

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, Monday, March 22, 2010

1:30 PM

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Carr at 1:30 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Jerry Carlson from the Assembly of God Church in Stanton offered invocation.

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

Others present: Chris Hyzer, Kristen Millard, Tom Sova, Sandy Carlton, Michael Trebesh, Beth O'Grady, Sherma Horrocks, Cheryl Lucas, Tara Conaway, Gisela Peek, Eileen Burr, Jeanne Urbanski, Mike Urbanski, Tom Sova, Donald Cooper, Jonelle Ball, Robert Burns and Danielle Arndt.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Caris to approve the February 22, 2010 regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to approve the agenda with the addition of #3 under New Business entitled *Recycling Grant Addendum*. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Don Cooper, Drain Commissioner, addressed the board regarding the Parks Commission possibly acquiring land adjacent to the Flat River Nature Trail and urging the board to proceed with the appraisal of the property in the amount of \$500. Mr. Cooper asked that the board support the acquisition and reminded the board that funds have been set aside for this purpose.

Michael Trebesh, candidate for the 33rd District Senate seat introduced himself to the board.

Correspondence was received from Agri-Valley Communications regarding the Northern Michigan Broadband Project. They are requesting a letter of support from the Board of Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Blanding to authorize Chairman Carr to sign a letter of support for Agri-Valley Communication for the Northern Michigan Broadband Project. Motion carried.

An application to serve as a District 2 representative on the Transportation Authority was received from Martin Combs of Senator Rd., Crystal. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to appoint Martin Combs as the District 2 representative on the Transit Authority, term expiring 12/31/2010. Motion carried with Commissioner Paepke voting no.

Correspondence was received from the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission regarding a Request for Projects - CEDS. Applications for funding assistance are due at the WMRPC by May 1, 2010. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the correspondence from the West Michigan Regional Planning Commission on file. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received from the Department of Energy Labor & Economic Growth informing the County that \$239,084.00 has been awarded to Montcalm County under the Energy Efficiency & conservation Multi-purpose Block Grant. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to accept the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Multi-purpose Block Grant in the amount of \$239,084.00 and authorize Chris Hyzer, County Controller/Administrator, to sign it. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer provided the board with Eagle Scout Resolutions for Alan J. Beerthius, Clayton Moore, Daniel E. McCumber, Duncan F. Carpenter, James N. Paulsen, Scott E. Fish and Sean Bannen. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve and adopt the following **RESOLUTIONS:**

**2010-02 EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION FOR ALAN J. BEERTHUIS
2010-03 EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION FOR CLAYTON MOORE
2010-04 EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION FOR DANIEL E. MCCUMBER
2010-05 EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION FOR DUNCAN F. CARPENTER
2010-06 EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION FOR JAMES N. PAULSEN
2010-07 EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION FOR SCOTT E. FISH
2010-08 EAGLE SCOUT RESOLUTION FOR SEAN BANNEN**

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Johansen to approve consent agenda items 6 through 7 and move stated action:

Controller	WMSRDC, Transfer of Ownership Agreement/ Equipment Receipt and Acceptance	Place on file
Scott Minard	Dodge Report, February 2010	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Lindeman, supported by Commissioner Johansen to refer the letter from Sandra Carlton, Grove Street, Greenville, to the Law Enforcement and Courts Committee. Motion carried.

At 1:45 p.m., Beth O'Grady was in attendance on behalf of the Montcalm County Public Libraries to request that the Board of Commissioners approve ballot language and place a county-wide Public Library Millage on a ballot in 2010. Discussion took place on the proposed ballot wording and the monies that must go to the Downtown Development Authorities. Questions were raised as to whether or not the amount of money that goes to the DDA's should be on the ballot. The proposed 20 year term of the proposal is also a concern of the commissioners. Ms. O'Grady was asked to do more research regarding the required DDA's wording in the proposal and a reduction in the number of years the millage would be collected and bring that information back to the Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Paepke to postpone a vote on the Library Millage until the next meeting. Motion carried.

At 2:02 p.m. Tim Scott, Central Dispatch Director, was in attendance to ask the board to approve placing the 9-1-1 surcharge on the August 3, 2010, ballot. Mr. Scott explained the need to increase the surcharge from \$1.50 to \$3.00, which is the maximum that is allowed by the State of Michigan.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Paepke, to approve the proposed increase of \$1.11 for the 9-1-1 surcharge, which will be implemented incrementally, and allow for a vote of the residents of Montcalm County by placing the following wording on the August 3, 2010 ballot:

Shall the County of Montcalm, Michigan, be authorized to assess a 9-1-1 charge at a rate of up to \$3.00 each month, subject to reduction as provided by law, to each person receiving 9-1-1 service by means of a local telephone device, cellular telephone device, wireless communications device, interconnected voice over the internet device or any

other means located within the geographic boundaries of Montcalm County, Michigan, for a period of four (4) years, 2010 through 2014, both inclusive, to maintain and operate the 9-1-1 system in the County of Montcalm, Michigan?

Motion carried with Commissioner Lindeman voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Blanding to approve the bid from Master Plaster Patcher in the amount of \$2,350.00 and have references checked before work begins. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to include other means of disposal for the Animal Disposal RFT including Cremation, landfills, etc. Motion carried with Commissioner Blanding voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the March 8, 2010, Economic Development and Physical Resources Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to give the Finance and Personnel Committee authorization to bring the laid off person back in the Building Department after their meeting on April 12, 2010, if the Committee deems it appropriate. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the County Clerk to refill the permanent part-time Office Assistant position in the Vital Records office effective May 3, 2010. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to allow the Animal Control Director to refill positions according to the staffing control summary that was in the 2010 budget. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke to allow the Friend of the Court to refill the vacancies that will occur due to retirements. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve warrant number 022210 in the amount of \$194,569.93 and warrant number 030810 in the amount of \$343,864.88. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Paepke approve the tuition reimbursement of \$250 for Dave Feldpausch. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Caris, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to place the March 8, 2010, Finance and Personnel Committee minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Caris to place the March 9, 2010, Parks & Recreation Commission minutes on file. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Blanding, supported by Commissioner Johansen, to contract with Stafford Group for the Discover Montcalm Magazine to be printed and distributed in October 2010, with the possibility to enter into a three year contract for the same type of publication each year, with no cost to the county. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Blanding, to acquire the land adjacent to the Flat River Nature Trail, to proceed with the amending of the Montcalm County Recreation Plan and to approve spending up to \$500 for an appraisal on the Flat River property. Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Commissioner Lindeman that the Board of Commissioners proceed with the amending of the Montcalm County Recreation Plan and to approve spending up to \$500 for an appraisal on the Flat River property adjacent to the Flat River Nature Trail. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Blanding, supported by Commissioner Retzloff, to allow the Maintenance Director to hire a seasonal Parks employee. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that he has received an inquiry from Carson City to see if the Board would be interested in allocating monies from the Recovery Zone Economic Bond to them for a project. To date, \$810,000 has been allocated to the City of Greenville, out of the \$3,000,000 available. The Board has no objection to Mr. Hyzer working with Carson City's attorney regarding the Recovery Zone Economic Bonds.

Chris Hyzer discussed USDA reimbursement forms for the K-9 grant with the board.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that the Fair Board has received an offer for the sale of the Fairground property. The buyer would like to offer four strands of fiber and \$200,000 to the County instead of the \$250,000 or 20% of the sale price, depending on which is higher. Moved by Commissioner Johansen, supported by Blanding to inform the Fair Board that the County will accept the Fair Board's offer to the County of \$200,000 in cash and \$50,000 in four strands of fiber and allow the County Controller to negotiate with the purchaser regarding the four strands of fiber. Roll call vote: Ayes: Commissioner Crouse, Carr, Retzloff, Blanding, Lindeman, Johansen and Paepke. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chris Hyzer informed the board that Casair has requested a letter of support for a grant application. The grant would help bring regional broadband to more individuals within the county. Mr. Hyzer has drafted a proposed letter of support and presented it to the board. Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve the letter of support for Casair for their Broadband Project and authority Chris Hyzer to sign it. Motion carried.

Commissioner Paepke presented the board with an Addendum to the Recycling Service Agreement. Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Retzloff to approve the Addendum to the Recycling Service Agreement, which allows non-profit organizations to use the Montcalm County Recycling Center but disallows for-profit organizations and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried with Commissioners Johansen and Carr voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Paepke, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to approve the Addendum to the Recycling Service Agreement to add four additional mobile recycling sites, bringing the total to ten, and authorize Chairman Carr to sign it. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Eileen Burr, Stanton, addressed the board regarding their effort to keep things out of the landfill and encouraged the board to keep animal carcasses out of the landfills as well, as they are chemically treated.

Jeanne Urbanski, Coral, addressed the board regarding the Animal Shelter being at its finest the last 10 days. She also encouraged the board members to call the Animal Shelter telephone after hours to listen to the recorded message. She also addressed the board regarding doing a dog census this year and kennel licenses.

Gisela Peek, Greenville, addressed the board regarding promoting the part time employee at the Animal Shelter into the full time position.

Danielle Arndt informed the board that this may be her last meeting for a while and thanked the board for working with her.

Moved by Commissioner Retzloff, supported by Commissioner Lindeman to adjourn at 2:54 p.m.
Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman