The Osceola County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Larry Emig at the Courthouse.

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

Chairman Emig offered a prayer and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Communications: None.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee Comment: Scott Schryer, C.O.A. Director, commented on several items concerning the proposed 2018 budget including long range planning. He agreed that the HRA costs should be billed to his department. He then spoke about the new phones, as to both good and bad with the changeover, but overall he thinks the new system will be better in the long run.

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

**MOTION #2: Approve Board Minutes of October 3, 2017**
Motion by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the regular Board minutes of October 3, 2017 as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**MOTION #3: Approval of Consent Agenda**
Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to accept the following Committee recommendations of October 17, 2017.

**MOTION #3A: Accounts Payable**
Approve the accounts payable invoices for claims for the County in the amount of $74,883.55 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 #3B: Rose Lake Drain Project**
Approve borrowing $39,500 from the Delinquent Tax Funds to pay for a portion of the Rose Lake Drain project.

**MOTION #3C: AAAWM/Contract Amendment**
Approve the Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan Fiscal Year 2017 Older Americans Act Contract Amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign.

**MOTION #3D: EMS Bad Debt**
Approve the June through September 2017 Emergency Medical Services write-offs in the amount of $40,859.90.
RESOLUTION 2017-0008
OPPOSING ANY REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are a critical resource for our nation, supporting the economy and a way of life in Michigan and the other seven states within the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes hold 20 percent of the world’s surface freshwater and 90 percent of the United States’ surface freshwater. This globally significant freshwater resource provides drinking water for more than 30 million people and directly supports 1.5 million jobs, generating $62 billion in wages; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (“GLRI”) provides essential funding to restore and protect the Great Lakes. The funding has supported long overdue efforts to clean up toxic pollution, reduce runoff from cities and farms, combat invasive species, and restore fish and wildlife habitat. Since 2010, the federal government has partnered with public and private entities and invested more than $2 billion in over 2,900 projects throughout the region. Over its first six years, the GLRI has provided more than $425 million for more than 500 projects in Michigan alone. The Brookings Institution has estimated that every dollar invested in the Great Lakes produces two dollars in long-term economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, GLRI projects are making a significant difference. They have restored more than 150,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat; opened up fish access to more than 3,400 miles of rivers; helped implement conservation programs on more than 1 million acres of farmland; and accelerated the cleanup of toxic hotspots. In Michigan, GLRI funding has been instrumental in removing contaminated sediments from Muskegon Lake, the River Raisin, and the St. Mary’s River; in restoring habitat along the St. Clair River, Cass River, Boardman River, and the Keweenaw Peninsula; and in the delisting of White Lake in Muskegon County and Deer Lake in the Upper Peninsula as areas of concern; and

WHEREAS, while a significant investment, past GLRI funding represents only a small portion of the amount needed to restore and protect the Great Lakes. Toxic algae blooms, beach closings, fish consumption advisories, and the presence of contaminated sediments continue to limit the recreational and commercial use of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, any cuts to GLRI funding would jeopardize the momentum from over a decade of unprecedented regional cooperation. Draft federal budgets have proposed a 97 percent reduction in GLRI funding. These cuts would be a short-sighted, short-term cost-saving measure with long-term implications. Restoration efforts will only become more expensive and more difficult if they are not addressed in the coming years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Michigan, opposes slashing federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation as well as the other 82 Michigan counties.

MOTION #3E: Health and Human Services Board Appointment
Appoint Carole Edstrom to the Health and Human Services Board for a term to expire 10/31/2020.

MOTION #3F: Budget Amendments and September Journal Entry Report
Approve the budget amendments and September Treasurer’s Journal Entry Report as submitted.
**Description** | **Line Item** | **Decrease** | **Increase**
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Temporary Employees | 280.120.702.004 | $ 700 |  
Disability Ins. | 280.120.724.002 |  
 |  | $ 700 |  
Training | 273.157.951.000 | $ 115 |  
Training | 273.156.951.000 |  
 |  | $ 115 |  
FICA | 273.132.719.000 | $ 111 |  
FICA | 273.133.719.000 |  
 |  | $ 76 |  
Temp. Employ. | 273.132.702.004 |  
 |  | $ 35 |  
HPM Travel Exp. | 282.135.860.000 |  
 |  | $ 8,000 |  
Temp. Worker | 282.145.702.004 | $ 8,000 |  
FICA | 249.371.719.000 | $ 4,000 |  
Retirement | 249.371.720.000 | $ 5,000 |  
Postage | 249.371.726.000 |  
 |  | $ 100 |  
Cont. Serv. Electric | 249.371.808.000 |  
 |  | $ 7,900 |  
Cont. Serv. Plumb. | 249.371.808.012 |  
 |  | $ 1,000 |  
Clk. Health Ins. | 101.215.721.001 | $ 12,726 |  
Life | 101.282.724.001 | $ 100 |  
Sick | 101.282.702.008 |  
 |  | $ 200 |  
Superv. Staff | 101.282.702.002 |  
 |  | $ 1,200 |  
Witness Fees | 101.282.809.002 |  
 |  | $ 400 |  
Dental | 101.284.721.002 |  
 |  | $ 100 |  
Pros. Health Ins. | 101.282.721.001 |  
 |  | $ 11,800 |  
Dental | 101.282.721.002 |  
 |  | $ 435 |  
Disability Insurance | 101.282.724.002 |  
 |  | $ 40 |  
C.V. Health Ins. | 101.284.721.001 |  
 |  | $ 2,451 |  

**MOTION #3G: 2017 Audit**

Approve the proposal from Anderson Tackman Company to do the 2017 audit not to exceed $27,500.

Motion to approve the consent agenda recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 17, 2017 carried with seven (7) yes votes.

**RESOLUTION 2017-0009**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CENTRAL MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT SANITARY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VIII TO APPROVE REGULATIONS FOR THE INSPECTION OF ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS AT THE TIME OF PROPERTY TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, the maintenance of residential wells and septic systems is essential to the protection of public health and protection of the surface and ground water; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Health Code (MCL 333.2441) authorizes the local governing entities of a local health department (the County Board of Commissioners of Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola, and Roscommon Counties for the Central Michigan District Health Department) to approve regulations adopted by the health department that are necessary or appropriate to implement or carry out the duties or functions vested by law in the local health department; and
WHEREAS, the Public Health Code requires local health departments to promote public health through organized programs, including the prevention and control of environmental health hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) Sanitary Code, originally adopted and approved January 1, 1997, requires any new residential development which utilizes on-site water and/or sewage systems to obtain approval from the CMDHD, and the Code establishes criteria by which the Department shall evaluate any proposed residential development; and

WHEREAS, on-site water and sewage systems degrade over time, and can expose humans to diseases; and

WHEREAS, E. coli studies have been undertaken, and those studies establish that Isabella County has experienced a county-wide E. coli health hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer has proposed the adoption of an amendment to the CMDHD Sanitary Code by adding a new Article VIII which would require an inspection of on-site water and sewage disposal systems in Isabella County at the time of property transfers, and when necessary the repair and/or upgrading of those systems; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing was given in accordance with Section 2442 of the Public Health Code [MCL 333.2442] not less than 10 days before the public hearing and not less than 20 days before the adoption of the Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer has notified the Board of Commissioners that notice of the scheduled August 23, 2017 public hearing was published in the Morning Sun newspaper on July 23, 2017, and has recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the amendment to the CMDHD Sanitary Code which will add a new Article VIII and establish regulations for the inspection of onsite water and sewage disposal systems at the time of property transfer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Osceola, Michigan, having considered the comments made at the public hearing on August 23, 2017 hereby approves an amendment to the CMDHD Sanitary Code by approving the addition of a new Article VIII, entitled the Isabella County Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Regulation, also known as the Time of Transfer Regulation (copy attached and incorporated by reference), being a regulation to require the inspection of onsite sewage disposal systems and private water supply systems prior to the transfer of property in Isabella County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the new Article VIII shall take effect 45 days after its approval by the Boards of Commissioners for Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Osceola, and Roscommon Counties.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to adopt. 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 by Commissioners.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to adjourn at 12:51 p.m.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman