

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Monday, July 13, 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 Curt Mudgett from Trinity Evangelical Free Church in Stanton offered invocation.

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

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Lisa Lund, Bob Brown, Franz Mogdis and Ryan Jeltema.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve the June 22, 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 and none were given.

A resolution acknowledging James Paulsen's rank as Eagle Scout was received from Chris Hyzer. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2009-17:**

WHEREAS, James Paulsen became a Bobcat on October 25, 2000, AND;

WHEREAS, James Paulsen earned the rank of First Class on February 8, 2006, AND;

WHEREAS, James Paulsen progressed through the ranks of the Boy Scouts and received the rank of Life on October 24, 2007, AND;

WHEREAS, James Paulsen continued his active role in the Boy Scouts and reached the rank of Eagle Scout on April 23, 2009, AND;

WHEREAS, James Paulsen had to earn a total of 21 merit badges to reach the highest rank in Boy Scouts, Eagle, AND;

WHEREAS, James Paulsen earned the following 24 merit badges:

Cooking	Music
Leatherwork	Citizenship in the Nation
Swimming	Metalwork
First Aid	Personal Management
Forestry	Shotgun Shooting
Climbing	Emergency Preparedness
Fishing	Environmental Science
Photography	Rifle Shooting
Canoeing	Communications
Camping	Personal Fitness
Aviation	Citizenship in the Community
Citizenship in the World	Family Life, AND;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners commends and honors James Paulsen for his notable accomplishment.

Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the DNR regarding the payments from the National Forest Revenues. Last year the board chose to receive the full payment method. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to send a letter to the DNR indicating that Montcalm County is selecting the full payment method for National Forest Revenues. Motion carried.

A ballot for the Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees election was received from the Michigan Municipal League. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the ballot from MML on file. Motion carried.

Marcia Sawdy, County Treasurer, provided the board with a list of properties that she will be selling at public auction on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the correspondence from Marcia Sawdy on file. Motion carried.

The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan provided the board with the Multi Year Plan for fiscal years 2010-2011-2012. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adopt the AAA of Western Michigan Multi Year Plan for fiscal years 2010-2011-2012, and authorize the Controller to send the approval in writing. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with the FOP Contract for January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2011. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve the agreement between the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff of Montcalm County, and the Fraternal Order of Police, Montcalm County Lodge No. 149, and it's Montcalm County Sheriff Department Corrections Division for the period of January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2011. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve consent agenda items 7 through 8 and move stated action:

Scott Minard	Dodge Report, June 2009	Place on file
Kristen Millard	Resolution 2009-16	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to remove Michael Balars from the Parks & Recreation Commission due to non-participation and appoint a replacement. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Johansen to place the July 7, 2009 Parks & Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve and adopt the proposed Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners (BOC) has been provided extensive information and input by and from the Montcalm Countywide Transit Initiative (MDTI) group and the community at large regarding the need and importance of establishing a countywide public transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the BOC upon evaluating this input believes that countywide transportation is an issue of such importance that the voters of the County should be provided the opportunity to determine its future – either yes or no.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the BOC agrees to support placing on the May, 2010 ballot, either by the BOC or a County Public Transportation Authority (if created) a millage request of 0.5 mills for 5 years to fund the establishment and operation of a countywide public transportation system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by early 2010, and in time for placing the millage request on the May, 2010 ballot, the BOC will make a decision and take the necessary steps to either establish a County Public Transportation Authority or create a Transportation Department as part of the County Government to administer the countywide transportation system if the millage request is passed by the voters in May, 2010 and also for the purpose of putting the millage on the ballot; and

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that a countywide transportation system operating budget for fiscal year 2011 funding will be submitted by the BOC to the Michigan Department of Transportation by February 1, 2010.

Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow Ron Blanding to attend the 2010 Leadership Montcalm class. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the July 13, 2009 Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to send out bids for deceased animal disposal for Animal Control. Motion carried with Chairman Carr voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke to place the July 13, 2009 Law Enforcement & Courts Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to allow the County Clerk to hire a temporary part-time employee in the Court Office for a period of six months at a rate of \$11.10 per hour and allow Nan Hagerman to work in the court office on an as-needed basis during the conversion from Microsoft Access to JIS. After six months has elapsed, the conversion will be re-evaluate to see if additional time is needed to complete the project. A review will take place 60 days after the project is started. Funds are to come from contingency. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Baker to accept the bid from Stanton Ford for a 2010 Ford Expedition 4x4 for the K-9 vehicle in the amount of \$29,152.00. Motion carried with Commissioner Lindeman voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow an additional 10 hours per week for Angie Sova until the individual returns from sick leave but cannot be extended pas July 31, 2009. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the third party contract for the COA van purchase and have the Chairman sign the contract. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve warrant number 071309 in the amount of \$235,728.95. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the July 13, 2009, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to have legal counsel review the proposed Articles of Incorporation, By Laws, and the Resolution for forming a county-wide transit authority. Motion carried with Commissioners Paepke and Lindeman voting no.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that the Stanton Old Fashioned Days committee has requested the use of the Administration Building lawn and the west parking lot from the evening of August 5th to August 7th. Permission was granted.

Public comments were offered and none were given.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 2:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman