The Committee meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Tiedt.

Present: Commissioners Wayne, Stoner, Halladay, Sikkema, Tiedt, and Elkins.

Also present: Jeremy Beebe-EMS, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, Scott Schryer-COA, and a few members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Sikkema, support by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Brief public comment: Alan Gingrich.

Employee/Board comment: None.

Moved by Commissioner Stoner, supported by Commissioner Wayne to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014. Motion carried.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Sikkema to approve the current claims of the County in the amount of $26,209.78. Recommendation was supported with Commissioner Stoner voting no.

**Drug Free Policy**
Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, explained the change in the presented policy and the reason behind the change.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, supported by Commissioner Elkins to approve the revised Drug Free Workplace policy as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**FOIA Policy Update**
Sue Vander Pol, County Coordinator, explained the updated FOIA policy as it relates to payment being received prior to the release of the requested documents.

Recommended by Commissioner Wayne, supported by Commissioner Sikkema to approve the revised Freedom of Information Act policy as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**County Property & 80 Acres Land Sales**
Commissioners again discussed their options on the sale of 80 acres of land owned by the County in Sylvan Township. Discussion included the mineral rights on the property.

Recommended by Commissioner Sikkema, supported by Commissioner Elkins to advertise the sale of the County’s 80 acres in the four local newspapers for $100,000 with ½ of the mineral rights to be held for 10 years, with bids due 60 days after advertisement. Recommendation was supported with Commissioner Stoner voting no.
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**Commissioners Computers**
Jon-Thomas Burgess, Technology Coordinator, shared information with Board members regarding the replacement of their laptops. He explained the package he was recommending and asked for clarification on their computer needs. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Wayne to approve the purchase of 7 laptops with accessories for the Board of Commissioners from Globalgoved in the amount of $4,891.03 with payment from the 245 Fund with additional funding utilized from the 245 Appropriated Fund Balance. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Northwest Quadrant and EMS Millage Language**
A brief discussion was held on the recent meeting with the architect and engineering regarding some of the structures being considered for a 4th base location in the NW quadrant.

**Emergency Management Supplemental Grant**
Annamaria Herrera, Emergency Management, explained the supplement grant presented for approval.

Recommended by Commissioner Sikkema, supported by Commissioner Elkins to approve the Supplemental Distribution to Local Programs agreement for the FY 2012 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) and authorize the chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**WMSRDC Contract**
Annamaria Herrera, Emergency Management, explained the WMSRDC contract and asked for approval. A brief discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Stoner, supported by Commissioner Sikkema to approve the WMSRDC Contract as presented and authorize the chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Budget Amendments & Cash Transfer**
Commissioner Elkins reviewed the budget amendments and the cash transfer.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Stoner to approve the budget amendments and cash transfer as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

**Road Commission HB 5125 & 5126**
Commissioner Stoner spoke about HB 5125 and HB 5126. Discussion was held on whether the Road Commission Board should be elected by the public or whether their members should be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Some members of the Road Commission were present and invited to participate in the discussion. No action was taken.

**Operations Policy Expenditure Procedures**
Commissioner Stoner questioned why some departments are submitting statements instead of invoices for payment to the Clerk's office. Discussion was held.

Employee/Board Comments: none.
Extended Public Comment: Ed Morton, Sherman Township, spoke.

Moved by Commissioner Sikkema, supported by Commissioner Halladay to go into closed session to consult with our attorney regarding settlement and trial strategy in connection with the case of Alix Leigh Turnes v County of Osceola, Katherine Schuler, Gae Church and Angela Ebenstein, File No. 1:13-cv-00177, pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. Since discussion in an open meeting will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating position of the County. Motion carried with five (5) yes votes, one (1) no vote, and Commissioner Emig absent. Voting yes: Commissioners Halladay, Sikkema, Tiedt, Elkins and Wayne. Voting no: Commissioner Stoner.

Moved by Commissioner Sikkema, supported by Commissioner Wayne to go out of closed session. Motion carried with six (6) yes votes. Commissioner Emig absent.

Moved by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Sikkema to approve the minutes from closed session. Motion carried with voice vote.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Sikkema to accept the recommendation of county’s counsel in the resolution of the Turnes vs Osceola County, etc., matter. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Moved by Commissioner Stoner, supported by Commissioner Sikkema to adjourn at 11:31 a.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Alan Tiedt, Vice-Chairman