The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Emig.

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

Also present: Jon-Thomas Burgess-Technology Coordinator, Russ Wayne-Jail Administrator, Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and other members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Brief public comment: None.

Employee/Board comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes from January 17, 2017. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $94,728.89. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Telephone VoIP System Presentations
Jon-Thomas Burgess, Technology Coordinator, spoke to the Board about the phone system replacement bids and process taken in inviting today’s vendors to share information with the Board about each individual system.

Larry Puskala, Millenia Technologies, shared information about their organization and the services they are able to offer to the County regarding telephones. He spoke about the ShoreTel system they are proposing for the County and it will be a three-year lease. It is a Cloud based system working through the County’s internet connections. He also explained its security features. Discussion was held.

David Windeman, President of Abadata Computer Corporation, shared information about their company. They represent SKY TALK and their plan offers a 5-year amortization plan. He explained they are also Cloud hosted, like many of the other plans, but explained why he felt their organization could best serve the County’s needs. Discussion was held.

John Gietzen, Jive Communications. Inc., spoke to the Board about their organization and how he believes they could best serve the County’s phone needs. He spoke about the Cloud based technology and some of the options they offer. He also spoke about how the system could, in the future, connect to County security. Discussion was held.

Jon-Thomas Burgess, Technology Coordinator, spoke after the presentations made by the three phone vendors and suggested we review the information presented today and be ready to make a decision in two weeks at the Board’s next meeting. A brief discussion was held.
Osceola-Lake Conservation District Annual Report
Charmaine Lucas, District Manager, spoke about the fall 2016 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal and the collections made. She informed the Board the fall 2017 HHW will take place on October 14, 2017 at the north County Road Commission site. She also shared several brochures about various programs within the conservation district. She introduced Karen Ickes the new Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Technician. Charmaine spoke briefly on invasive species.

Rick Lucas, District Forester, spoke about the Eyes on the Forest Project and brought five (5) major pests to the attention of the Board affecting our local forests. He also spoke briefly about chronic waste disease in the white tail deer population. Discussion was held.

C.O.A. Letter to Office of Retirement Services
Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, briefly shared information regarding a new part-time employee within his department. This employee is a retired State employee and must not receive wages earned through any state or federal contracts or programs. This letter would provide that information to the State. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the letter for LeRoy Neal and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.S. Great Lakes E.M.S. Academy Inc. Contract
Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, asked for Board approval on a contract with Great Lakes E.M.S. Academy, Inc. to allow their students to “ride along” as part of their training. Jeremy advised they already have like agreements in place with other schools.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the Clinical Contractual Agreement between Great Lakes E.M.S. Academy Inc. and Osceola County to allow riders with our E.M.S. Department and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

E.M.S. Repayment to Delinquent Tax Fund
Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, advised Board members that due to an increase in his fund balance last year, he would like to transfer money to pay off their E.M.S. loan on the Marion E.M.S. base. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to allow the E.M.S. 210 Fund to pay off the loan to the Delinquent Tax Fund early for the building construction project. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

At this time the Board took time to recognize two (2) recently retired employees, Kathy Gondick after 12 years of service with the Clerk’s office and Mary Noreen with 22 years of service with the Sheriff’s Department. They were each presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Board.
Sheriff GovPayNet Contract
Russ Wayne, Jail Administrator, spoke to Commissioners about the credit card payment program currently in place with GovPayNet. Currently there has been no risk to the County, but with this new contract that risk would shift to the County. Russ explained his concerns regarding the shift in the risk factor to the County. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to terminate the agreement with Government Payment Services for GovPayNet for the Sheriff’s Department and authorize the Chairman to sign the notification letter. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

LCM Surveying & Engineering, Inc. Agreement
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, presented the annual agreement with LCM Surveying & Engineering, Inc. for the 2017 Remonumentation Grant. She explained some of the changes in the proposed contract, noting the cost increase for some of the corners due to the difficulty involved in the work. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the contract with LCM Surveying & Engineering, Inc. for the 2017 Remonumentation Grant and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Building, Technology & Economic Development/Public Safety/Health & Human Services Committee Update
Commissioner Gregory updated Board members on their last meeting. He then spoke about renaming the committee. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to change the name of the Building, Technology & Economic Development/Public Safety/Health & Human Services Committee to Health, Safety and Grounds Committee. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers, & Journal Register Report from Treasurer
Commissioner Tiedt reported no budget amendments, cash transfers or journal report were received.

C.O.A. Marion Renovation
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, updated Board members on the progress at the C.O.A. Marion renovation. They will be meeting on Thursday for an update on the project.

Employee/Board Comments: None.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to adjourn at 12:06 p.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk
Larry Emig, Chairman