. Berchtold distributed a written report to the board on the ICMA Conference he attended. Attached to his report were copies of articles from the conference.

Public comments were offered. Richard Reeves presented Chairman Carr with the 2006 Tax Rate Request, L4029, for signature.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to approve the 2006 L4029 as presented by Richard Reeves, Equalization Director. Motion carried.

Commissioner Walker reported on the Parks & Recreation Commission's meeting with the Road Commission. The Parks Commission's offer for the Johnson Road Property was presented at that meeting but the Road Commission did not take action.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to adjourn at 2:08 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman