OSCEOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS-SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2017

The Osceola County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Larry Emig in the Courthouse.

Roll call: Commissioners Larry Emig, Roger Elkins, Pam Wayne, Mark Gregory, Alan Tiedt and Jill Halladay were present. Commissioner Nehmer absent.

Communications: None.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee Comment: None.

Chairman Emig updated Board members on what has happened since the Board met on December 5, 2017 and approved a contract with Dr. Wagner and Mid-Michigan Medical Examiners Group. After approval by the Board on December 5th, the contract was re-submitted with changes by Mid-Michigan Group. Chairman Emig then instructed Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, and Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, to research other options for a medical examiner as of January 1, 2018 if we now no longer have an agreement as previously thought. Late on Friday, December 15, the originally approved contract was received back from Mid-Michigan Group fully executed as approved by the Board on December 5, 2017. Chairman Emig explained he felt the need for today’s special meeting.

Discussion was held on a variety of issues:
1. Options using the 60 day “out clause” with Dr. Wagner.
2. Letter of Understanding regarding County Liability.
3. Transportation with the Mid-Michigan Medical Examiners Group
4. 90 Day bid from Western Michigan University/Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine.

Paul Bullock, Mecosta County Controller/Administrator, was invited to speak regarding how Mecosta County will be handling Level 1 versus Level 2 cases in their County.

Moved by Commissioner Wayne, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to give Mid-Michigan Medical Examiners Group a 60 day notice to terminate and put out an RFP for a new Medical Examiner.

Discussion was held on the motion.

Motion failed, with a vote of 4 no and 2 yes. Voting No: Commissioners Halladay, Gregory, Elkins and Emig. Voting Yes: Commissioners Wayne and Tiedt.

Board Comments: None.

Extended Public Comment: Paul Bullock, Mecosta County Controller/Administrator, invited Osceola County to consider petitioning for membership to the Morgue Authority which currently consists of Mecosta, Newaygo and Montcalm counties. He explained there is no cost and there are already several other counties interested in joining. He explained the benefits of membership to Board members.

Moved by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to adjourn at 9:53 a.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk ____________________________ Larry Emig, Chairman