OSCEOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2015

The Osceola County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Chairman Larry Emig at the Courthouse.

Roll call: Commissioners Halladay, Nehmer, Emig, Tiedt, Elkins, Gregory and Wayne were present.

Commissioner Elkins offered a prayer.

Chairman Emig led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Communications: None.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee Comment: None.

MOTION #1: Approve Board Agenda
Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

MOTION #2: Approve Board Minutes of October 6, 2015
Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the regular Board minutes of October 6, 2015 as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Life Saving Award Presentation
Sheriff Jim Crawford along with Undersheriff Justin Halladay, recognized Deputy Mark Cool with a Life Saving Medal as well as the Michigan Sheriff Association's State Life Saving Award for lifesaving actions resuscitating a drowning victim earlier this year in Osceola County. Citizen Awards of Valor were also presented to James Edstrom, Sandy Edstrom and Heather Bush who contacted 911 and started CPR on the victim prior to Deputy Cool arriving at the scene.

MERS/457 Plan-Tom Jordan, MERS
Tom Jordan, from Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS), spoke to Board members about the MERS 457 supplemental Retirement Program they offer. He noted it is a voluntary program and no cost to the County. He explained there are two options, pre-tax and after tax programs that employees may select. He briefly shared information about their fees comparing them to our current program with Empower. Questions and discussion were held.

2016 County Apportionment Report
Rosie McKinstry, Equalization Director, presented the annual County Apportionment Report. Along with the report, she provided copies of the 2015 millage rates. She also asked for the Chairman to sign the 2014 Tax Rate Request Form-L-4029. Brief discussion followed.

MOTION #3: Approval of 2014 Apportionment Report
Moved by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the 2015 Apportionment Report as presented by the Equalization Department and authorize the Chairman to sign the L-4029. Motion carried with seven (7) yes votes.
Motion to recess at 12:05 p.m. by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to go back to Committee of the Whole business. Motion carried.

Board meeting called back to order at 1:05 p.m. with all Commissioners present.

**MOTION #4: Approval of Consent Agenda**
Motion by Commissioner Halladay, second by Commissioner Gregory, to accept the following Committee recommendations of October 20, 2015.

**MOTION #4A: Accounts Payable**
Approve the accounts payable invoices for claims for the County in the amount of $49,416.33 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.

**MOTION #4B: C.O.A./Release of Liability Waiver & Hold Harmless Agreement**
Approve the Release of Liability Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement with Mr. Roger VanHaitisma and authorize the Chairman to sign.

**MOTION #4C: Rescind 911 Plan Amendment Motion 3C of October 6, 2015**
Rescind Motion No. 3C of October 6, 2015.

**MOTION #4D: Christmas Party Luncheon Closure**
Approve the closure of the main courthouse and annex buildings from noon until 2:00 p.m. on December 11, 2015 to allow employees to attend a holiday gathering.

**MOTION #4E: E.M.S. Pool Staff/Rate of Pay & Policy Change**
Approve the E.M.S. Pool staff rate of pay and policy no. 210.2018 for 2016 to reflect an additional increase of $.50 per hour above the GELC Agreement 8 year step wage.

**MOTION #4F: Part-time Corrections Officer/Classification & Compensation**
To place the part-time Corrections Officer position at Level 7 of the Classification and Compensation Study scale.

**MOTION #4G: Drain Commissioner/2016 Wage**
To set the Drain Commissioner 2016 salary at $13,578.24.

**MOTION #4H: 2015 Apportionment Report**
Approve the Osceola County 2015 Apportionment Report as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign the State L-4029 submission form.

**MOTION #4I: September Journal Entry Report**
Approve the September Journal Entries Report from the County Treasurer as submitted.

**MOTION #4J: E.M.S. Bad Debt Write Offs**
Approve the E.M.S. write off for bad debt for the months of June through September in the amount of $10,932.49.
MOTION #4K: Posting for Chief Deputy County Treasurer
Approve the request from the County Treasurer to post and hire for the position of Chief Deputy Treasurer now with payment of the wages through January 7, 2016 to come from the Delinquent Tax Funds.

MOTION #4L: Convection Steamer Purchase
To purchase a Convection Steamer with a water treatment system from Cooks Corrections in the amount of $6,146.00, with payment to come from the Jail Commissary Fund.

MOTION #4M: Carpet Purchase
Approve purchase of carpeting from Van Drie Home Furnishings of Cadillac in an amount not to exceed $10,450.00 with payment from the 245 Fund.

MOTION #4N: Appointments to Board of Canvassers
Approve the appointments of Pam Prichard-Republican and Joan Ille-Democrat to the County Board of Canvassers.

MOTION #4O: PA 152 Opt Out
To choose to "Opt Out" for compliance with PA 152 for 2016.

Motion to approve the consent agenda recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 20, 2015, carried with seven (7) yes votes.

MOTION #5: E.M.S. Lieutenant/Stipend
Moved by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to change the stipend amount for the E.M.S. Lieutenant position from $2,500 to $4,000. Motion carried with six (6) yes votes and one (1) no vote. Voting yes: Commissioners Halladay, Gregory, Nehmer, Tiedt, Elkins, and Emig. Voting no: Commissioner Wayne.

Liaison reports given.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer to adjourn at 1:57 p.m.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman