

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Wednesday, January 4, 2021
9:00 AM

The organizational meeting was called to order by County Clerk, Kristen Millard, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Commissioners Miller, Mahar, Beach, Johnston, Carr, Baker, Stowell and Petersen. Members absent: None. Members attending remotely, but not yet sworn in or able to vote, Commissioner Kohn.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Brenda Taeter, Eric Smith, Michelle Becker, Lori Wilson, Todd Sattler and Elisabeth Waldon.

The first order of business was the election of a Chairman for the next two years. Kristen Millard, County Clerk, stated she would now accept nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Baker placed Patrick Carr's name in nomination. Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Beach that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Patrick Carr as Chairman for the next two years. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Carr.

Chairman Carr stated that he would now accept nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Commissioner Stowell placed the name of Michael Beach in nomination. Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Baker that nominations be closed. Motion carried with Commissioners Mahar and Petersen voting no. Moved by Commissioner Stowell, supported by Commissioner Baker to appoint Michael Beach as Vice-Chairperson for the ensuing year. Motion carried with Commissioners Petersen and Mahar voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Baker to adopt the Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule as proposed by the County Controller.

Under discussion Chairman Carr stated that he is not in favor of continuing the 6 p.m. meeting times. Attendance has not improved since changing to the 6 p.m. time. Commissioner Mahar stated that he feels that at least one meeting should still be held at 6 p.m. Commissioner Baker stated that he feels a 4 p.m. meeting time is more feasible for employees and department heads to attend.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Beach to amend the motion to set the time for the Committee meetings and Board of Commissioners meetings at 4 p.m. Amendment carried with Commissioner Mahar voting no. Original motion carried as amended.

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, January 25
Monday, February 22
Monday, March 22
Monday, April 26
Tuesday, May 24
Monday, June 28

Monday, July 26
Monday, August 23
Monday, September 27
Monday, October 25
Monday, November 22
Monday, December 13

All meetings to begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Jack VanHarn Board of Commissioners Room.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, January 11
Monday, February 8
Monday, March 8
Monday, April 12
Monday, May 10
Monday, June 14

Monday, July 12
Monday, August 9
Monday, September 13
Tuesday, October 12
Monday, November 8
Monday, December 13

All meetings to begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Jack VanHarn Board of Commissioners Room.

Chairman Carr informed the board that it is his recommendation that the board move to the Committee of the Whole structure and eliminate the previous committee structures.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Miller to eliminate the Finance and Personnel Committee and the Physical Resources and Economic Development Committee and merge them into a Committee of the Whole committee structure to meet on the second Monday of each month at 4 p.m. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the need to still have a Collective Bargaining Committee. Kristen Millard, County Clerk, pointed out that Section 6.4 of the By-laws define that the board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are on the Collective Bargaining committee by position and then 2 other commissioners must be appointed along with 2 alternates.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Miller to appoint Chairman Carr, Vice Chairman Beach, and Commissioners Baker and Petersen to the Collective Bargaining Committee as regular committee members, and to also appoint Commissioners Miller and Kohn as alternates. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Johnston to accept the 2021 committee assignments as discussed during the meeting:

Committee

911 Authority Board
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ASCET Board of Directors
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AAAWM Board of Directors
Brownfield Authority
Commission on Aging Executive Board
Commission on Aging Executive Board
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Conservation District
EightCap Governing Board
Emergency Animal Planning Committee
Emergency Management Advisory Council
Emergency Management Advisory Council

2021 Appointment

Eric Smith
Pat Carr
Chris Johnston
Brandon Stowell
Ron Baker
Michael Beach
Ron Baker
Ron Baker
Brendan Mahar
Chris Johnston
Chris Johnston
Jeremy Miller
Autumn DeVries
Pat Carr
Adam Petersen

Great Start Collaborative	Brendan Mahar
Greater Greenville Transportation	Jeremy Miller
Greater Greenville Transportation, Alternate	Brendan Mahar
Housing Commission	Tom Lindeman
Ionia Montcalm Department of Human Services Agency Board	Chris Johnston
Ionia Montcalm Department of Human Services Agency Board – Alternate	Michael Beach
MTA Representative	Chris Johnston
MTA Representative – Alternate	Ron Baker
Medical Control Authority Liaison – H&HS Chair	Chris Johnston
Mid-Michigan District Health Board of Directors	Adam Petersen
Mid-Michigan District Health Board of Directors	Michael Beach
The Montcalm Center	Betty Kellenberger
The Montcalm Center	Brandon Stowell
Montcalm County Emergency Food & Shelter Board	John Johansen
Montcalm Human Services Coalition	Jeremy Miller
Montcalm Human Services Coalition – Alternate	Adam Petersen
MSU District Extension Council	Brandon Stowell
Northern Michigan Counties Association	Michael Beach
Northern Michigan Counties Association – Alternate	Brendan Mahar
Planning Commission	Michael Beach
Prison Liaison Committee	Chris Johnston
MSHN SIC Oversight Policy Board	Tom Lindeman
Solid Waste Management Planning Committee	Brandon Stowell
Solid Waste Management Planning Committee – Regional Planning	Chris Johnston
Substance Abuse Advisory Council	Jeremy Miller
Substance Abuse Advisory Council	Brendan Mahar
Substance Abuse Advisory Council – Alternate	Michael Beach
T.I.F.A.	Phil Kohn
West Michigan Forensic Pathology Services Authority	Pat Carr
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission – private sector	Rob Spohr
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission – public sector	Mike Scott
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission	Brenda Taeter
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission –CEDS private sector	Mike Scott
West Michigan Regional Planning Commission –CEDS private sector	Kaythy Jo VanderLaan
Veterans Advisory Board	Chris Johnston

Lake Board Appointments:

<u>COMMISSIONER</u>	<u>LAKE BOARD</u>
Brendan Mahar	Baldwin Lake
Adam Petersen	Clifford Lake Dickerson Lake Perch Lake Turk Lake
Brandon Stowell	Cowden Lake Muskellunge Lake Rainbow/Middle Lake

Big Whitefish/Little Whitefish Lake Sewer Adv

Chris Johnston

Duck Lake

Pat Carr

Indianhead Lake
Lake Montcalm
Little Bass Lake
Tamarack Lake
Towline Lake

Ron Baker

Winfield Lake

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Mahar, supported by Commissioner Johnston to adopt the following Committee Appointments for outside agencies:

2021 Committee Appointments

Area Agency of Aging of Western Michigan

Linda Weger 12/31/2021

Commission on Aging Executive Board

David Lobert 12/31/2022

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Andy Doezema 10/31/2022

Bonnie Steed 10/31/2022

Abbigail Stalker 10/31/2022

Renee Clute 10/31/2022

David Hancock 10/31/2022

Duane Stanton 10/31/2022

Elisabeth Waldon 10/31/2022

Jill Parker 10/31/2022

Ionia-Montcalm Dept. Human Services

Brian DeKraker 10/31/2023

Montcalm Care Network

Eva Cairns 3/31/2024

Kurt Peasley 3/31/2024

Kelly Porter 3/31/2024

Montcalm Housing Commission

Tom Lindeman 12/31/2023

Peer Group

John Quine 12/31/2021

Mark VanRaemdonck 12/31/2021

John Rauser 12/31/2021

Solid Waste Management Committee

Matt Biolette 12/31/2022

Substance Abuse Advisory Council

Brandy Bunting 12/31/2023

Andrew Fias 12/31/2023

Ron Finegood 12/31/2023

Julianna Korzara 12/31/2023

West Michigan Regional Medical Control Authority

Eric Smith 12/31/2021

Motion carried.

Chairman Carr stated that even though all board members will be attending the Committee of the Whole meetings, it is not his intention for official board action to be taken at the Committee of the Whole meetings. The Committee of the Whole is a committee meeting where requests will be made, heard, and recommendation made to the full board for action to be taken by the full board at the monthly board meeting on the 4th Monday of the month. However, the Board does that the authority to take official action in an emergency situation. He cautioned the board that it would not be a good practice to get into to vote on issues during the Committee of the Whole.

Brenda Taeter, County Controller, presented the board with the proposed By-Laws and Rules of Procedure for the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Mahar to approve and adopt the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners By-Laws and Rules of Procedure pending any changes that need to be make as a results of moving to a Committee of the Whole structure. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to correct **RESOLUTION 2020-12**, which was adopted on December 14, 2020, to remove page 3 and update the current COVID numbers:

Whereas, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Governor Whitmer declared a State of Emergency in the State of Michigan as a result of multiple positive cases of COVID-19; and

Whereas, the first case in Montcalm County was identified on March 12, 2020; and

Whereas, 2839 residents have tested positive in Montcalm County, and 69 people have died since; and

Whereas, the Montcalm County Emergency Operations Plan has been duly activated and departments, agencies, and government offices therein have been coordinating a county-wide response to the COVID-19 threat in accordance with the mandates of the Orders and Directives issued by Governor Whitmer and staff; and

Whereas, Montcalm County, in partnership with the State of Michigan, the Mid-Michigan District Health Department, and all governmental units within Montcalm County must maximize efforts to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and ensure, insofar as possible, that residents in Montcalm County take preventative measures to lower their risk and to share information with their friends, families, and co-workers; and

Whereas, we are requiring that all necessary measures be taken to address this ongoing threat of widespread infection and any and all issues arising as a result of the COVID-19 threat; and

Whereas, this action is being taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Montcalm County.

Now, therefore be it resolved, in accordance with the Michigan Emergency Management Act of 1976, we are declaring a Local State of Emergency within the boundaries of Montcalm County, Michigan, effective at 12:01 on Tuesday, January 5, 2021; to continue until February 28, 2021 or until further action by the County Board of Commissioners.

Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Chairman Johnston welcomed Commissioners Beach and Stowell to the board.

Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Mahar to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman