

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 14, 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 Kurt Hoffman from Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Stanton offered invocation.

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

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Franz Mogdis, Eric Halvorsen, Frances Schuleit, Karl Harter, Mike and Jeanne Urbanski, Ryan Jeltema, Deb Lapar and Roberta Murray.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Caris to approve the September 22, 2008, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Caris to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business entitled *Timberland R C & D Annual Meeting*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Deb Lapar, Maple Valley Township, addressed the board regarding the method of euthanasia used at the Animal Shelter and the upcoming contract expiration with R & R Research. Ms. Lapar provided the board members with a copy of her statement which was also signed by several community members.

Correspondence was received from the WMRPC regarding the purchase of a new police car for the Lakeview Police Department. Comments on the project are due back to the WMRPC by October 29, 2008. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the correspondence from the WMRPC on file. Motion carried.

A ballot for the Michigan Municipal League Board of Directors was received. Two incumbents are running unopposed. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the MML ballot on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with Jerry Stone's resignation letter from the Montcalm County Housing Commission. Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Baker to receive and accept Jerry Stone's letter of resignation from the Montcalm County Housing Commission and ask the County Controller to send a letter to Mr. Stone thanking him for his service. Motion carried.

Bob Brown, Executive Director of the Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health, provided the Board with a recommendation to appoint Ralph Hauenstein to the Mental Health Authority Board. Mr. Hauenstein will fill Mark Steven's position on the board. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to appoint Ralph Hauenstein to the Mental Health Authority Board, term ending March 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve consent agenda items 5 through 10 and move stated action:

Controller	Abilita Phone Systems Proposal	Place on file
Controller	OHSP Safe Communities Grant Approval	Place on file
Controller	WMSRDC Executed Transfer of Ownership Agreement	Place on file
Ron Baker	Collective Bargaining Minutes, September 11, 2008	Place on file
Bon Baker	Collective Bargaining Minutes, September 30, 2008	Place on file
Controller	DHS & PA Contractor Agreement CSPA-09-59002	Place on file

Motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m. Eric Halvorsen from the Soldier's Relief Fund was in attendance to give his annual report. Mr. Halvorsen presented the board with a written report. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to accept the report from the Soldiers Relief Commission and place it on file. Motion carried.

The Board thanked Mr. Halvorsen for his thorough report.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the October 14, 2008 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

At 1:30 p.m. Franz Mogdis, Montcalm Alliance, was in attendance to ask the board to support an 8 year extension of the renaissance zone time duration in the Village of Edmore for Ryan's Equipment, Inc.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve and adopt **RESOLUTIONS 2008-18:**

RESOLUTION 2008-18

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 2011, 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;

Whereas, Ryan's Equipment Inc., a Michigan-based company, intends to purchase/develop approximately 2.45 acres of land in the Village of Edmore Subzone, and;

Whereas, Ryan's Equipment Inc. 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 Ryan's Equipment Inc. 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 and the Village of Edmore are the "qualified local governmental units" that originally applied for the Village of Edmore Subzone designation, and;

Whereas, the County of Montcalm supports applying for a 8 year time extension for 2.45 acres of property that Ryan's Equipment Inc., intends to or has purchased in the Village of Edmore Subzone.

Lot 10 of the Sunshine 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.

Motion carried.

Mr. Mogdis also provided the board with a resolution to expand the time duration by 12 years for the Pierson Township Renaissance Zone for Sietsema Farms Biomass Gasification Plant project.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve and adopt **RESOLUTIONS 2008-18:**

RESOLUTION 2008-19

Whereas, the Howard City/Pierson Township 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 2011, 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;

Whereas, Sietsema Farms Feed, a Michigan-based company, intends to purchase/develop approximately 41.2 acres of land in the Township of Pierson Subzone, and;

Whereas, Sietsema Farms Feeds. has requested that the Renaissance Zone on its proposed property/location be extended in duration by an additional 12 years, so that the new expiration date would be 2023, and;

Whereas, the extension of the Renaissance Zone duration on Sietsema Farms Feeds property is necessary to increase economic development, and expand business and employment opportunities in Pierson Township and the Howard City area and the surrounding communities for years to come, and;

Whereas, the County of Montcalm and the Township of Pierson are the “qualified local governmental units” that originally applied for the Pierson Township Subzone designation, and;

Whereas, the County of Montcalm supports applying for a 12 year time extension for 41.2 acres of property that Sietsema Farms Feeds intends to or has purchased in the Pierson Township Subzone.

Parcel # 59-015-002-001-20 & Parcel #59-015-002-001-40

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.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve the bid specifications for computer hardware that was approved in the 2009 budget as presented by the Controller. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 101408 in the amount of \$414,488.90. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to place the October 14, 2008 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johansen, on behalf of Montcalm Township, thanked Kristen Millard for her assistance to Montcalm Township since their township clerk's resignation.

Chris Hyzer gave the board an update on the Emergency Management situation that occurred on Arloa Drive in Greenville on September 11, 2008. A de-briefing took place 2 weeks ago and all of the disciplines involved shared their involvement and reviewed their policies and actions.

Commissioner Paepke informed the board of the Timberland RC&D Annual Meeting tomorrow. He encouraged all of the board members to attend.

Public comments were offered. Commissioner Johansen introduced Chuck Zemla, Montcalm Township Assessor, to the board. Mr. Zemla brought some parcel maps with him that Belvidere Township has purchased.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 1:42 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman