OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
July 7, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Emig.


Also present: Jennifer Martin & Mandy Hamilton-44North, Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and a member of the public.

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

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee Comment: Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the electrical inspections in Rose Lake Township.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2015. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $ 45,382.16. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Update on County's Health Insurance Plans**
Jennifer Martin, along with Mandy Hamilton, from 44North were present to share renewal information for the County's health insurance plans with the Board. Jennifer reported both BCBS and BCN renewal increases will by 6% for the next year. She shared information about current cost savings with the County's HRA now in place. She did advise that Consumer's Mutual has not yet submitted a proposal. Discussion was held and Jennifer was asked to attend the next Board's next meeting so a decision can be made at that time.

Jennifer Martin then asked the Board how they wished to proceed with the employee Flexible Spending Account (FSA). She advised that receipts are currently required and explained the reasons for the receipts. She did speak to Board members about the County "signing off" on this requirement and discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Wayne, to remove the verification step (submission of paper receipts) for utilization in the Flexible Spending Accounts. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Jury Commission Appointments**
Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, presented information on the appointments to the Jury Commission.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to appoint Harvey Miller-Democrat, Carla Haenlein-Republican and Gloria Eisenga-Republican to the Osceola County Jury Board for 6 year terms through 07/31/2021. Recommendation was unanimously supported.
Sheriff Radios Funding
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the Sheriff's department grant for the purchase of new radios. The grant requires a match of $26,000 from the County. Discussion was held on funding.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve $26,000 from the 295 Fund for the grant match for radios, with the money transferred to the 245 Capital Fund for expending. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Veterans Services Adhoc Committee Meeting/Update
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, reviewed the draft minutes from the recent committee meeting. She explained how the committee intends to recommend the Veterans Services employee be a part-time county employee and their reasons. Discussion was held.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers & Journal Register
None to report.

E.M.S. Northwest Quadrant/Tustin Station
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, gave a brief update reporting ground has been broken and they are moving forward.

Sheriff Office Renovation & Addition
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, gave an update reporting they are on schedule and the project should be completed soon.

Records Conversion/Register of Deeds
Nancy Crawford, Register of Deeds explained she is ready to convert books 1929-1946 and the Automation Fund will cover the expenditure.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the contract with US Imaging to convert Record of Deeds from 1929 to 1946 for the amount of $7,800 with payment from the Register of Deeds automation 256 Fund. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Osceola County Land Bank Authority-Appointments
Dan Massy, Community Developer, asked for Jack Nehmer and Martin Nieman to be re-appointed to the Land Bank Authority.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the appointments of Jack Nehmer (1 year term expiring 07/31/16) and Martin Nieman (2 year term expiring on 07/31/17) to the Osceola County Land Bank Authority. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

MERS-Accrued Liability Payment
Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, shared information on the MERS pension accrued liability. She proposed sending an additional $20,000 to start bringing our County's funding level up. Discussion was held.
Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Gregory, to approve an additional payment of $20,000 to MERS and approve the budget amendment to appropriate money from the General Fund, unreserved funds for payment. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, spoke about the AAAWM Annual Plan presented for approval today. He explained how the plan works in conjunction with the C.O.A. agency. He advised the adult population continues to grow in Osceola County so there will be more demand for local services. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the Area Agency of Western Michigan (AAAWM) Annual Implementation Plan for 2016. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

Extended Public Comment: Representative Phil Potvin addressed the Board with updates from Lansing.

Moved by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Wayne, to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk  Larry Emig, Chairman