OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
November 5, 2019

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

Present: Commissioners Jack Nehmer, Tim Michell, James Custer, Larry Emig, Mark Gregory, Roger Elkins and Jill Halladay

Also present: Justin Halladay-C.O.A. Director, Lori Leudeman-County Treasurer, Ed Williams Sheriff, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Tracey Cochran-Payroll / Human Resource Specialist and several members of the public.

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

Brief Public Comment: Alan Gingrich, Road Commissioner, spoke about appointed Road Commissioners.

Employee/Board Comment: Tracey Cochran, Payroll / Human Resource Specialist, asked the Board if they could shed some light about employee concerns that arose after the last Board meeting regarding non-union employees’ hours being reduced. Commissioner Gregory stated that at the last Board meeting it was only a suggestion that was brought up to see if any non-union employee would be interested in this option. Discussion was held.

Moved by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the minutes of October 16, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Halladay, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the claims in the amount of $80,898.00 for the County. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfer & Journal Register Report
Commissioner Halladay reviewed the budget amendments and cash transfers presented for approval.

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

Fee Increases
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about various fee increases from Animal Control, Register of Deeds and Soil Erosion & Sedimentation. She provided the Board with what the current fees are and the proposed new fees.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the following fee increases effective January 1, 2020 for:

Soil and Sedimentation:
- Private earth changes up to 1 acre - $125.00
- Each additional acre - $75.00
- Permit extension up to 12 months - $100.00
- Commercial earth changes up to 1 acre - $250.00
- Each additional acre - $75.00
- Permit extensions up to 12 months - $150.00

Register of Deeds:
- Fax/Email fee - $7.00
- Plat copy fee per page - $2.00

Animal Control:
- Surrender fee - $20.00

Recommendation was unanimously supported.
**County 2020 Budget**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the Annual Resolution for the Appropriations Act to adopt the 2020 County Budget. She explained some additional adjustments from the Clerk’s Office, the Sheriff’s Department and various operational revenues that helped reduce the balance of the budget deficit. Lori Leudeman, County Treasurer, spoke about how the budget has been trending over the last 3 years. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Gregory to adopt the 2020 budget and approve the 2020 Budget Resolution/General Appropriations Act as provided. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Osceola-Lake Conservation District**
Pat Kailing, District Chairman for the Osceola-Lake Conservation District, expressed his appreciation to the Board for support of their various programs. Mr. Kailing introduced members of his staff to provide annual updates to each of the programs they support. Mark Sweppenheiser, District Manager, provided the Board with the annual update on their annual tree sales, tire and electronic recycling and hazardous waste. Alex Svoboda, MAEAP Technician, shared information on the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program and how his interaction with land owners helps to protect our natural resources.

**Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts Services Agreement for household hazardous waste in the amount $2,500. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Bulletproof Vest Purchase & Grant**
Ed Williams, Sheriff, asked the Board for approval to purchase 18 bulletproof vests in the amount of $13,230.00 with a portion of the cost coming from grant funds. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the purchase of 18 bulletproof vests in the amount of $13,230.00 with partial grant funding. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Sheriff’s Department Cell Phone Purchase**
Ed Williams, Sheriff, spoke to the Board regarding the Verizon cell phone quote he received through MiDeal for Sheriff department cell phones and services.

**Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to approve the MiDeal Verizon program for cellphone purchases and services for the Sheriff's department as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Jail Administrator Position**
Ed Williams, Sheriff, spoke to the Board about the current Jail Administrator Position that is currently a non-union position. He noted there is currently a request to move that position back to the COAM Union as a Lieutenant Jail Administrator Position with a letter of understanding from Command Officers Association of Michigan and no difference in cost. Discussion was held, with the Board asking for more information to be provided before they decide.

**AAAWM Older Americans Act Contract Amendment FY 2019**
Justin Halladay, Commission on Aging Director, asked the Board to approve an amended contract for the AAAWM Older American Act for FY 2019.
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Recommended by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the AAAWM FY2019 Older Americans Act Contract Amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MIPPA 2019 Beneficiary Outreach & Assistance POS Contract Amendment
Justin Halladay, Commission on Aging Director, asked the Board to approve an amended contract for the MIPPA 2019 Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance POS Contract.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the MIPPA 2019 Beneficiary Outreach and Assistance POS Contract Amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Evart Snow Removal
Justin Halladay, Commission on Aging Director, presented the Board with a snow removal bid from Worth Construction of $35.00 per trip and asked for Board approval.

Recommended by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the Commission on Aging Evart location snow removal agreement as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Marion Internet Service
Justin Halladay, Commission on Aging Director, spoke to the Board about his goal to have a computer for seniors at every meal site. He received a quote from AT&T for the Marion site for approximately $66.00 a month. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the AT&T proposal for internet service for the Commission on Aging Marion site as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. Vehicle Sales – Request for Bids
Justin Halladay, Commission on Aging Director, spoke to the Board about the two vehicles that are to be sold via sealed bid. A 2005 Ford Expedition 4x4 with a minimum bid of $2,000 and a 2006 Ford Freestar LE with a minimum bid of $500. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the sale of Commission on Aging vehicles of a 2005 Ford Expedition 4x4 with minimum bid of $2,000 and a 2006 Ford Freestar LE with a minimum bid of $500 as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Appointment to Planning Commission
Dan Massy, Community Developer, asked the Board to approve his recommendation of appointing Rick Johnson to the Planning Commission.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to appoint Rick Johnson to the Planning Commission. Recommendation was unanimously supported.
Social Media Policy
Tracey Cochran, Payroll / Human Resource Specialist, spoke to the Board about the response received from Department Heads relating to the proposed Social Media Policy. She requested that it be sent to county counsel due to the complexity of the subject. Discussion was held.

Appointment to Community Mental Health Central Michigan
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the board vacancy at Community Mental Health Central Michigan and stated Dora Hansen has applied for the position and meets the eligibility requirements.

Recommended by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to appoint Dora Hansen to the board for Community Mental Health Central Michigan. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Community Corrections Trailer Sale
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the request to sell the Community Corrections trailer. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Michell, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to sell the Community Corrections Trailer with a minimum bid of $200. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.S. Marion Snowplowing Bid Results
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, shared the one bid received for the E.M.S. Marion snowplowing from Williams Middle Branch Farms, LLC for $65.00 (per push). She asked the Board if they would be willing to waive the Conflict of Interest Policy as this business is owned by Sheriff Ed Williams. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to waive the Conflict of Interest Policy and award the snowplowing bid for Marion EMS to Williams Middle Branch Farms, LLC for $65.00 (per push). Recommendation was supported with Commissioner Custer voting no.

Resolution on House Bills No. 4937-4938
Commissioners discussed a proposed resolution supporting HB 4937-4938 extending County Commissioner terms of office to 4 years.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to approve the Resolution in Support for 4-Year Commissioner Terms and send copies to Michigan Association of Counties and our county legislators. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

Extended Public Comment: Alan Gingrich, Osceola County Road Commission, spoke about River Rd. being black topped. He also spoke about the March meetings.

Moved by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Tracey Cochran, Deputy County Clerk
Jack Nehmer, Chairman