

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 29, 2010

1:30 PM

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Carr at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Nate Berry from Nevins Lake Church in Stanton offered invocation.

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

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Lloyd Walker, Betty Kellenberger, Tom Goerge, Mike Williams, Bruce Traverse, Duane Miller and Elisabeth Waldon.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve October 25, 2010 minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business entitled *Executive Session for Collective Bargaining*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Tom Goerge, Detective for the Sheriff Department addressed the Board regarding the possible health coverage change from Blue Cross Blue Shield to Priority Health. He stated Priority Health is very regional and as a result, employees and their family's access to health care will be limited due to physician participation. He encouraged the board to not only look at the dollar and cents of the issue, but also think of the employees and their family's access to health care when making a decision.

Chris Hyzer, Controller, provided the board with Health Insurance renewal information. He is recommending the change to Priority Health for apples-to-apples plans. Mr. Hyzer explained the Blue Cross/Blue Shield rates will increase by 19% this year. While Mr. Hyzer understands employees concerns, he also must look at the potential \$300,000 savings to the county, thus his recommendation to make the change to Priority Health. Action on this item will be postponed until later in the meeting.

At 1:51 p.m. Don Cooper, Drain Commissioner, and Sandy Raines, Deputy Drain Commissioner, were in attendance to discuss the Sidney Township Sewer. They are in need of an amendment to the original Resolution approved and adopted by the board.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approved and adopt **RESOLUTION 2010-24 RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL BONDS (SIDNEY TOWNSHIP SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS) SERIES 2010.** Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen, to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2010-25 LOAN RESOLUTION FOR THE SIDNEY TOWNSHIP SEWER.** Motion carried.

Mr. Cooper explained that at 10:00 a.m. this morning they received the Grant Agreement for the Sidney Township Sewer from Rural Development. It needs to be signed at closing which will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Action on the grant agreement will be taken at the December board meeting.

At 2:00 p.m. Franz Mogdis was in attendance to ask the board to extend the Howard City Renaissance Zone by 7 years for Flex Cable. Flex Cable is required to make a minimum investment of \$222,000 and create 26 new jobs as a result. Pierson Township Board has approved a resolution extending the time frame. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2010-26, RESOLUTION GRANTING PIERSON TOWNSHIP, OF MONTCALM COUNTY, PERMISSION TO EXTEND RENAISSANCE ZONE TIME DURATION.**

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Blanding to approve consent agenda items 2 through 14 and move stated action:

Scott Minard	Dodge Report, October 2010	Place on file
Controller	MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0263/Z6	Place on file
Controller	County Child Care Budget Summary	Place on file
County Clerk	Resolution 2010-22, Adopting Montcalm County Recreation Plan	Place on file
County Clerk	Resolution 2010-23, Authorizing Sunday Liquor Sales	Place on file
Controller	Bob Schuleit, Resignation from CEDS Committee	Place on file
Controller	Sue Eller, Resignation from COA Executive Board	Place on file
Controller	Inter-Departmental Agreement, FOC Deputy	Place on file
Controller	MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0263/Z6	Place on file
Controller	AAAWM, Contract Amendment, Contract No. 51.76.2	Place on file
Controller	AAAWM, Contract Amendment, Contract No. 61.76-2	Place on file
Controller	AAAWM, Contract Amendment, Contract No. 61.76-3	Place on file
Controller	Collective Bargaining Meeting Minutes, Nov. 8, 2010	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to appoint Mr. Ronald Braman to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the October 26, 2010, Parks & Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to move forward and begin the Phase III testing with SME in the amount of \$6,800. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to have the Finance & Personnel Committee review the fiber project, with consideration for full funding. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the November 8, 2010, Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to reimburse Dave Feldpausch \$500.00 for tuition costs for the summer and fall semesters. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the ambulance specifications and allow EMS to submit the bid specs to vendors for bids. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the fee increases for the Register of Deeds Abstract Office per the recommendation from Lori Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to allow the Controller to draft an agreement between the City of Greenville and the County pertaining to the cost for completion of the fiber project. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Controller to move ahead with the proposed Xerox copier from Michigan Office Solutions to replace the Toshiba copier in the Controller's office. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve warrant number 102510 in the amount of \$813,325.32 and warrant number 110810 in the amount of \$166,194.23. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the November 8, 2010, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Blanding to place the November 8, 2010, Health & Human Services Committee minutes of file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Johansen to negotiate a contract with Sparrow Forensic Pathology for Medical Examiner services with the actual language to be approved by legal counsel and allow for the proper signatures. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to amend the motion to include "the 2011 rate shall not to exceed \$119,302.00". Amendment carried. Original motion carried as amended with Commissioner Retzloff voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the November 29, 2010, Health & Human Services Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer addressed the board regarding the December committee and board meeting. He suggests holding both the committee meeting and the board meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to move the Committee Meetings and Board Meeting in December to December 13, 2010. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that he received information on the Remonumentation Grant. Local contributions will have no match required in 2011. Tingley and Assoc. would like the board to send a letter to the State opposing this change due to the length of time it will now take to complete.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Johansen to move Public Comment up on the agenda so that it may take place prior to the Executive Session. Motion carried.

Bruce Traverse, Carson City, addressed the board with questions regarding what the \$119,302 medical examiner fees cover. He stated that the county is significantly increasing their costs by taking this action.

Duane Miller, Carson City, addressed the board regarding the change of the medical examiner and he would like to know how much research was put into this change.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to enter into Executive Session at 2:50 p.m. for the purpose of Collective Bargaining. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioners Baker, Crouse, Carr, Retzloff, Blanding, Lindeman, Johansen and Paepke. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The board returned to open session at 3:30 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Blanding, supported by Commissioner Crouse to accept the 2011 rates for Priority Health and switch all HSA plans to Priority Health, as well as any other plans that are deemed to be appropriate comparisons. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Blanding, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to adjourn at 3:32 p.m. Motion carried.

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Kristen Millard, County Clerk

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Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman