OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairperson Larry Emig.

Present: Commissioners Halladay, Emig, Elkins, Wayne, and Tiedt. Commissioner Stoner arrived at 9:42 a.m.

Also present: Jeremy Beebe-EMS Director, Mark Watkins-EMD Director, Laurie Grein-HR Specialist, Scott Schryer-COA Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, and Sara Youngs-Chief Deputy County Clerk.

Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Brief public comment: None.

Employee/Board comment: Susan Vander Pol noted the house at the corner of Slosson and Park is scheduled to be demolished on November 12, 2014. She also briefly explained budget changes.

Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the minutes of October 21, 2014. Motion carried.

Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $42,061.24. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Aluminum Cargo Trailer Bids
Mark Watkins explained the need for a trailer and the bids received. He offered his recommendation and answered questions from committee members.

Recommendation by Commissioner Elkins, support by Commissioner Stoner, to approve purchase of a trailer in the amount of $5,723 from American Trailer Mart. Recommendation was supported, with Commissioner Wayne voting no.

Flexible Spending Accounts
Laurie Grein, HR Specialist, spoke to the Committee about changing the administrator for employee flexible spending accounts from TASC to Cadillac Insurance. The new company would handle the transition and fees would be reduced with the new administrator.

Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Wayne, to approve C.L.C. Benefits to administer the flexible spending accounts for employees of Osceola County beginning in January 2015 and authorize the County Clerk to sign the documents. Recommendation was unanimously supported.
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PA 154 Option for 2015 and Health Insurances  
Susan Vander Pol explained that a decision was necessary regarding PA 154 for 2015 and explained the options.

Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Elkins, to approve opting out for compliance with P.A. 154 for FY 2015. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

EMS Service Agreement with Spectrum Health  
Jeremy Beebe explained that this is just a renewed version of the current agreement to provide ambulance services to Spectrum Health.

Recommendation by Commissioner Elkins, support by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the Service Agreement with Osceola County for the Emergency Medical Services and Spectrum Health (Reed City Hospital) and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Recommendation was supported, with Commissioner Stoner voting no.

EMS Northwest Quadrant  
Jeremy Beebe noted that the soil boring results have been received and submitted to the Health Department for review. When Jeremy receives their report, he will forward it to the Committee.

COA Senior Christmas Party  
Scott Schryer spoke to the Committee about the Senior Christmas Party. The date scheduled is December 17, 2014, and he is planning to have the party at the Tustin site. He asked the Committee for permission to close his office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in order to allow the staff to prepare for the party, serve a luncheon, clean up and return to the office.

Recommendation by Commissioner Stoner, support by Commissioner Wayne, to approve closing the C.O.A office in Evart on December 17, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the office staff to provide a Christmas luncheon/party for seniors in the community. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Jail Government Payment Services Contract  
Jail Administrator Russ Wayne asked the Committee to consider renewing the contract with Jail Government Payment Services Contract. He explained some changes which will make administration much easier for the department.

Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Stoner, to approve a new contract with Government Payment Services, Inc. for the Jail and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MSUE Agriculture Programming Update
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Jerry Lindquist offered an extensive agriculture update with information from the 2012 Census of Agriculture and current trends in 2014. Lengthy discussion followed on grass fed beef, cover crops, local farmers and other issues.

**Signage on County Tower Property**  
Item is on the agenda at the request of David Fowler. Mr. Fowler did not appear, but Chairperson Emig addressed his request to place signage for his business on county property.

**Recommendation by Commissioner Elkins, support by Commissioner Stoner, that the Osceola County Board of Commissioners will deny any individual requests for sign placement on County owned property. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**  

**Huron County Resolutions**  
Several county resolutions from Huron County were sent to Osceola County as copies.

**Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Elkins, to approve a Resolution in support of SB 495-498 regarding unfunded mandates from the State and forward it to all Michigan counties, Senator Booher, Representative Johnson, Representative Potvin, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Association of Counties. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Policy Revision Adhoc Committee**  
It has been several years since there was an active adhoc committee for policy revision. The Committee members agreed to re-activate the committee with the following members: Karen Bluhm, Susan Vander Pol, Pam Wayne (as Chair), and Tammy Stoner as an alternate.

**Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers and Budget Reports**  
**Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Elkins, to approve budget amendments and a cash transfer as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

Employee/Board comments: Commissioner Stoner spoke briefly about the MIOSHA violation reported at EMS. Jeremy Beebe explained the violation has been corrected. Commissioner Tiedt requested that in the future, the Committee not schedule any meetings on election days, in consideration of the County Clerk's work load on those days.

Extended public comments: none.

**Motion by Commissioner Elkins, support by Commissioner Wayne, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 11:21 a.m. Motion carried.**

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Sara Youngs, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
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Larry Emig, Chairman