

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 3, 2007

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 Jim Vandewarker from the Evergreen Free Methodist Church in Vickeryville offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Walker, Petersen, Retzloff, Johansen, Paepke, Baker, Carr, Caris and McCrackin. Members absent at roll call: None.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Franz Mogdis, Pat Schuster, Roberta Murray, Ryan Jeltema, Trent Hilding and Chris Hyzer.

Moved by Commissioner McCrackin, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the November 5, 2007, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

Public comments were offered and none were given.

An invitation to participate in LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) was received from the U.S. Census Bureau. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to place the correspondence from the Census Bureau on file. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer, County Controller, provided the board with the January 1, 2008 Blue Cross Blue Shield rates. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve and adopt the 2008 Blue Cross Blue Shield rates as presented by the County Controller. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from Paul Main regarding a recent informal hearing held by District Court Magistrate, Richard Palmer. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Johansen to send a copy of the letter to Magistrate Richard Palmer, as well as Judge Hemingsen, and ask for a written response from both. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from Bunny Bode regarding Kevin Weaver's treatment of an animal at the Animal Shelter. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johansen to forward a copy of Ms. Bode's letter to Kevin Weaver and ask him to have a written response at the next Finance Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 5 through 12 and move stated action:

Kevin Weaver	Animal Control Report, October 2007	Place on file
Scott Minard	Dodge Report, September 2007	Place on file
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Controller	MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0263/Z3	Place on file
Controller	Resolution 2007-22	Place on file
Controller	Edmore Base Listing Agreement	Place on file
Safety Committee	Minutes, November 5, 2007	Place on file
Health & Human Services	Minutes, November 8, 2007	Place on file

Motion carried.

At 1:15 p.m. Franz Mogdis, Pat Schuster, Trent Hilding and Don Smucker were in attendance to give the board a Fairgrounds status report. Mr. Mogdis informed the board that the current site has inadequate space and is currently less than 17 acres. The buildings are in need of major repairs and are not sufficient for the current needs of the fair.

The Fair Board has obtained a 63 acre parcel in Montcalm Township. Current needs are being assessed. The site plan is being finalized and following that, a business plan will be developed. A financing plan must be developed and the county's role in assisting in the relocation will need to be determined.

Mr. Mogdis is asking the board to work with the fair board and to send this issue to the Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee for their review and recommendation.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to authorize the Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee to work with the 4-H Fair Committee to determine the county's role in the relocation of the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Walker to pay the 2007 property taxes for the property that was donated by Mrs. Jamrog that is located in Honeymoon Heights Lot 3. Motion carried with Commissioner Baker voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Walker to place the November 13, 2007 Parks & Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Petersen to place the December 3, 2007 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Petersen that Kevin Weaver respond to his evaluation letter in writing and attend to the next meeting to answer questions about the letter. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to purchase two 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors (\$20,869.95/each) from Koehn Ford in Greenville for a total amount of \$41,739.90. Motion carried with Commissioner McCrackin voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Petersen to purchase a 2008 Chevy Impala from Shaheen Chevrolet for a total amount of \$16,845.00 for a detective vehicle. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Petersen to offer the Commission on Aging Director position to Robert Clingenpeel. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Petersen to allow EMS to expand ambulance operations with the addition of one 12 hour shift per day, as soon as the Director determines staffing adequate to sustain it and evaluate the program after 6 months of implementation. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to offer Robert Clingenpeel a salary of \$48,757 (2nd year level) with a performance review in six months. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 120307 in the amount of \$444,643.88. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the December 3, 2007 Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard informed the board that the January 15, 2008 Presidential Primary is back on following the Supreme Court ruling on November 21st. Ballots have been printed and shipped to local clerks.

Testing is currently being conducted by the Clerk's office on the programming. Montcalm County is in good shape and will be prepared for the election in time.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

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

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman