OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
September 1, 2015

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

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

Also present: Rosie McKinstry-Equalization Department, Jon-Thomas Burgess-Technology Coordinator, Nancy Crawford-Register of Deeds, Kaye Frederick-Family/Probate Court Administrator, Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Lori Leudeman-County Treasurer, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and a few members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Brief Public Comment: Wayne Stevens from Evart addressed the Board about the new Veterans' Officer position.

Employee Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes of August 18, 2015. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $24,352.00. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Veterans' Budget, Grant and Oversight Structure
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, reported the job description has been posted and applications are due back by September 23rd. She also updated the Board on meeting with Tim Loney, West Michigan Regional Coordinator, for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency a few days ago regarding several matters regarding the new Veterans' office. She reported the County may still be eligible for a smaller portion of the original grant. She also reviewed the proposed departmental budget. Discussion was held on the committee structure as well as other matters related to the department.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the proposed budget for the Veterans’ Services department. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Update on 2016 County’s Budget
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, gave an update on the current budget process for 2016. She also spoke about some of the things still needed in order to get a complete budget projection in place. Commissioner Emig spoke about the classification and compensation study and the outcome of that study. Discussion was held with County Treasurer, Lori Leudeman, and C.O.A. Director, Scott Schryer, briefly addressing the Board on this matter. It was decided to hold a Committee of the Whole work session regarding the study as well as the Elected Officials and County Coordinator's compensation on Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.
Budget Amendments and Cash Transfers
Commissioner Tiedt reviewed the budget amendments and cash transfers presented.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the budget amendments and cash transfers as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.S. Northwest Quadrant/Tustin Station
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, reported the new Tustin Station construction continues to move forward with a middle of October target date for completion.

Sheriff Office Renovation and Addition
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, reported we now have occupancy in the newly renovated Sheriff's Department addition. Renovations have started in the back of the department now.

Recording Equipment for Probate Court
Kaye Frederick, Probate/Family Court Administrator, spoke about the need for the upgrade in their recording equipment. She reported they currently have the money in their budget and would like to move forward now.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the purchase of the Dell Desktop for the Probate/Family Court for the FTR upgrade as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.D. FY 2015 EMPG Grant Agreement
Annamaria Herrera, from Emergency Management, presented the FY 2015 Grant Agreement for Board approval.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the FY 2015 EMPG Grant Agreement. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.D. FY 2016 EMPG Work Agreement
Annamaria Herrera, from Emergency Management, presented the FY 2016 Grant Agreement for Board approval.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the FY 2016 EMPG Work Agreement. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Flu Shot Clinic
Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, asked the Board if they would like her to set up a flu shot clinic for employees. This has been done by Rite Aide over the past few years, and Rite Aide has called to see if we are interested again this year. A brief discussion was held.
Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Elkins, to approve having a flu shot clinic and pay for County employees whose insurance doesn’t cover the shot. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Extended Public Comment: Ron Neal, from Reed City, spoke to the Board about Veterans' Services and the benefits available to veterans.

Moved by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Wayne, to go into closed session regarding Union Collective Bargaining Negotiations with P.O.A.M. Motion carried with six (6) yes votes, Commissioner Gregory absent.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Wayne, to go back into open session. Motion carried with six (6) yes votes, Commissioner Gregory absent.

Moved by Commissioner Wayne, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the minutes from closed session as presented. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Employee/Board Comments: None.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, supported by Commissioner Wayne, to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried.