OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
July 21, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Emig.


Also present: Justin Halladay-Undersheriff, Jennifer Martin-44North, Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and a few members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment: Roy Thompson-80th Avenue-Marion, Michigan, addressed the Board about a property issue.

Employee Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $60,471.70. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Update on County's Health Insurance Plans
Jennifer Martin, from 44North, brought financial information to the Board regarding the County's upcoming renewal for health care benefits for employees. She shared comparable information on the Simply Blue program as well as Consumers Mutual. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to continue with the current Blue Cross Blue Shield Plan and the Blue Care Network Plan for the next insurance plan year with co pays and deductibles the same as presented by 44North. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Jennifer Martin, 44North, then shared information on a group sponsored health care plan for retirees. She reported that the retirees must be Medicare eligible in order to participate and the cost would still be paid by the retiree. Discussion was held and will continue to the next meeting.

Update on Reed City Senior Center Usage
Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, shared information from a recent meeting regarding the Reed City Senior Center. Erin Scott, from Ferris State University, with her knowledge on grants shared information with the group about some of the things they can and cannot do. They will continue to explore possible options to move the meal site into that location and bring back more information as they continue.

Radio Grants
Undersheriff Justin Halladay spoke with the Board about the need to move forward with the radio project and explained some of the recent difficulties encountered by staff with radios not working properly. He advised that some of the grants applied for by the department to assist in the purchase will be coming
soon, but would like to move forward in advance of receiving those grants and explained why to the Board. Discussion was held.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the purchase of radios and equipment per the quote from Grand Traverse Mobile Communications for the Sheriff's Department in the amount of $88,787.73 with payment from the 245 Fund with partial reimbursements from various grants. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Sheriff's Office Renovation and Addition**
Undersheriff Halladay reported they are still waiting on carpeting and furniture, but are close to completion.

**County Picnic Donations**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked for direction as she prepares a flyer for employees to let them know about the upcoming County Picnic. She asked where Board members wished the picnic donations to be sent. Discussion was held and it was decided the funds will be given to local food pantries in the County.

**Budget Amendments, Cash Transfer, and Journal Register Report**
Commissioner Tiedt reviewed the budget amendments and cash transfer received.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the budget amendments, cash transfer and the Treasurer's June Journal Entries report as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**E.M.S. Northwest Quadrant/Tustin Station**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, shared proposed photos of the exterior of the Tustin station. Commissioner Gregory reported viewing the site and noticed the trusses are on the ground in front of the foundation, but no wood is up yet.

**Annual MERS Conference Appointment**
Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, asked if the Board would be willing to appoint her as the County's officer delegate to the MERS annual conference being held in Grand Rapids in October.

**Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the County Clerk/alternate and an employee representative to attend the MERS Conference in September and the payment for expenses. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**MMRMA Liability Limits**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, shared information from MMRMA regarding various liability limits available to the County. Discussion was held.

**Appointment to CMHCM Board**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, advised that Kerry Green has applied to fill the vacancy on the Board for Community Mental Health for Central Michigan.
Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to appoint Kerry Green to the Community Mental Health for Central Michigan Board for a term of three (3) years ending June 19, 2017. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**2016 County Budget**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, shared a tentative time line for the 2016 budget preparation process.

**Revised P.A. 7 Agreement/Michigan Works**
Paul Griffith, West Central Michigan Works Executive Director, explained the need for Osceola County to approve and adopt the new P.A. 7 Agreement with Michigan Works adding Oceana to the group. He explained this is all part of the Governor's plan for regionalizing various agencies. This will make Region 2 the 2nd largest region in the State for territory covered. He did advise that all entities must approve the agreement. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the Resolution for Michigan Works! West Central Restated Interlocal Agreement and the revised P.A. 7 Interlocal Charter and Agreement as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comment: County Treasurer, Lori Leudeman, brought a budget amendment for Board approval that was not included in today's packet. The transfer is for the purchase of a new computer needed in Equalization.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve a budget amendment and cash transfer from the 101 General Fund to the 245 Fund for purchase of a computer for the Equalization Department.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Gregory, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to adjourn at 12:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman