COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2017

The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chairman Emig.


Also present: Shane Helmer-E.M.S. Assistant Director, Scott Schryer-C.O.A. Director, Justin Halladay-Undersheriff, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and other members of the public.

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

Brief Public Comment: Art Robell, 14239 Lake Street, LeRoy, inquired about the situation with the Rose Lake Drain.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes from May 16, 2017. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $84,242.70. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Health, Safety & Grounds Committee
Commissioner Nehmer advised the committee has met with the Judges to go over some of the proposed building improvements for better security. They will continue to review the drawings and look at other suggestions made during that meeting.

Budget Amendment
Commissioner Tiedt reviewed the budget amendment presented.

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

C.O.A. Marion Renovation
Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, reported they received their occupancy permit last Friday after all final inspections were completed. A final walk through and punch list will be done soon and then the facility in Marion should be ready to go. Discussion held on holding an upcoming Board meeting in the facility followed by an open house for the public.

VoIP Telephone Installation with Jive Communications
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, reported that staff from Jive Communications will be on site beginning tomorrow, to work with Jon-Thomas Burgess, Technology Coordinator, as the project continues to progress.
E.M.S. Rescue Task Force Equipment Grants/Funding
Shane Helmer, E.M.S. Assistant Director, spoke to the Board regarding a lack of equipment should they be called to an active assailant incident requiring a Rescue Task Force. He explained some of the equipment they would like to acquire and asked for approval to apply for grant funding from various areas. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the E.M.S. department submitting grant applications to the Osceola County Community Foundation, TransCanada, MMRMA-Rap Grant, Ice Mountain, General Mills, Ventra Operations, USDA or other entities and seek funding to purchase equipment for a Rescue Task Force within the E.M.S. department. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Sale of Vehicles/Sheriff Department
Undersheriff Justin Halladay spoke to the Board about selling three departmental vehicles. He explained the history of buying departmental vehicles and the increase in cost over the years. He then spoke to the Board about possibly purchasing a K-9 unit, which has already been equipped, from a dealer in Mt. Pleasant for between $35,000 to $37,000. The dealership has contacted him offering to sell the vehicle at a substantially discounted price. If the Board approves the purchase of this vehicle, he would sell a fourth departmental vehicle to offset the cost. Discussion was held. Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked that the Board also consider selling the County’s General Services vehicle at the same time as selling the Sheriff’s Department vehicles.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the sale of the Sheriff’s Department and General Services vehicles. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to authorize the purchase of a new K-9 Unit for the Sheriff’s Department. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

WMSRDC Transfer of Ownership Agreement
Undersheriff Justin Halladay asked the Board to approve the WMSRDC transfer of ownership agreement for an EOTech X320 Thermal Image Camera, Serial #IR089659. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the WMSRDC Transfer of Ownership Agreement for the infrared equipment. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

The Board took a recess at 10:36 a.m.

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Community Mental Health Appointment
Commissioner Elkins reported Kerry Green’s appointment to Community Mental Health has expired and he requested she be re-appointed.
Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the re-appointment of Kerry Green to the Community Mental Health Central Michigan for a three-year term expiring June 19, 2020. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Mecosta & Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts Services Agreement**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the agreement received from the Mecosta & Osceola-Lake Conservation District regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Collection held yearly. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to approve the Mecosta & Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts Services Agreement as presented with $2,500 appropriated. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Michigan Indigent Defense Commission**
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke to Board members about setting up a work group joint with several counties to develop a plan to comply with the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to allow the County Coordinator to set up a work group and work with other counties and courts in developing the required Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Plan. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Public Comment:** Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, advised Commissioners that the new County Identification Badges are now available. A brief discussion was held.

**Extended Public Comments:** None.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Wayne at 11:03 a.m. Motion carried.

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Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk        Larry Emig, Chairman