OSCEOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MINUTES
June 3, 2014

The Osceola County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Larry Emig at the Courthouse.

Commissioner Elkins offered prayer and Chairperson Emig led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Roll call: Commissioners Halladay, Sikkema, Stoner, Emig, Elkins, Wayne, and Tiedt were present.

Communications: None.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee Comment: None.

MOTION #1: Approve Board Agenda
Motion by Commissioner Elkins, support by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with a voice vote.

MOTION #2: Approve Board Minutes of May 20, 2014
Motion by Commissioner Stoner, support by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the regular Board minutes of May 20, 2014 as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

MOTION #3: Approval of Consent Agenda
Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Stoner, to accept the following Committee recommendations of June 3, 2014:

MOTION #3A: Beginning Rate of Pay for new Equalization Appraiser
To approve the new hire for the Equalization Property Appraiser position to be paid at the Level 8, 5 year step (max) and work 37.5 hours per week.

MOTION #3B: Proposal for Site Assessments
To waive the bidding/Request for Proposals process and ask Landmark Design Group PC to provide a proposal to do site assessments on two prospective sites for building an EMS base.

MOTION #3C: Approval of Bid for 80 Acre County Farm
To approve the bid from Mr. Eli Delagrange for 80 acres in the amount of $102,500.75 and authorize the appropriate required signatures for the property transfer deed and any related documents.

MOTION #3D: Discharge of Mortgage
To approve the Discharge of Mortgage with Loretta Fisk and authorize the Chairman to sign.
MOTION #3F: Budget Amendments
To approve the following budget amendment as presented:

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RESOLUTION 2014-0005
MECOSTA AND OSCEOLA-LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS SERVICES AGREEMENT

Whereas, the Osceola County Board of Commissioners (here-in-after referred to as the County) desires to contract for administration and provision of a household hazardous waste collection and disposal program for Osceola County, and

Whereas, the County Requires the services of a not for profit organization to provide these services, and

Whereas, the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts (here-in-after referred to as the Districts) are not for profit organizations currently planning to provide a household hazardous waste collection and disposal program for Osceola County, and

Whereas, the Districts desires to provide this service to the County,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the County will contract these services from the Districts in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

The County agrees to:
1. Appropriate to the Districts in 2014 the amount of $2,500.00.

The Districts agree to:

1. Provide a household hazardous waste collection and disposal program for Osceola County.
2. Provide an accounting of all appropriated funds to the County by February 1st of 2015.

Both parties agree to these general conditions:

1. Both parties agree that the Districts are contractors of services to the County and at no time will any representative of the Districts be considered an employee of the County.
2. This agreement constitutes the complete understanding concerning the provision of these services by the Districts to the County and shall supersede any and all prior agreements, written or oral, between the parties. It is further understood that no County personnel has the authority to amend or change this Agreement without written consent duly signed by both parties.
3. This Agreement shall become effective upon the proper signature of both parties and shall continue in full force and effect until December 31, 2014 unless a sixty (60) day written Notice of Termination is delivered by one party upon the other via the U.S. Postal Service or in person.
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MOTION #3G: Repayment of Disallowed Costs
To pay $3,205.10 for the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing/Planning Board disallowed costs related to the FEMA Homeland Security Grant.

RESOLUTION 2014-0006
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM WITHOUT RAISING TAXES

Whereas, local governments in Michigan have struggled with unstable funding needed to provide services; and
Whereas, Michigan businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on business; and
Whereas, Michigan's personal property tax is an antiquated unfair double tax on Michigan's small businesses; and
Whereas, small businesses and manufacturers power our economy and are the largest contributor to job growth in Michigan; and
Whereas, no other state in our region taxes business equipment the way Michigan does - and most of those states don't tax it at all, which makes Michigan significantly less competitive when it comes to job creation and business investment; and
Whereas, Michigan communities have struggled for years to pay for essential services like police, fire, ambulances, schools and jails; and
Whereas, Michigan communities have relied on this shrinking source of Personal Property Tax revenue to provide other community services as well, including roads, transportation and libraries;
Whereas, with bipartisan support the Michigan legislature has voted to reform the antiquated personal property tax to help increase Michigan's competitiveness with other states and revoke an onerous tax that will allow more business investment and create more jobs while making local community more financially stable at the same time;
Whereas, this is not a constitutional amendment but the state constitution requires Michigan voters to approve certain changes in local taxes;
Whereas, local governments have struggled with unstable funding needed to provided services and businesses have struggled with an uncompetitive tax on equipment for years;
Whereas, the proposal will make Michigan more competitive, which will help local communities to attract more businesses and create local jobs;
Whereas, if this proposal is not passed by Michigan voters, the antiquated unfair tax on our state's small businesses and manufacturers will go back into effect and Michigan communities will not have stable revenue to fund local services;
Whereas, the proposal is supported by the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, Michigan Association of Police Organizations, Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Farm Bureau, the Small Business Association of Michigan, Michigan Sheriff's Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Independent Businesses and the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Osceola County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its strong support for the proposal to eliminate the unfair double tax and strengthen our communities. We urge our residents to vote YES on this proposal on August 5, 2014.
Motion to approve the consent agenda recommendations from Committee of the Whole meeting of June 3, 2014 is carried with seven (7) yes votes.

MOTION #4: Accounts Payable
Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Sikkema to approve the accounts payable invoices for claims for the County in the amount of $61,134.92 and recommend the several amounts scheduled therein be allowed, also that the Clerk of this Board be allowed to draw orders on the County Treasurer for the same. Voting yes: Commissioners Halladay, Sikkema, Tiedt, Elkins, Wayne and Emig. Voting no: Commissioner Stoner.

MOTION #5: Classification and Compensation Study Job Descriptions
Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Stoner, to notify the department heads and request the job descriptions be reviewed and updated to move forward with the classification and compensation study. Motion carried with a voice vote.

MOTION #6: Approval of Proposal of Municipal Consulting Services
Motion by Commissioner Stoner, supported by Commissioner Elkins, to move forward with the Classification & Compensation Study with Municipal Consulting Services and approve up to $40,000 for the Study. Motion carried with seven (7) yes votes.

MOTION #7: Approval of Prepaid Cash Disbursements
Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Sikkema, to approve prepaid cash disbursements in the amount of $726,177.79 and recommend that the several amounts scheduled therein be allowed, also that the Clerk of this Board be allowed to draw orders on the County Treasurer for the same. Voting yes: Commissioners Halladay, Sikkema, Tiedt, Elkins, Wayne and Emig. Voting no: Commissioner Stoner.

Liaison reports given by Board members.

Board comment: None.

Extended public comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Wayne, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m. Motion carried.