

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 7, 2009

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 Todd Brooks from Crystal Assembly of God Church offered invocation.

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

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Franz Mogdis, Andrea Krause, Mark Lehman and Ryan Jeltema.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve the November 9, 2009, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

Public comments were offered. Commissioner Baker asked for a moment of silence in observation of Pearl Harbor day.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with correspondence received from Edward Wendover, Representative Mike Huckleberry's Chief of Staff, regarding a citizen's group that is opposing a special assessment in the Perry Drain district. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to ask the Drain Commissioner to attend the next Board of Commissioners meeting to explain some of the details surrounding the notifications for those affected by the Perry Drain. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the COAM union contract for period January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2012. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the Agreement between the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners, the Montcalm County Sheriff and the Command Officers Association of Michigan and its Montcalm County Sheriff Department Division for the period of January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2012, and allow for the proper signatures. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided POAM union contract for period January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2012. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the Agreement between the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners, the Montcalm County Sheriff and the Police Officers Association of Michigan and its Montcalm County Sheriff Department Division for the period of January 1, 2010 until December 31, 2012, and allow for the proper signatures. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard provided the board with a PA 116 application filed by Gregory and Lee Ann McCarthy in Day Township. Approval has been received from the Planning Commission but will not be approved by the Conservation District until next week. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve PA 116 application 2009-6 for Gregory and Lee Ann McCarthy, Day Township, contingent upon the Montcalm Conservation District's approval. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard provided the board with four PA 116 applications filed by The Harold J. Walcott Trust, Bushnell Township. Approval was received from the Planning Commission but will not be approved by the Conservation District until next week. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve PA 116 applications 2009-7, 2009-8, 2009-9 and 2009-10 for The Harold Walcott Trust, Bushnell Township, contingent upon the Montcalm Conservation District's approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve consent agenda items 6 through 10 and move stated action:

Controller	County Child Care Budget Summary	Place on file
Controller	Michigan Department of Human Services, FOC Contract	Place on file
Controller	Letter of Agreement AFSCME, Juvenile Division	Place on file
Controller	Letter of Agreement AFSCME, Probate Court	Place on file
Controller	Surface Transportation Board Decision, Mid-Mich Railroad	Place on file

Motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m. Kim Singh, Health Officer, was in attendance to give the board a quarterly update on the Mid-Michigan District Health Department activities. Ms. Singh provided the board with a report on H1N1flu pandemic and the vaccination clinics that were held. She emphasized the importance of the partnerships the Health Department has with other agencies that made the clinic successful.

Ms. Singh was thanked for her report and left the meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Baker to appoint Mike Scott to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to place the December 1, 2009, Parks & Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adopt the Articles of Incorporation to form the Montcalm County Transportation Authority. Moved by Commissioner Blanding, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to table any action on this item until the next meeting. Motion carried with Commissioner Retzloff voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adopt **RESOLUTION 2009-21, A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE A RECOVERY ZONE AND ALLOCATE VOLUME CAP TO THE CITY OF GREENVILLE:**

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1400U-2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the “Code”) certain issuers are authorized to issue recovery zone economic development bonds (“RZEDBs”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Notice 2009-50 issued by the United States Internal Revenue Service (“Notice 2009-50”), Montcalm County, Michigan (the “County”) has received an allocation of a portion of the national recovery zone economic development bond limitation in the amount of \$3,000,000 (the “County’s Allocation”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Greenville, Montcalm County, Michigan (the “City) has requested that the County designate the boundaries of the City as a recovery zone, and to allocate a portion of the County’s Allocation to the City in the amount of \$810,000, pursuant to Section 5.04 of Notice 2009-50, to enable the City to issue RZEDBs to promote development and other economic activity in the City; and

WHEREAS, there exists in the City significant unemployment, rate of home foreclosures and general distress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Due to the current economic downturn and other factors, there exists in the City significant unemployment, rate of home foreclosures and general distress.
2. The area encompassed by the boundaries of the City is designated by the County as having

significant unemployment, rate of home foreclosures and general distress and is established as a recovery zone pursuant to the provisions of the Code.

3. A portion of the County's Allocation in the amount of \$810,000 is hereby allocated to the City and the City is authorized to issue RZEDBs with a face amount of up to \$810,000 pursuant to this allocation for the purpose of development and other economic activity in the City. The County Administrator is authorized to execute any documents, certificates, returns or designations necessary to implement this Resolution.

4. Any bonds issued by the City pursuant to this allocation will not be a general obligation or evidence of indebtedness of the County, and the City will be responsible for all reporting requirements and any other obligations financial or administrative with respect to any bonds issued by the City pursuant to this allocation.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the December 7, 2009, Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Commission on Aging to purchase an additional freezer for the Senior Meal program with cost not to exceed \$1,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to allow the Prosecuting Attorney to refill the vacant position in her office. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve warrant number 120709 in the amount of \$488,741.82. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the December 7, 2009, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that Pastor Curt Mudgett will be moving to Colorado. Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to have the Controller prepare a letter of appreciation for Pastor Curt Mudgett and ask that he be present at the December 21, 2009, Board of Commissioners meeting so that it may be presented to him. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Mark Lehman addressed the board regarding the countywide transportation initiative. He informed the board that the City of Greenville has operated their own transportation system since 1981 in cooperation with Eureka Township. Mr. Lehman expressed his concern regarding the presentation that was made to the Greenville City Council last Tuesday. Mr. Lehman stated that he is somewhat distressed that the transportation committee does not plan to come to the Greenville City Council or Board of Commissioners for approval. Mr. Lehman stated that the city currently collects .25 mill to operate their transportation system. The countywide transit anticipates asking for .50 mill. He does not foresee the residents of Greenville voting to pay double the amount of millage for half the amount of service.

Lindeman pointed out that on December 15, 2009, the Gratiot Board will be voting on the smoke-free workplace initiative.

Commissioner Blanding stated that the City of Greenville has not been formally approached regarding the countywide transportation initiative. He feels the committee may be prematurely assuming they will be taking over Greenville City buses. He also stated that he does not anticipate that residents in Greenville will be in favor of paying double the amount of taxes for half the service.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to adjourn at 1:53 p.m.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman