

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 27, 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 Ryan White from the First Baptist Church in Stanton offered invocation.

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

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Karl Harter, Kim Singh, John Kroneck, Fran Schuleit, Mike Williams, Roberta Murray and Ryan Jeltema.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve the October 14, 2008, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business entitled *Equalization Allocation Report*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Deputy Mike Williams, representing the POAM, addressed the board regarding their denial of Sheriff Barnwell's request to reinstate one officer in his 2009 budget request. Deputy Williams requested that the board reconsider reinstating the Sheriff Department's manpower to the 2002 level.

The FY 2009 Comprehensive Corrections Plan was received from Michigan Department of Corrections. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve and adopt the 2009 Comprehensive Corrections Plan between Montcalm County and the State of Michigan Department of Corrections. Motion carried.

A request to gather on the courthouse steps was received from Mid Michigan Home Care. They would like to meet at noon on November 6, 2008, to ring bells and recite a reading in honor of those that have died under hospice care during the last year. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to allow Mid Michigan Home Care to gather on the courthouse steps November 6, 2008, at noon. Motion carried.

An application for PA 116 Farmland Agreement was received from Sackett Ranch, Inc., Day Township. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve PA 116 Application 2008-2 for Sackett Ranch, Inc. Motion carried.

An application for PA 116 Farmland Agreement was received from Tyler Wilson, Crystal Township. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve PA 116 Application 2008-3 for Tyler Wilson. Motion carried.

An application for PA 116 Farmland Agreement was received from Benjamin Wilson, Crystal Township. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve PA 116 Application 2008-4 for Benjamin Wilson. Motion carried.

A request to appoint a commissioner to the interview committee for the County Extension Director was received from Dave Guikema. Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to appoint Commissioner John Johansen to serve on the interview committee for the new County Extension Director. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the USDA regarding the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. Counties must once again choose between receiving the traditional 25% fund payment or the “full payment” amount of the forestry revenues. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to continue to choose the “full payment” method and have the Controller send a letter to the DNR stating such. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 8 through 9 and move stated action:

Controller	MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0263/Z4	Place on file
Controller	MSHDA Closeout of Grant # MSC-2004-0765-HOA	Place on file

Motion carried.

A 1:15 p.m Kim Singh and John Kroneck were in attendance to give the board an update on the Substance Abuse Advisory Council. They showed the board a short video entitled “A Stone’s Throw”.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve **RESOLUTION 2008-20**, The Community Resolution of Commitment Supporting the Mission of the Montcalm Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking:

WHEREAS, The mission of the Montcalm Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking is to organize and focus Resources to lower the use of alcohol and related consequences linked to underage youth in Montcalm County; and

WHEREAS, Underage drinking is the leading contributor to death from injuries which is the main cause for those under 21; and

WHEREAS, Almost 40% of Montcalm County 11<sup>th</sup> graders have had at least on drink of alcohol in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, Only half of all Montcalm County 11<sup>th</sup> graders said they would refuse alcohol if it was offered to them; and

WHEREAS, Over 28% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders and over 15% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders in Montcalm County have been binge drinking during the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, Over 20% of 9<sup>th</sup> graders (14 to 15 year olds) have had their first drink of alcohol at an average of 12 ½ years of age and 18% of 7<sup>th</sup> graders (12 to 13 year olds) have had their first drink of alcohol at an average of less than 10 years of age, and young people who start drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to have alcohol-related problems later in life; and

WHEREAS, The vitality and protection of our youth rests primarily in the actions of adults; and

WHEREAS, Underage drinking is a community issue and to make a lasting difference all citizens, parents, youth, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals, schools, churches, and civic organizations are called upon to step forward and do their part.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Commission of Montcalm County supports the Montcalm Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking in its mission to prevent underage drinking and related problems experienced by youth.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the August 11, 2008 Health and Human Services Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the October 14, 2008 Health and Human Services Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to award the snow plowing bid to Norcross Construction for the 2008-09 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to go with Advantage Mechanical for preventative maintenance work on the two boilers here in the County at \$735.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to adopt the Private Road Ordinance. Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Paepke to postpone any action on this motion until the next meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to approve of the Model Ordinance for the Regulation of Private Roads. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the October 27, 2008 Economic Development & Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to allow the Sheriff to purchase three police cars from the bids received. Two vehicles will be purchased from Stanton Ford in the amount of \$20,892.00 each, and one vehicle will be purchased from Ed Koehn in the amount of \$20,798.36. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow EMS to accept the extrication equipment offered by CEDAP. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve the specifications for the 2009 EMS ambulance remounts and allows the specifications to be sent out for bids. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to transfer the 1998 Chevy van and lift from EMS to Commission on Aging for a sales price of \$500. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Commission on Aging to accept bids for the sale of the 1994 Ford van. The van will be sold to the highest bidder. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow Brenda Taeter to be allowed to transfer up to 80 hours of her sick time to Mary MacMillen. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve warrant number 102708 in the amount of \$778,217.87. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to place the October 27, 2008 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Dick Reeves, Equalization Director, was in attendance to present the board with the 2008 Allocation Report. Belvidere Township has a proposal on the ballot in November that will cause the report to

change. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve and adopt the 2009 Allocation Report. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Commissioner Johansen distributed United Way information to each commissioner and encouraged their participation.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 2:02 p.m. Motion carried.

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Kristen Millard, County Clerk

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Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman