

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 13, 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. Commissioner Caris offered invocation.

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

Others present: Kristen Millard, Chris Hyzer, Sandy Raines, Don Cooper, Bruce DuHamel, Joseph Latoff, Carol VanHorn, Marcia Sawdy, John Berchtold, and Shelly Strautz.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the October 23, 2006, regular meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business entitled *Flower Fund*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

Correspondence was received from Jerry McCoy, Emergency Services Director, regarding his departments effort to develop a plan for Montcalm County's response to a pandemic flu event. He is asking each of the departments and agencies to develop a list of essential functions that must be carried on in the event of a catastrophic pandemic event. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to refer the correspondence from Jerry McCoy to the Health and Human Services Committee for their review and recommendation. Motion carried.

A draft copy of minutes for the October 27, 2006 CIS Oversight Committee was received from the Controller. Any action on these minutes is postponed until the Finance and Personnel minutes are read.

The FY 2007 contract between Montcalm County Office of Community Corrections and Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services for the provision of men's and women's residential services was received from Kevin Everingham. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to approve the Independent Contract Agreement between Montcalm County and Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Men and Women and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

Kevin Everingham also provided the board with the Probation Residential Services Contract between Montcalm County, Office of Community Corrections and Alternative Directions (Residential Services for Men). Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to approve the Probation Residential Services Contract between Montcalm County, Office of Community Corrections and Alternative Directions (Residential Services for Men) and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

John Berchtold provided the board with the 2007 Blue Cross Blue Shield rates. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner McCrackin to approve the 2007 Blue Cross Blue Shield rates as provided by the Controller. Motion carried.

Diane Murray provided the board with the Caregiver Respite Program Services Agreement from HHS, Health Options for FY 2007. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the HHS Health Options Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m. Carol VanHorn was in attendance to be presented with a Resolution for her years of service with Montcalm County. Chairman Carr presented Ms. VanHorn with the resolution and wished her a happy retirement.

At 1:30 p.m. Joseph Latoff representing Friends of the Maple River, was in attendance to inform the board regarding mission and activities of the watershed. The Friends of the Maple River organization is a not-for-profit, public Michigan corporation. Mr. Latoff was thanked for his presentation.

At 1:40 p.m. Bruce DuHamel, Director of Environmental Health for the Mid Michigan District Health Department, was in attendance to ask for the adoption of the Health Department's Environmental Health Regulations that will take effect January 1, 2007. Mr. DuHamel provided each of the board members with a copy of the revised

regulations and he briefly covered the revisions with the board. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Johansen to adopt the Mid-Michigan District Health Department's Environmental Health Regulations as presented. Motion carried.

A draft copy of the November 7, 2006 Parks & Recreation minutes were presented to the Board, as well as a letter from the Road Commission for Montcalm County regarding the County's offer to purchase the Johnson Road Property for \$10,000. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the Road Commission's acceptance of the County's \$10,000 offer to buy the Johnson Road property and agree to the following five bullet points included in their letter:

- The entire property would revert back to the Road Commission if it were used for anything other than a public park or nature area.
- If the property were not developed as a park or nature area within then (10) years from the sale date, the property would revert back to the Road Commission.
- There would be no clear cutting of trees for mercantile purposes other than selecting cutting of diseased trees or those necessary to develop campsites and pathways.
- Property shall not be sold to a third party.
- The Board of Commissioners would agree to continue the current practice of including, as part of the County at-large assessment, that amount that may be determined as legally assessed to the Road Commission for County Drain improvements. This commitment would extend for a period of not less than ten (10) years.

Discussion took place regarding the County purchasing this property when the park property was just recently sold. The feasibility of actually turning the property into a county park within the 10 years was also discussed. Commissioner Carr stated that he is not in favor of purchasing the property until someone can tell him if there is a plan in place to insure that the County would not just be renting this property for 10 years and then turning it back over to the Road Commission. Don Cooper, member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, was in attendance and allowed to participate in the discussion. Mr. Cooper explained that if the County just leaves the property as it is, and allows for public viewing from a public road, then the provision under the first bullet is met under the Open Space Act. Mr. Cooper explained that if the property is titled to Montcalm County and the Parks Commission they will be more likely to be accepted for grants to revert the property into a county park. He explained that this piece of property is prime park property for the County to purchase. At the very least Mr. Cooper is asking for time for the Parks Commission to meet again and then come back to the Board with answers for Commissioner Carr's questions.

Roll call vote on the motion: Ayes: Commissioners Johansen, Paepke, Carr, Caris, McCrackin and Walker. Nays: Commissioner Petersen. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from Robert Silverthorn, President of the FOP, informing the board that the FOP membership voted to change the calculation of the final average compensation (FAC) in the pension plan to the highest 3 years out of the last 10 years. The cost will be .82% and will be added to their current 6.05 contribution effective December 31, 2006. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to accept the proposal from the FOP in a letter dated November 5, 2006 regarding the adjustments to their pension contribution. Motion carried.

A request for a permanent generator was received from the Road Commission for Montcalm County. They are asking for an appropriation from the Homeland Security Funds to pay for the purchase and installation of the generator. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to direct Jerry McCoy to contact the Road Commission and work on a request to the regional board of the Homeland Security for the purchase of a generator. Motion carried.

John Kroneck informed the Board of vacancies on Substance Abuse Advisory Council. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to appoint Diane Murray to the Substance Abuse Advisory Council, term to expire December 31, 2006, and also appoint Jenny Griffiths, term to expire December 31, 2008. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 11 through 26 and move stated action:

Controller	Resolution 2006-32 – Carol VanHorn	Place on file
Controller	Resolution 2006-33 – CEDS Update	Place on file
Controller	Resolution 2006-34 – Brownfield Authority	Place on file
Controller	Order/Determination – Lakeview Annexation	Place on file
Marcia Walker	Montcalm Alliance Budget	Place on file

COA	Quarterly Program Summary	Place on file
Animal Control	October Report	Place on file
MHSC Trans. Committee	October 31, 2006 Minutes	Place on file
HHS Committee	July 27, 2006 Minutes	Place on file
MAC	Resolutions	Place on file
Marcia Sawdy, Treasurer	Show Cause/Foreclosure Hearings	Place on file
MCCDA	Admin. Services Agreement (Addendum)	Place on file
Marcia Sawdy, Treasurer	Waiver & Consent – Uncollected Personal Property Tax	Place on file
Mont. Human Svcs Coalition	October 3, 2006 Minutes	Place on file
Parks & Recreation Commission	September 20, 2006 Minutes	Place on file
Parks & Recreation Commission	October 3, 2006 Minutes	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to place the November 13, 2006 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve the computer bid specs for EMS and Juvenile as presented by the Finance Officer. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the variance in the EMS hardship case and write-off the \$1,180.08. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke that the County purchase three copies of Map 3D 2007 from DLT Solution in the amount of \$1,196.00 per copy for a total amount of \$3,588.00 and the support agreement at \$476.00 per copy for a total amount of \$1,428.00 which totals \$5,016.00. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Johansen to allow Dennis Swain to attend the Map 3D training provided by Avatech Training Solutions with funds to come from the following budget adjustment:

Decrease	442573-980002	Computer Equipment	\$1,200
Increase	12432-866001	Conference Meals & Lodging	\$ 205
Increase	12432-956000	Employee Training	\$ 995

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the LIAA to put the aerial photos on the County website with the amount not to exceed \$360. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 111306 in the amount of \$1,093,698.55. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Petersen to place the November 13, 2006, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk, informed the Board that legislation has passed authorizing her to perform marriage ceremonies. She needs the board to set a fee for her to charge and also supply her with a room to perform the ceremonies. She suggests charging \$20 for the service and also using the Board of Commissioner's chambers.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to set the fee for the County Clerk to perform marriage ceremonies at \$20 and also allow her the use of the Board of Commissioners room to perform the ceremonies. Motion carried.

John Berchtold provided the board with a draft letter to the Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health requesting the Montcalm Center make their October 1, 2006 lease payment. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Petersen to request that the Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health Board make the lease payment that was due October 1, 2006, and also send the letter that was drafted by the County Controller and signed by Chairman Carr. Motion carried with Commissioner McCrackin abstaining.

Chairman Carr explained when former County Clerk Nyle Erskin passed away Kristen Millard contacted him asking if the board would want to send flowers. He authorized the sending of flowers and would like the board's approval to reimburse the clerk through the flower fund. Permission was granted. It was decided that flowers will be sent on

a case-by-case basis. The Clerk will also take over the sending of cards on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and will be reimbursed through the flower fund for the cards.

Public comments were offered. Shelly Strautz commended the County Clerk for her work on the recent General Election. She appreciates the flow of information and the availability of results on election night.

Commissioner Johansen updated the Board on the 2007 state funded road projects. Commissioner Caris stated that he used the link to the Road Commission from the Montcalm County website to request the repair of some pot holes in his area. He immediately received an email response and the repairs were made the next day.

Sheriff Barnwell reported on the Sheriff's sale that took place November 11<sup>th</sup>. In his estimation approximately 600 people attended the sale. He will be turning a check over to the Treasurer in the amount of \$18,071.99.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 3:08 p.m. Motion carried.

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Kristen Millard, County Clerk

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Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman