Meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman Emig.


Also present: Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Russ Wayne-Jail Administrator, Justin Halladay-Undersheriff, Dan Massy-Community Developer, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and a few members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment: Alan Gingrich-Leroy, spoke on behalf of his wife who was unable to attend today's meeting. He expressed his displeasure with the Friend of the Court.

Employee Comment: Peter John Roskowski, new Director of Veterans Service's, introduced himself to Board members and shared some of his background information.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $43,384.80. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Commissioner Appointments
Chairman Emig went through the appointments for 2016.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to make the following committee and board appointments: Area Agency on Aging-Commissioner Emig-1 year-12/31/16; Central Michigan Public Health-Commissioners Elkins and Nehmer-1 year-12/31/2016; Community Corrections-Commissioner Wayne-1 year-12/31/16; Community Mental Health Central Michigan-Commissioner Elkins-1 year-12/31/16; County Planning Commission-Commissioners Emig and Tiedt-1 year-12/31/2016, Health and Human Services Board-Commissioner Emig-1 year-12/31/16; Northern Michigan Counties Association-Commissioner Emig-1 year-12/31/16; Commissioner Wayne-Alt.-1 year-12/31/16; MSU Extension District 6 Advisory Council-Commissioner Halladay-1 year-12/31/16; Commissioner Emig, Alt.-1 year-12/31/16; Michigan Works! West Central-Commissioner Emig-1 year-12/31/16; Mid Michigan Community Action Agency-Commissioner Tiedt-1 year-12/31/16; Osceola Lake Conservation District-Commissioner Wayne-1 year-12/31/16; Parks Commission-Commissioners Elkins, Gregory and Tiedt-1 year-12/31/16; West Michigan Regional Planning Commission-Commissioner Elkins-1 year-12/31/16; Youth Attention Center-Commissioner Emig-1 year-12/31/16. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.S. Northwest Quadrant/Tustin Station
Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, reported that most items needing finalization have been completed and then went on to explain what still needs to be done. Discussion was held on when to hold an open house at the new facility. Tentatively the date of January 28, 2016, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. was set.
Liability Insurance/Building Department
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained that the County's current liability insurance with MMRMA does not provide coverage for our Building Department. After much research, liability coverage has been found with AMWINS Brokerage. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve coverage for the building inspection code officials through Lighthouse services with AMWINS Brokerage of Michigan in the amount of $5,184 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Committee recessed at 10:01 a.m. to do employee recognition for years of service.

Committee reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

MSUE 2016 Annual Work Plan
Sheri Spoelman, MSUE District 6 Coordinator, spoke about the memorandum of agreement and work plan presented. She advised it is consistent with the approved 2016 budget. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the MSUE 2016 Annual Work Plan in the amount of $70,818.50 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Friend of the Court Request for Laptop Computer
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about a letter from the Friend of the Court requesting a new laptop computer. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the purchase of a laptop computer for the Friend of the Court not to exceed $1,300 to be paid from the 215 Fund. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

C.O.A. Office Closing for Senior Christmas Party
Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, requested he be allowed to close their office on December 16, 2015, between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. so the entire staff can attend the Senior Christmas Party in Tustin.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the closure of the Evart Commission on Aging on December 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for their holiday celebration for the county seniors. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

General Mills Tax Decision
Lori Leudeman, County Treasurer, spoke to Board members about a recent Tribunal decision in favor of General Mills. She explained why the County will not actually pay anything back with regards to this ruling. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Dept. Purchase of Vehicles
Undersheriff Justin Halladay spoke with Commissioners about the need for a new canine unit. He then explained how he would propose to pay for the vehicle, using funds within his budget. Discussion was held.
Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor from Babb Ford in the amount of $26,260 with payment from the 245 Fund in 2016 using part of 2015's Fund Balance for part of the purchase. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Jail Agreement for Mobile X-Rays**
Russ Wayne, Jail Administrator, spoke about a service agreement with Express Mobile Diagnosis used for mobile X-rays. He explained his reasons for requesting the service agreement and the money that can be saved by providing the mobile service. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the one-year renewable agreement with Express Mobile Diagnostic Services, LLC for diagnostic services for the Jail and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Register of Deeds Scanning Contract**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the proposal presented by the Register of Deeds for a scanning project within her office. Money will come from the Automation Fund.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to waive the County's Purchasing Policy and approve the agreement with US Imaging for $17,026.20 for scanning the Register of Deeds Office records with payment from the 256 Automation Fund and authorize the Register of Deeds to sign the agreement. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Veteran Affairs County Incentive Grant**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained a second round of grant funding to help offset costs for our new Veterans Affairs services. She explained some of the equipment that could be purchased if we are awarded some of this grant money.

**Continue County Committees and Appropriate 2016 Budget**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked for Board members to continue their standing committees until their first meeting of 2016 and appropriate the 2016 budget.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to continue the standing board committees and appropriate the 2016 budget until the first Board meeting in January 2016. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Brownfield/Grant Application**
Dan Massy, Community Developer, spoke to the Board about applying for a Brownfield Grant. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the Letter to Environmental Management Support for the FY 2016 EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Application and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.
Budget Amendments
Commissioner Tiedt reviewed the budget amendments before the Board today.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the budget amendments as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Other Business: Commissioner Elkins addressed a correspondence regarding Schmukal Oil in Marion.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

Extended Public Comment: Alan Gingrich-LeRoy, Michigan, spoke about his dissatisfaction with Friend of the Court Services.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to adjourn at 11:33 a.m.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman