Meeting was called to order at 9:24 a.m. by Chairman Emig.

Present: Commissioners Tiedt, Wayne, Halladay, Nehmer, Gregory and Emig.
Absent: Commissioner Elkins.

Also present: Russ Wayne-Jail Administrator, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Sara Youngs - Chief Deputy Clerk, Judge Scott Hill-Kennedy, Terri Pontz-Circuit Court Administration, and a few members of the public.

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

Brief public comment: None.

Employee/Board comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the minutes of April 21, 2015. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $66,521.90. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Update on MiCourts Changes for Court Systems and System Upgrade for Recording System in Circuit Courtroom
Judge Hill-Kennedy and Terri Pontz spoke to the Committee regarding a software update from JIS to MiCourts. Judge requested approval for support from the Technology department to assist with the implementation.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Nehmer, to support the courts' application to the State of Michigan to install and transition to the MiCourts software. Recommendation carried with unanimous voice vote.

Judge Hill-Kennedy moved on to discuss an upgrade to the recording system in the Circuit Courtroom. He also noted the upgrade is for the Circuit court room, but Probate and District court rooms may need updates within the next year or two.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the purchase of software from Central Interconnect, Inc. ($3,691.31) and a computer system for the Circuit Courtroom for a total not to exceed $4,400.00. Recommendation carried with unanimous voice vote.
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Jail Inmate Health Services Medical Contract
Jail Administrator Russ Wayne addressed the Committee about the health services contract for the jail. He told about problems they are encountering due to changes "per the county attorney".

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. for presentation of Recognition of Years of Service. Meeting reconvened at 10:26 a.m.

Discussion continued with Jail Administrator Wayne about the health services contract. Several questions came up during the recess and Captain Wayne addressed them. He asked for an additional $30,000 to cover the added costs and changes to the contract, as discussed with medical care provider, for this year.

The issue was tabled until financing can be determined. It will be added to the next agenda.

MSU Extension 2014 Annual Report
Shari Spoelman, District Coordinator, presented the MSU annual report. Jake Stieg, 4-H Program Coordinator, spoke about 4-H and new programs that he has rolled out or is working to implement. Jerry Lindquist, Agriculture Educator, offered information on changes to agriculture. Shannon Lindquist, Health and Nutrition Educator, talked about the programs she is working on now as she has transitioned from health and nutrition to social-emotional education. Renee Sanders, Nutrition Assistance Program Instructor, also addressed the Committee about food education programs and the success she is seeing with classes.

MSHDA Homeowner Rehab Grant
Dan Massey, Economic Developer, asked the Committee to have a public hearing about the MSHDA Homeowner Rehab Grant and noted he has a list of items that must be covered during the public hearing. The Committee set the hearing date for June 2, 2015, at 9:15 a.m.

COA Reed City Senior Center Update and Home Depot Grant Application
Scott Schryer, COA Director, and Don LaBrenz II, Building Inspector, spoke to the Committee about issues with the Reed City Senior Center. The Committee directed Susan Vander Pol to contact an engineer to look at repairs to the building.

Scott Schryer went on to talk about the Home Depot Grant Application. His goal is to build planter boxes outside of the COA building and use the produce at local senior centers.

Recommendation by Commissioner Nehmer, support by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the Commission on Aging Grant application to Home Depot to build planting boxes.
Recommendation carried with a unanimous voice vote.

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Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the appointment of Jill Halladay and Larry Emig (alternate) to the Mecosta Osceola Transit Authority for three year terms expiring 5/31/2018. Recommendation carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Veterans Grant and Establishment of Veterans Office
Susan Vander Pol advised there are many issues to consider in implementation of the office, such as office location, hiring of an individual, continued funding after expiration of the grant, establishment of a commission, and levy of millage. Commissioner Emig noted the office could be located in the Michigan Works building. They have offered the space and some clerical support. Vander Pol noted an individual from Lake County had approached her about a collaboration between Lake and Osceola County. She believes this may be a viable option, but that comes with its own issues. Discussion followed. Commissioner Emig explained there is a Veterans Summit scheduled this month and he hopes to learn more there.

A Committee was established with Commissioners Emig and Nehmer, Scott Schryer, and Susan Vander Pol. Vander Pol will put information on the county website seeking "interested parties" for a possible establishment of a Commission. She will also seek information on deadlines.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers, and Journal Register Reports
Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Wayne, to approve budget amendments and a cash transfer as presented. Recommendation carried with a unanimous voice vote.

Update on EMS Northwest Quadrant/Tustin Station
Susan Vander Pol noted bids have been received and opened. Commissioners have received copies and will need to make a decision. Commissioner Gregory asked if the Ravens could be acknowledged for their offer to donate land and the Committee could express appreciation, in writing, if possible.

Sheriff Office Renovation and Addition
Susan Vander Pol presented finish choices for new office spaces in the Sheriff's Office, and offered an update on the progress of the project.

Employee/Board comments: none.
Extended public comment: none.

Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, support by Commissioner Halladay, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion carried.

Sara Youngs, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Larry Emig, Chairperson