

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2007
9:00 AM

The organizational meeting was called to order by Kristen Millard, County Clerk at 9:02 a.m.

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

Others present: Kristen Millard, Donna Paepke, Chris Hyzer and John Berchtold.

The first order of business was the selection of a Chairman for the next two years. The County Clerk stated she would accept nominations.

Commissioner Retzloff placed the name of Patrick Carr in nomination. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Caris that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot for Patrick Carr as Chairman be cast. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to the newly elected Chairman for the election of a Vice-Chairman. Chairman Carr stated would accept nominations.

Commissioner Paepke placed the name of Ron Retzloff in nomination. There were no further nominations.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Walker that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot for Ron Retzloff as Vice-Chairman be cast. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners meeting dates for the year 2007 be held on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. with the following exceptions:

- That the last meeting in May be held Tuesday, May 29th due to Memorial Day;
- That the first meeting in October be held Tuesday, October 9th due to Columbus Day;
- That only one meeting be held in November and that it be held on November 5th ;
- And that the meetings in December will be on the first and third Mondays.

Motion carried.

The Board was provided with a list of Committee Assignments. Chairman Carr stated that he did not want to make any presumptions regarding his election to Chairman again, therefore he is not prepared to make a recommendation to the board for membership in the board committees. He asked for a short recess to caucus with Vice Chairman Retzloff, Finance Chairman Caris and Economic Development and Physical Resources Chairman Johansen regarding the membership on the board committees. The board recessed at 9:08 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 9:33 a.m. Chairman Carr made the following recommendation for the board committees:

Finance and Personnel – To meet the second and fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. – As needed. Claims to be audited each second and fourth Monday prior to the Board Meeting with times varying. Members are as follows:

Roger Caris– Chairman
Ron Baker– Vice Chairperson
Ron Retzloff
Dan Petersen
Carl Paepke- Alternate

Collective Bargaining – Meetings as needed. Members are as follows:

Ron Baker– Chairman
Ron Retzloff– Vice Chairman
Roger Caris
Patrick Carr
Marcia Walker – Alternate

Health & Human Services – Meetings as needed. Members are as follows:

John McCrackin – Chairperson
Daniel Petersen- Vice Chairman
Marcia Walker
Carl Paepke
John Johansen- Alternate

Law Enforcement and Courts – Meetings as needed. Members are as follows:

Ron Retzloff– Chairman
Carl Paepke– Vice Chairman
John McCrackin
John Johansen
Roger Caris- Alternate

Economic Development and Physical Resources – To meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. – As needed. Members are as follows:

John Johansen – Chairperson
Marcia Walker – Vice Chairman
Ron Baker
Daniel Petersen
John McCrackin- Alternate

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to accept the 2007 committee assignments as submitted. Motion carried.

John Berchtold distributed a memo to all of the board members regarding his review of the By-Laws. He recommends a few changes. Chairman Carr asked the board to review the memo, as well as the rest of the By-Laws, and to bring possible revisions to the next regular meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 9:42 a.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman