OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 5, 2017

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

Present: Commissioners Pam Wayne, Jack Nehmer, Jill Halladay, Larry Emig, Roger Elkins, Alan Tiedt and Mark Gregory.

Also present: Mark Moore-Sheriff Department Sergeant, Jed Avery-Sheriff Department Deputy Road Patrol Officer, Jeremy Beebe-E.M.S. Director, Shane Helmer-E.M.S. Assistant Director, Lisa Kaspriak-Medical Examiner Assistant, Don LaBrenz II-Building Inspector, Lori Leudeman-County Treasurer, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and other members of the public.

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

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee/Board Comment: Lori Leudeman, County Treasurer, reminded Board members of the employee Holiday Gathering on December 14, 2017.

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the minutes from November 21, 2017. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $43,440.93. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Sheriff’s Officers’ Life Saving Awards
Chairman Larry Emig introduced Mark Moore, Sheriff Department Sergeant, and Jed Avery-Sheriff Department Deputy Road Patrol Officer, to everyone. He then acknowledged both officers for Life Saving Awards they recently received and thanked them on behalf of the Board for their service.

Medical Examiner Contract
Lisa Kaspriak, Medical Examiner Assistant, and Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about the Medical Examiner Contract presented today. They spoke about some of the possible legal problems with the E.M.S. union contract and how the matter would be handled through the end of that contract in 2018. Lisa said they were open to the option of continuing to work with the County’s E.M.S. through the 2018 calendar year. With the inclusion of using the M.E.I.’s working with our E.M.S. and working under a union contract both Susan and Lisa believe the contract can work for all of us. Discussion was held. Jeremy Beebe, E.M.S. Director, advised he is 100% in favor of the presented contract with the addition of a letter of understanding he presented. Further discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Elkins, to approve the Medical Examiner Contract with Dr. Wagner and Michigan Medical Examiners Group, LLC for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2021 as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Process for Selling County Properties
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked Board members for direction on previous conversations regarding the possible selling of some county owned properties. Discussion was held.
Compensatory Time
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, spoke about questions that have arisen regarding how compensatory time is used and reported. She has provided them with information regarding this matter and asked if there are further questions. Discussion was held regarding the need to have every department report this information to the Clerk’s office with their bi-weekly payroll.

Building Permit Processes, Inspections & Code Enforcement
Don LaBrenz II, Building Official, present at the request of the Board, answered questions Board members have received from constituents. Concerns were expressed by Board members and they asked Mr. LaBrenz to consider having a meeting with local contractors and builders in an effort to help build better understanding by all parties on the process. Discussion was held.

Budget Amendments and Cash Transfers
Commissioner Tiedt reviewed the budget amendments and cash transfers presented.

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

C.O.A. Keeping the Memory Alive Contract
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, asked for the Board to approve the contract “Keeping the Memory Alive” with Jake Slater for the upcoming C.O.A. Senior Christmas Luncheon.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the contract for “Keeping the Memory Alive” and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Employee/Board Comments: Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, asked for direction on an invoice from the Sheriff’s Department regarding coffee expenses that the Board chose not to pay at the last meeting. She also asked about the Parks Director being paid mileage for driving back and forth to the Courthouse from home and whether there was some contract or policy, outside County policy, allowing this expenditure. Discussion was held on the two matters.

Recommended by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to pay an invoice to Vic’s in the amount of $25.76 for a Sheriff’s Department purchase if it hasn’t already been paid. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Extended Public Comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, to adjourn at 11:51 a.m.