

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 10, 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 David Kingsbury from the Crystal Lake Community Church 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, Ron Blanding, Roberta Murray, Mike & Jeanne Urbanski, Don Smucker, Jim Woudenburg, Steve Crouse and Ryan Jeltema.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the October 27, 2008, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

Public comments were offered and none were given.

The Krampe Park Fishing Pier Grant was received from the Department of Natural Resources. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve Grant # TF07-015, Krampe Park Accessible Fishing Pier Grant, and authorize Chairman Carr to sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with the 2009 Blue Cross Blue Shield rates. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the 2009 Blue Cross Blue Shield rates as presented by the Controller. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve consent agenda items 3 through 5 and move stated action:

Scott Minard	Dodge Report – October 2008	Place on file
Carl Paepke	Solid Waste Committee Minutes, October 16, 2008	Place on file
Carl Paepke	Parks & Recreation Comm. Minutes, August 21, 2008	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to accept the annual parks and reservations reports from the Parks & Recreation Commission and place them on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to increase the in-season rates for Camp Ford Lincoln by 10% across the board. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Paepke and McCrackin. Nays: Commissioners Lindeman, Retzloff, Johansen, Baker, Carr, Caris and Walker. Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the October 23, 2008 Parks & Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to enter into Public Hearing for 2008 Amendment to the Private Road Ordinance. Motion carried.

Franz Mogdis and Don Smucker from Montcalm County Planning Commission were in attendance. Mr. Smucker stated that this amendment applies to townships that do not have their own private road ordinance. If a township does have zoning that applies to private roads, the township ordinance supersedes the County Private Road Ordinance.

Tom Sova, Fairplain Township, addressed the board regarding the Ordinance and stated that it seeming a little extreme. He feels that the ordinance is lumping driveways with private roads.

Don Smucker responded and stated that there are three definitions in the Ordinance. A Driveway applies to one residence; a Private Driveway is 2 to 4 residences; and a Private Road applies to 5 or more residences using the same drive.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker that Page 1, Section 2, Item C state "This Ordinance shall apply to the areas of land that are located within Townships of the County that are not zoned or do not have provisions for the regulation of private roads for purposes as described above under Item A. This Ordinance shall not apply to those Townships that are zoned and have regulations regarding private roads." Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the November 10, 2008 Economic Development & Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to reduce the summons fee from \$85 to \$25 on delinquent dog licenses beginning December 1, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the November 10, 2008 Law Enforcement & Court Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to close the Public Hearing on the 2008 Amendment to the Private Road Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to remove the tabled motion for the amendment to the Private Road Ordinance from the table. Motion carried.

The motion on the table from the last meeting is: Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to adopt the 2008 Amendment to the Private Road Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioner Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris, McCrackin and Walker. Nays: Commissioner Lindeman. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to hire Rick Kerr as a Level IV assessor, with the cost not to exceed \$2,500 per month. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 111008 in the amount of \$200,684.37. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the November 10, 2008 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board of an appreciation luncheon being offered by MSU Extension. He will send in the RSVP.

Chris Hyzer also informed the board of the new commissioner training that will take place in December. Commissioners-elect, Steve Crouse and Ronald Blanding, will be attending.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with two letters of interest to serve on the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Board. Mr. Robert Schuleit and Ms. Leslie Wood are both interested in serving. Commissioner Johansen informed the board that

Tom Lindeman's position as a private citizen on the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission will expire on January 1, 2009. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to appoint Leslie Wood to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission effective January 1, 2009 and to appoint Robert Schuleit to the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission – Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Board effective immediately. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Commissioner Lindeman stated that even though he voted no on the Amendment to the Private Road Ordinance he does appreciate the work that the Planning Commission has done on the ordinance. He just feels it is too restrictive.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to adjourn at 2:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman