The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Nehmer.


Also present: Heather Gray-Register of Deeds, Rosie McKinstry-Equalization Director, Justin Halladay-C.O.A. Director, Lori Leudeman-County Treasurer, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk and several members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee/Board Comments: None.

Moved by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the minutes of January 22, 2020 as presented. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to approve the claims of the County in the amount of $89,994.12. Motion carried was unanimously supported.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers, and Journal Register Report from Treasurer
Commissioner Halladay reported no budget amendments or cash transfers were received, however she did ask for Board approval of the Treasurer’s Journal Register Report for December 2019.

Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the County Treasurer’s Journal Register Report for January with the December budget amendments as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. Purchase of 602 W. Upton, Reed City
Justin Halladay, C.O.A. Director, advised Board members that the bid offered to purchase the property at 602 W. Upton, Reed City, was accepted by the seller. The Board now needs to accept it formally and sign the necessary documents to keep the process moving forward. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to accept the purchase of 602 W. Upton Avenue, Reed City, Michigan, and authorize the Chairman to sign the appropriate forms. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Courtroom Software Upgrade Update
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, briefly updated Commissioners on the software upgrade budgeted for the Courtroom.

DK Security Agreement and Update
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, reviewed an agreement with DK Security previously provided. She asked for the Board to approve it now.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve the contract for security services with DK Security as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.
Security for Evening Meetings at Courthouse
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked for direction regarding security when there are evening meetings at the Courthouse. She explained how MSU Extension currently handles their use for evening meetings. After discussion it was decided to let MSU Extension continue in same manner.

Policy-Security of Buildings
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked the Board to approve the Security of Buildings Policy as presented.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the Security of Buildings policy as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Resolution 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County
Jay Moyer, LeRoy resident, spoke to Commissioners regarding a proposed resolution for the County Board’s consideration to make Osceola County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Mr. Moyer spoke on behalf of 50+ members present of the Osceola County Chapter of the 2nd Amendment for Sanctuary Counties of Michigan in the Boardroom regarding the issue. He explained what and why they are asking for Board support in this effort. Commissioner Gregory shared information from Prosecutor Tony Badovinac supporting the group’s request. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the resolution as presented by Jay Moyer of Declaring Osceola County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Recommendation was supported with Commissioner Elkins voting no.

Invasive Species 2019 Annual Report
Vicki Sawicki, North Country CISMA, spoke to Board members regarding the annual report for the Invasive Species Management program. She highlighted some of her duties and collaboration with the Soil Conservation District. She spoke on wild parsnip issues and how they continue to work to remediate the problem. She also advised they have private property owner programs available. Discussion was held.

Grant Services Contract with Big Rapids Housing Commission
Dan Massy, Community Developer, explained the need to contract with a new 3rd party administrator for our emergency home services program. Discussion was held on the process required and the intensive paperwork required. The proposed contractor currently does the program for Mecosta County and has time to add Osceola to his duties.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve Big Rapids Housing Commission to provide services to operate a Housing Emergency Repair Program for Osceola County. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Millage Proposals
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked Commissioners if they are still interested in placing possible millages, previously discussed, on this year’s upcoming election ballots. Discussion was held regarding an increase in road patrol millage, Veterans millage and Headlee rollback. No decisions were made at this time.

Veteran Service Fund Grant Application
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked for the Board to approve the Veteran Service Fund Grant Application presented.

Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve submission of the Veteran Service Fund Grant Application FY 2020 and authorize the appropriate signatures. Recommendation was unanimously supported.
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Reomonumentation Model Plan Revision
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the mandatory Remonumentation Plan Revision. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Emig, to approve the Remonumentation Model Plan Revision with any recommended State changes and authorize the appropriate signatures. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

Public Comment: Trevor Guiles, City of Reed City, thanked Board for passing Resolution in support of 2nd amendment. Marco Menezes, Hersey Township, commented on the 2nd Amendment Resolution passed by the Board today.

Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Emig to adjourn at 10:57 a.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk
Jack Nehmer, Chairman