

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2018
6:00 PM

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Carr at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Lindeman offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Miller, Lindeman, Kellenberger, Braman, Retzloff, Carr, Baker, Porter and Johansen. Members absent: None.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Bob Clingenpeel, Chris Johnston, Marty Posekany, Holly Cook, Karen Sheets, Lori Wilson, JoAnne Vukin, Dave Feldpausch, Mark Wilkins, Deb and Rich Ballard, Scott Vukin, Kay Vestergaard, John Kroneck, Michelle Becker and Elisabeth Waldon.

Moved by Commissioner Kellenberger supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve the January 22, 2018, Regular and Special meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

Public comments were offered. None were given.

Bob Clingenpeel, Controller, provided the board with a recommendation from the Montcalm County Housing Commission to appoint Wilba "Jean" Longoria to another 3 year term. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to appoint Wilba "Jean" Longoria to the Montcalm County Housing Commission to a 3 year term, expiring February 15, 2021. Motion carried.

Bob Clingenpeel, Controller, provided the board with the Community Corrections Advisory Board's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to a 2 year term:

- Renee Clute, Community Aide Agency, DHHS
- Duane Stanton, Public Representative
- Lori Shearer, Defense Attorney
- Kristie Scarffe, Workforce Development, West MI Works

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Kellenberger to appoint the following individuals to the Community Corrections Advisory Board, term expiring October 21, 2019:

- Renee Clute, Community Aide Agency, DHHS
- Duane Stanton, Public Representative
- Lori Shearer, Defense Attorney
- Kristie Scarffe, Workforce Development, West MI Works

Motion carried.

Bob Clingenpeel, Controller, provided the board with warrant number 022618 in the amount of \$439,087.74. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve warrant number 022618 in the amount of \$439,087.74. Motion carried with Commissioner Lindeman voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Kellenberger to approve consent agenda items 4 through 10 and move stated action:

Controller	Resolution 2018-01, Closed Session	Place on file
Controller	Printer Project Purchase Agreement	Place on file
Controller	Gabridge & Co. Letter of Engagement	Place on file
Controller	Remonumentation Grant No. BCC18-59	Place on file
Controller	MGT Consulting Services Agreement	Place on file
Mike Kalka	Dodge Report, January 2018	Place on file
Controller	Collective Bargaining Committee Minutes, 1/30/18	Place on file

Motion carried.

At 6:06 p.m. Dave Feldpausch, Emergency Medical Services Director, was in attendance to discuss the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan has been worked on for some time and Mr. Feldpausch needs present to the board in order to get State approval.

The purpose of the Hazard Mitigation Plan was for the local units to evaluate their weakness in the event that there is a disaster. The original plan was submitted to the State in 2000, but the state denied it for unknown reasons. Montcalm County is only 1 of 5 counties in the State that has never had an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Feldpausch stated that since hiring Jerry McCoy as his assistant, he has made it his priority to get this plan approved.

Mr. Feldpausch stated that the plan is currently on the county website for review. He encouraged all of the board members to advise the townships/cities/villages that they represent that the plan is on the county website for their review. He stated that all of the local units will be receiving a survey in the next week and he strongly encouraged the board members to discuss the survey with the townships/cities/villages when they attend the local meetings. .

At 6:30 p.m. Michael Behm, Behm & Behm Law Firm, was in attendance to discuss the possibility of bringing a claim on behalf of Montcalm County against companies that manufacture and distribute highly addictive pain medications, which has led to a financial burden on Michigan Counties. They would like the board to retain them to file suit in a multi-district litigation against the pharmaceutical manufacturers.

Mr. Behm passed out an Opioid Crisis handout that outlined the increase in opioid or heroin related fatalities in Montcalm County. In the handout it stated that from 1999 to 2004 there was only one opioid or heroin overdose fatality. However, from 2005 to 2015 there were 41 opioid or heroin fatalities in Montcalm County.

He explained that this is federal litigation and if Montcalm County were to join this multi-district lawsuit then Montcalm County would be their own plaintiff and have their own case, which is different than a class action lawsuit. The law firms involved are The Sam Bernstein Law Firm, Weitz & Luxenberg and Behm & Behm Law Firm. Mr. Behm explained that they are bringing litigation against the manufacturers and distributors of the opioids because opioids are being used for pain other than what it was originally designed for. He explained that after a pain patient consumes 8 OxyContin tablets they become addicted to the medication because the receptors tell them that they are still in pain. After doctors discontinue prescribing the opioids because the patient's pain should have subsided after a reasonable amount of time, many patients then turn to heroin because heroin hits the same receptors in the brain.

Mr. Behm explained that this is a contingent payment case so there would be no cost to the county. If the county were to be successful in their claim then the law firms would recover their costs (30%) at the

end of the case. He explained that he believes it would take approximately 30 hours of meetings with county officials to determine what the damages the county has experienced are.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2018-02:**

WHEREAS, the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners ("the Board") desires legal representation in national litigation that is being waged against manufacturers and distributors of opioids and other culpable parties; and

WHEREAS, the participation in such national litigation requires specialized expertise; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the qualifications of Weitz & Luxenberg, PC, the Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC and Behm & Behm, and believes that those firms collectively possess outstanding experience and qualifications to represent the County's interests as it relates to the opioid epidemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves the firms of Weitz & Luxenberg PC, the Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC and Behm & Behm as special counsel to represent the interests of Montcalm County in litigation concerning the opioid epidemic.

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Baker to enter into the retainer agreement with Weitz & Luxenberg PC, The Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC and the Behm & Behm Law Firm to prosecute and adjust for Montcalm County a claim for past and future damages and/or expenditures caused by the culpable conduct of any and all pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors and/or retailers of opioid analgesics. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Porter to hold a public hearing regarding changes to the Montcalm County Private Roads and Drives Ordinance and the Montcalm County Address Ordinance. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Porter to place the January 22, 2018, Montcalm County Planning Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kellenberger, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the February 12, 2018 Law Enforcement and Courts Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Miller to place the February 12, 2018, Health & Human Services Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Kellenberger to allow MCCDA to use county property for the Public Safety Celebration on May 19, 2018. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Porter to place the February 12, 2018, Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Kellenberger to allow JoAnne Vukin to fill the Deputy position and hire prior to the current Deputy retiring at an additional cost of no more than \$5,300. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to allow EMS to sell the 2009 F-250, VIN# FTSW21529EA94024, for \$1 to Home Township. Motion carried with Commissioner Lindeman voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Porter to authorize the Director of Equalization and the Controller to enter into a contract for appraisal study services. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve warrant number 021218 in the amount of \$352,020.71. Motion carried with Commissioner voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to place the February 12, 2018, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Porter to award the 3 year contract for recycling and cardboard to Republic Services. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Porter to pay the amount of \$10,672.00 to Republic Services for an error in billing for the entire year of 2017 in the amount of 266 tons. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Porter to place the February 15, 2018, Solid Waste Management Planning Committee minutes on file.

Public comments were offered. None were given.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman

FAIRPLAIN TOWNSHIP
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 5, 2018

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Tom Sova at 7:00 pm. Pledge to flag.

Members present: T. Sova, S. Pribble, R. Ross, B. Lutherloh, B. Sova

Motion by Lutherloh, seconded by Sova to accept Minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pribble, seconded by Rossto accept the treasurers report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Pribble to pay the bills. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business: Discussed 2018 Budget, motion was made by Pribble to accept the 2018 fiscal year budget, seconded by Lutherloh. Roll call; Randy Ross-aye, Stacie Pribble-aye, Tom Sova-aye, Bill Lutherloh-aye, Brenda Sova-aye. Motion carried. Discussed brine contracts, Lutherloh made a motion to accept the two Road Commission Chloride Contracts, seconded by Ross, all ayes, motion carried. Discussed 3 building permits for double wides over 10 years old, Sova made a motion for a variance to the 10 year rule, seconded by Ross, all ayes, motion carried. Discussed a variance for Paul Johnson of 3486 W. Kromen Rd, Sheridan to build a pole barn with a 5ft. setback from property line instead of 10ft. Ross made a motion for a variance to the 10ft setback to 5ft. for Paul Johnson, seconded by Pribble, all ayes, motion carried.

Library: New Director started March 5th, 2018.

Assessors Report: Notice went out last week for Board of Review.

Commissioners Report: Joined law suit for opioid mitigation, money comes to the county rather than the state if won. For every dollar invested in the Right Place return is \$411.00. Discussed Dave Feldpausch and the Hazard Mitigation Plan that he is working on and Fairplain Township acknowledges awareness of the plan and his work on it. Public Safety Celebration is May 19th.

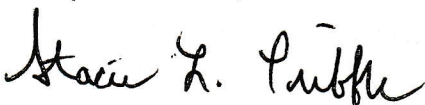
MTA: April 17th, 2018 hosted by Evergreen and Bushnell

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn by Pribble, seconded by Ross. Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting April 2, 2018 at 7:00pm, 8383 Grow Rd., Greenville.

Fairplain Township Clerk



Stacie L. Pribble

Fairplain Township Supervisor



Tom Sova

March 13, 2018, Regular Bushnell Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Mark Ravell at 7:00 pm at Bushnell Township Hall.

Those present: Supervisor Mark Ravell; Trustee Christopher Smith; Trustee Mike Fitzgerald; Treasurer Karron Conklin Bliss; Clerk Louise Belyou; Betty Kellenberger, Co Commissioner; Joyce Hachman

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Bliss, supported by Smith to accept the secretary's report for January 9.

Motion by Smith, supported by Fitzgerald to accept the treasurer's report with a \$51,140.22 balance. Approved.

Heard report from Betty Kellenberger, County Commissioner. She reported on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan availability with Dave Feldpausch as contact. Also told us of the May 19, County Safety Day.

Motion by Fitzgerald, supported by Smith to do four (4) Remonumentation corners at \$1,300 each for approximate cost of \$5,200 in 2018. Approved.

Motion by Bliss, supported by Fitzgerald to meet at the Township Hall for a **Special Meeting** on Thursday, March 29, at 6:00 pm to work on the 2018 budget and Township **Budget Hearing** on Thursday, March 29, at 6:15 pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Smith, supported by Fitzgerald to accept 2018 Road Commission contracts for \$89,514.00 for:

Chloride, \$18,990;

Brush Spray, \$2,000;

Peoples Rd – South County Line Rd to Snows Lake Rd, \$17,131;

Wood Rd – Sessions Rd to Condensery Rd, \$17,131;

Cedar Lake Rd – South County Line Rd to Snows Lake Rd, \$17,131;

Cedar Lake Rd – Snows Lake Rd to Fenwick Rd, \$17,131. Approved.

Motion by Fitzgerald, supported by Bliss to allow Trustee Smith and his daughter Trenna to repair Bennett Park sign as a class project. Motion carried.

With no additional business to discuss the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Belyou, Clerk

Montcalm County Fire Association

ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
April 4th, 2018

(Stanton Community Fire Department)

Call to Order at 19:00 hours

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Belvidere	Day	Howard City	Montcalm
Carson City	Greenville	Lakeview	Richland
Crystal	Home	Maple Valley	Sheridan
			Stanton

***Bold = Present**

Officers: President Dickinson (Present),
1st Vice President Brasington (Absent)
2nd Vice President Callison (Present),
Secretary VanHolstyn (Present)
Treasurer Crawfis (Present)
Member at Large Blomstrom (Present)
Member at Large C. Irwin (Absent)
Member at Large Schwandt (Present)

Guest(s): **Jerry McCoy, MCES, Emergency Management Assistant**
Trent Atkins, MABAS, Executive Director
Brian Ball, MABAS, President

Others: Training Coordinator Sgt. B. Blomstrom (Present),

Cal Callison, Steve VanHolstyn, Mark Crawfis, Roger Gooding,
Sr., Rick Rockafellow, Mark Ellsworth, Brian Blomstrom, Tim
Irwin, Scott Brundage. Pat Carr, Dan Kain, Clif Dickinson,
Dennis Magirl, John Schwandt.

Administrative

Approve Agenda for the April meeting.

Motion by Chief Rockafellow, 2nd by Chief Callison, to approve the April Agenda. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from February meeting.

Motion by Chief Crawfis, 2nd by Chief Callison, to approve the February minutes. Motion carried.

Special Presentation(s)

MCCD Director Amy Thomas was scheduled to be in attendance to provide an update on Central Dispatch. She was unable to attend.

Ladder 34 President Lance Korhorn was scheduled to be present. He did not show.

Jerry McCoy, Emergency Management Assistant for Montcalm County, was on hand to talk about the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan. McCoy provided an overview of what the plan is, what it means to responders and what he is asking from this group. McCoy is asking for input on identifying any potential hazards within each community that could be addressed through the plan and therefore eligible for Federal dollars to complete. He offered suggestions such as outdoor warning sirens, area of recurring flooding, etc. If you have any, please forward them to him at jmccoy@montcalm.us or to VanHolstyn.

McCoy also updated the group on an EOC activation that will be occurring on June 14th. This exercise will be within the EOC and no field units will be deployed. This exercise is to test the capabilities of the EOC Staff. and VanHolstyn will have other roles during the exercise, so the other Fire Service Officers (Dickinson & Brasington) will step in.

He further stated that he is handling the paperwork side of Emergency Management as Feldpausch has been overwhelmed with duties for EMS as a result of a significant increase in call volume.

McCoy exited at 7:10 pm

Atkins and Ball introduced themselves and provided an update on the current state of MABAS in Michigan. One of the biggest concerns with the group was the ability for local Dispatch Centers to implement MABAS. They indicated they have "experts" in the field of Dispatch that will help local Centers with their CAD programs to get it running. There is very little cost, if any, to begin using the MABAS concept. MABAS is willing to meet with 9-1-1 officials to look at their CAD program and see what needs to be done. OSSI does have the capability to use the MABAS (box alarm) concept. They further stated that you can design your own local box alarms however works best. Additionally, they stated to keep in mind the 80/20 rule which simply means not to commit more than half of your resources to the box alarm cards in order to be able to respond within your own jurisdiction. The MABAS people would like to meet with our Dispatch Center to start moving forward on this and so does the membership of this group. VanHolstyn will email the contact information to MABAS for MCCD and start the planning. The gentlemen were thanked for their presentation.

The gentlemen exited at 7:41 pm

Officer Reports

President – Nothing

1st Vice President – Absent

2nd Vice President – Nothing

Treasurer – Crawfis distributed the Treasurer's Report indicating a current balance of \$31,847.21. A copy of his report is included.

Motion by Chief Irwin, 2nd by Chief Brundage to accept the Treasurer's Report as reviewed and submitted. Motion carried.

Crawfis asked about the "square" which is a credit card reader used on a cell phone. VanHolstyn had asked about this specifically because of the golf outing when people don't typically carry cash any more. Crawfis looked in to this and the unit is free with a "charge" for using it; 2 ¼ per \$100.00. There was no discussion. VanHolstyn would like the Association to get one and see if it is worth having.

Crawfis inquired about the purchase of laptop computers for the Secretary and Treasurer. This was approved several months ago, but no action was taken because of the vacancy of the Treasurer's spot. Kain states he is aware of some Lakeview PS is parting with and Callison states MCCD has several Tough Books that are for the Fire Departments to have. Both Chiefs indicated they would look into this further.

Member at Large – Blomstrom reported the last training was held March 7th at the Sheridan Community Center hosted by Sheridan Fire with over 80 people in attendance; this did include some public as well. The National Weather Service presented a new program of Skywarn. The May training will be at Stanton Fire and Task Force Tips will be doing a program on fire streams and nozzles.

Committee Reports

TAC – VanHolstyn stated the next meeting is April 10th and he states Dispatch has already arranged for the monthly siren testing to begin on April 6th at 11:00 am and continue on the 1st Friday of the month through October. Any concerns for TAC, please let him know.

LPT – Chief Callison had nothing new to report or update the group on.

By-Laws – Nothing to Report.

Election – Nothing to report.

Legislative Update – SSgt Blomstrom reported the legislation has been slow with no significant activity or progress. They are still reviewing the various proposals on the table.

EMAC – SSgt. Blomstrom reported the next meeting is April 12th and he is working with McCoy on updating the Fire Service Annex and Appendices for the Plan. He also mentioned, if anyone is interested, there is one (1) Fire Service Officer position open. Blomstrom mentioned they did do a modified Change of Quarters during the American Classic fire in Montcalm Township. Please remember to think about this process when you are allocating multiple resources to an incident. The use of a FSO can address this for you.

County Training – VanHolstyn stated the Academy is winding down with one (1) class remaining followed by a practical and a few review days. Overall, things are going well. He mentioned they have three (3) Firefighter II students that will be testing along with a retest and a FFII Challenge from Belding. Extrication is the only remaining class, so if there are people who need it, they are welcome to sign up on SMOKE. VanHolstyn updated the group on the Academy Banquet and Graduation; more information will be coming forth. The cost is \$15.00 per person, on May 5th t 6:00pm at the Stanton American Legion. The Keynote Speaker is Chief Alan styles from Muskegon County. On Practical Final Day, May 12th, they will need the same resources as last year, so if everyone does what they have so graciously done in the past, there shouldn't be any issues. ICS/RM and FRO classes results are posted and available on SMOKE..

SSgt. Blomstrom updated the FY2018 Training Budget that was emailed to the membership. No additional action taken. He also inquired about what classes/courses to offer in 2019; APO, Ice Rescue, Ag. Rescue, etc. He reported the Academy Budget figure is projected to be \$17,685.48.

Honor Guard – The 50/50 drawing was won by SSgt. Blomstrom who donated his winning back to the Honor Guard for a total of \$38.00. VanHolstyn stated to contact him if you would like the Honor Guard to participate in an event or activity, so it can be placed on their calendar. He reminded the Chiefs it is their decision to approve someone to be on the Honor Guard. He cited a few Academy students that expressed interest, yet they do not have the preferred 3 years of fire service. This has been overlooked in the past based on the Chiefs feelings. He mentioned a recent funeral for GDPS Firefighter Matthew DePauw who passed away on March 27th. VanHolstyn updated the group on the Golf Outing on June 3rd, and the two (2) tournaments they are hosting during Stanton Old Fashioned Days; corn hole and volleyball.

School Safety Committee – SSgt Blomstrom and Chief Irwin reported schools have been busy with lockdown drills. There is a School Safety Seminar in Mt. Pleasant soon; date unknown. VanHolstyn added Gary Valentine has wrapped up an active shooter training with MCES and wants to start with the fire departments as they are going to be an integral part of the response now. It was discussed to hold one (1) as an Association Training and then hold a

few satellites around the county. It was mentioned this would be a good program for the winter time, while someone else stated during the summer when schools are closed.

Haz Mat (Decon) / TRT – Chief Brasington was absent.

Old Business

Extrication Tool Purchase – Chief Carr had nothing additional to report. Future purchases should be occurring after October 1st of each year continuing with 2018 for the next department on the list. VanHolstyn will assemble the Master List with the exception of Day Township who has not submitted their information. Chief Callison mentioned he is having trouble determining the age of his equipment, like Day is. They do not want to give their equipment back to their provider. There is some confusion on what to do with the “old” equipment. Barring any agreement the department has with the giver, the equipment remains the fire departments to do with as they wish. It was suggested months ago, it remain available as a 2nd or back up set or can be given / lone to someone as spares or improvements.

is **MABAS** – This was covered under the Special Presentations; the only action for MABAS and MCCD to begin communicating on how to move forward with this as the Chiefs would like to VanHolstyn will email the two (2) parties to begin the process.

Mutual Aid Agreement – SSgt. Blomstrom thanked the group for looking in to this and updating the Signature Page. VanHolstyn states the last department has approved the agreement renewal; just getting the signature on the right document.

MACC Fire Program – SSgt. Blomstrom displayed the final schedule for the fire school program for the week of April 16th. He thanked those departments who were able to assist and welcomed any Chief or Command Officer to attend the Friday session to meet with students / potential future firefighters.

Association Insurance – SSgt Blomstrom reported providing Chief Dickinson the contact information to seek price quotes for insurance policies for the Fire Association. He provided information through VFIS and another company. VanHolstyn did not receive any information to contact anyone as requested.

Montcalm County Food Drive – VanHolstyn reminded the group of the project coming up in Mid-September. He re-explained how the contest works and wanted to challenge other fire departments to beat GDPS and Montcalm Township FD. There did not seem to be any interest to participating in this charity event.

Public Safety Celebration - VanHolstyn and Director Magirl updated the membership on this event on Saturday, May 19th from 99am to Noon. The organizers are looking for fire departments to display equipment, apparatus or services to the general public; this would also serve as a nice foundation to recruit volunteers. Flyers have been emailed and posted through social media.

New Business

Foam Survey VanHolstyn handed out a survey from the Michigan Fire Service Association at the request of Chief Brasington. MSFA was asking Chiefs complete this in reference to Class B foam and PFAS. Most Chiefs had already completed it.

Golf Outing – VanHolstyn handed out a flyer and registration form for the Fire Association golf outing to be held on Sunday, June 3rd at Brookside Golf. He explained the program is the same as last year and was looking for a few volunteers to help the day of the event.

Academy Final Practical – VanHolstyn appealed to the Chiefs to commit the same resources to the testing day, May 12th, as in the past. Doing so, there should not be any issues with personnel or equipment. A formal request will be emailed very soon with the details of the day.

Career Showcase – SSgt. Blomstrom states GDPS will be displaying at the upcoming Career Showcase on April 10th. Several areas schools and a few colleges will be represented to discuss various careers. With volunteerism and fire department retention a growing concern, this is a good opportunity to generate interest.

Memorial Drapes – SSgt. Blomstrom asked if the honor Guard had any memorial draping for apparatus and stations in the event of a firefighter death. VanHolstyn indicated they do not, but have thought about getting some. In the event of a LODD, they have arrangements with the West Michigan Chiefs Association to use their cache; which we have done in the past. Also, the implementation of the LAST Team would bring more supplies as needed. VanHolstyn agreed it would be a good idea to have locally and will look into making or purchasing some of this bunting.

Round Table

Belvidere – Nothing

Carson City – Nothing

Crystal – Chief Brundage requested the Honor Guard for July 3rd and 4th for the Firemen's Parade and Grande Parade, respectively.

Day – Absent

Greenville – Director Magirl stated there will be significant construction in Greenville this Summer; both roads and bridges. He will try and update as best as he can.

Home – Nothing

Howard City – Absent

Lakeview – Chief Carr asked for confirmation on who does not have Decon Services; Crystal and Richland. He asked what happens when they have an incident? Callison stated he can't call for Decon Services. Carr inquired what the code or procedure was for a bomb threat and VanHolstyn reaffirmed it was a Code 5200. Carr wanted to know, if Dispatch was using this, and if so, what are they doing for an Active Shooter situation? VanHolstyn stated he will check with TAC on the 5200 status and will inquire about what the process and procedure will be in case of an Active Shooter response.

Maple Valley – Chief Kain has some old turnout gear, greater than 10 years old, and wants to know how to part with it. Dickinson has a place in the Upper Peninsula that he has sent equipment to. Carson City FD also has some old gear to get rid of. Chief Kain has some "like new" extrication equipment available, if anyone is interested.

Montcalm – Nothing

Richland – Chief Callison asked who the check should be made out to for the Academy Graduation & Banquet. VanHolstyn stated the Fire Association.

Sheridan – Chief Ellsworth thanked everyone for their attendance at the last Fire Association training; it was the best attended training in a very long time. He also commented about some many issues with radio transmissions to and from Dispatch. He indicated on several occasions the radio traffic from Dispatch is cutoff, both VHF and 800MHz. He also stated many of the transmissions from Dispatch are intermittent, broken up, or illegible. Furthermore, he states many times their hailing goes unanswered; having to call on the radio more than twice. Some pages are not coming through; only have of the message. Many of the same issues are being mentioned by Belvidere, Carson City, Greenville, Home, and Richland Township Fire Departments. VanHolstyn will mention this at TAC on April 10th.

Chief Ellsworth asked for the Honor Guard to participate in their Firemen's Parade on May 27th; line up at 7pm, parade at 9pm.

Stanton – Absent



Montcalm Township Fire Department

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Clifton E. Dickinson, Chief



April 11, 2018

Jerry W. McCoy
Emergency Management
County of Montcalm
100 W. Main Street
Stanton, MI 48888

Mr. McCoy,

As requested during your presentation at the Montcalm County Fire Association Chief's meeting on Wednesday, April 4th, 2018, please consider adding the following solutions to identifiable hazards in, and around, Montcalm Township:

1. Installing an outdoor warning siren, at or near the Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds on Peck Road. As you are aware, this is one (1) of the largest outdoor public gathering facilities in the county other than an athletic stadium or racetrack.
2. Developing or building an emergency shelter at or near the Montcalm County 4-H Fairgrounds large enough to house attendees of a fairground event in case of inclement weather.
3. Providing building materials to augment existing structures or build additional structures to house various types of animals during a natural weather incident. There currently is not a shelter in or around Montcalm County to house and care for the displaced livestock or family pets of displaced owners during a disaster. This facility would aid in the safety of animals as well as the public thus reducing lives lost, emotional heartbreak, and economical setbacks.
4. Install dry hydrants in critical locations in and around Montcalm Township to help reduce lives lost and property loss and damage. We have identified various locations including, but not limited to:
 - a. Near 6162 W. Fuller Road
 - b. N. Hillan Road and W. Dickerson Lake Road
 - c. Wise Road west of S. Greenville Road at the river
 - d. Perch Lake – Holiday Drive near Mallard Drive (Private Access)
 - e. W. Stanton Road at Clifford Lake Drive
 - f. W. Dickerson Lake Road west of S. Greenville Road
5. Consider installing a water line from Stafford Drive and Vining Road (Eureka Township) north of the Industrial Complex at Peck Road to provide emergency water service to numerous commercial properties including a auto parts plastics warehouse.



Montcalm Township Fire Department

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Clifton E. Dickinson, Chief*



Our fire department has completed an assessment of our township's shortcomings in conjunction with the potential needs of not only our jurisdiction, but those of our surrounding communities. Our goal is to provide the best possible service and protection to the greatest population possible. These areas we have identified seem to meet and satisfy our goals.

Thank you for your consideration and look forward to working with you in the future should ever the need arise.

Respectfully,

Steven D. VanHolstyn

Steven D. Van Holstyn
Captain