OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
MAY 7, 2019

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Nehmer.


Also present: Tony Gailiardo-Building Official/Inspector, Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Justin Halladay-Sheriff, Rosie McKinstry-Equalization Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk and several members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Emig , seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment: Dave Kozminski, Hersey Township, read a statement regarding security.

Employee Comment: Tracey Cochran, HR and Human Resources Specialist, along with Pheobe Ginnever, Deputy County Clerk, spoke to the Board about the annual County picnic.

Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2019 as presented. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the claims of the County in the amount of $73,896.66. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Court-Appointed Appellate Attorneys
Circuit Judge Scott Hill-Kennedy spoke with the Board about the court’s responsibility in the appointment of attorneys for indigent criminals on appeal. He explained the difference between these services and the recently established Indigent Defense Program. He explained the increasing difficulty in finding attorneys for this type of case. He does not believe we are in a current crisis mode regarding this issue, but anticipates changes will need to be made in the near future to accommodate the problem. Discussion was held.

ORV Grant Motorcycle Purchase
Sheriff Justin Halladay asked for Board members to approve the purchase of a new motorcycle with an ORV Grant received from the State. He reviewed three (3) bids received and recommended accepting the bid from Lakeside Motor Sports. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to approve the State of Michigan Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Grant in the amount of $6,300 to use in the purchase of a motorcycle from Lakeside Motor Sports, authorize the Chairman to sign the grant and trade in the current motorcycle that was previously purchased with grant funds to purchase related equipment. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Road Patrol Staffing
Sheriff Justin Halladay spoke to the Board regarding the staffing within the department of his road patrol. He shared departmental statistics and shared staffing changes he feels can be made within the department to accommodate the expense of an additional road patrol officer. He also advised Commissioners they are also offering civil process which should increase departmental revenue. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the addition of one deputy position for the Sheriff's Department. Recommendation was unanimously supported.
C.O.A. Director Position
Commissioner Gregory spoke about needing to fill the vacancy for a C.O.A. Director. Discussion was held regarding further postings and advertising of the position, as well as the selection process for filling the vacancy.

Budget Amendments and Cash Transfer
Commissioner Halladay reviewed the budget amendments and cash transfer submitted.

Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the budget amendments and cash transfer as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

911 Millage
Commissioner Gregory explained the annual request required by the State allowing the 9-1-1 surcharge assessment. This surcharge was passed by voters a few years ago.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve the 9-1-1 surcharge amount of $2.25 per device per month with no change in the amount from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, with the County Clerk submitting correspondence to the Michigan State Police. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

301 Mile Club
Tonya Hartline, Chief Deputy County Treasurer, spoke to the Board about the creation of a Wellness Committee and using the County’s intranet for tracking purposes. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to authorize access for employees to the intranet section of the County’s website and approve the Community Developer’s time for updating related forms and activities for a wellness program and county related items. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Building Official/Inspector Contract Renewal
Tony Gagliardo, Building Official/Inspector, appeared before the Board regarding the renewal of his contract for continued services. The contract automatically renews unless either party requests changes. After discussion, all parties are satisfied with the current contract, so it will automatically renew.

C.O.A. Application for AAAWM Three-Year Proposal
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the proposal process with AAAWM for the new 3-year contract for services. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to approve the proposal and authorize the Chairman to sign for the Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan three-year proposal for services through the Osceola County commission on Aging. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Osceola County Sesquicentennial
Commissioner Elkins spoke about this year being the 150th or sesquicentennial of Osceola County. He spoke about the possibility of incorporating the theme into this year’s annual County picnic and think about other ideas for celebrating the event. He will also prepare a Resolution honoring this event sometime later this year.

Michigan Association of Counties
Steve Currie, MAC Executive Director, along with Board member Richard Schmidt, were present to share information with the Board. Mr. Currie shared a handout of information regarding MAC, including legislative updates along with other priorities to MAC which affect counties in Michigan.
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Motion by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to go into Closed Session to discuss Martin Case recommendation. Motion carried with roll call vote-all seven (7) Commissioners voting yes.

Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to return to open session. Motion carried with roll call vote-all seven (7) Commissioners voting yes.

Motion by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the minutes from closed session as read. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Recommenend by Commissioner Custer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve a settlement for the Martin litigation matter, Case No. 1:16-cv-1314, in the amount of $5,000 and in concurrence with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comments: Commissioners supported the annual County picnic being held on July 16, 2019 as requested by employees.

Extended Public Comment: Sandra Keller, Hersey Township, expressed her concern on behalf of seniors in the County.

Moved by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to adjourn at 11:47 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Jack Nehmer, Chairman