OSCEOLA COUNTY
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2014

The Committee meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Chairman Emig.

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

Also present: Rosie McKinstry-Equalization Director, Scott Schryer-COA Director, Mark Watkins-EMD Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, and a few members of the public.

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

Brief public comment: Kevin Draper, Rose Lake Township Clerk.
Employee/Board comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Stoner, support by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the minutes of April 1, 2014 as presented. Motion was unanimously supported.

Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, support by Commissioner Halladay, to approve payment of claims in the amount of $42,374.45. Recommendation was supported with Commissioner Stoner voting no.

Emergency Management/Update & Operations Repeater System
Mark Watkins, EMD Director, updated Commissioners on the current flooding situation in Osceola County. He advised that a local "State of Emergency" has been called due to a prolonged series of extreme winter conditions, severe storms and flooding. He also spoke about the possibility of extending the current declarations, should conditions continue to worsen. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Halladay to authorize the Board Chairman to sign an extension to the seven day Emergency Declaration for the recent flood situations. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

EMD Director, Mark Watkins, then spoke to Commissioners about exploring an additional repeater system using the old law repeater and the Walker tower in the North part of the County. He explained the need and the possible cost. Discussion was held.

Annual Equalization Report
Rosie McKinstry, Equalization Director, presented the 2014 Equalization report. She explained the breakdowns on the report and the County totals. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Wayne to adopt the 2014 Equalization Report as submitted by the Osceola County Equalization Department. Recommendation was unanimously supported.
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**MSUE Space**
Shari Spoelman, MSU, spoke to the Commissioners about the need for more space and privacy issues related to the department. She asked if the Commissioners would consider switching them into the space currently occupied with the Building Department, noting that option was explored a few years ago but no change was made at that time. Discussion was held.

**Delivery of Meals/COA**
Scott Schryer, COA Director, explained how the meals delivery system currently works and the costs incurred. After exploring other options he is proposing the purchase of two new vehicles for the program. One vehicle would come from the 273 fund balance and the other from the 280 fund balance. He explained the proposed cost savings with this option. He then explained he would also replace two of their current vehicles with two newer used vehicles which were budgeted in the 2014 budget. A lengthy discussion was held. Scott will continue to look at vehicle costs and bring them back to the Committee.

**Feeding America**
COA Director, Scott Schryer, talked with the Committee about the Feeding America program. He believes is could possibly save on overall food costs with certain items. Discussion was held.

**State Mechanical Application & Mechanical Inspector Applicant**
Sue Vander Pol, County Coordinator, updated Commissioners on the status of their State Mechanical Application advising the State has denied our request. She went on to explain the difficulties encountered relating to our request. She explained she has been working with Senator Booher's office on this matter. Discussion was held. She also informed the Committee that only one applicant has expressed interest in being our Mechanical Inspector.

**Update on the Northwest Quadrant & EMS Millage Language**
Chairman Emig reported that Jeremy Beebe, EMS Director, is currently working on a list of questions and answers regarding the EMS millage proposal. Discussion was held on holding four (4) public informational meetings regarding the millage proposal around the county. A brief discussion was held regarding the possible donation of property by Mr. & Mrs. Raven for an EMS site.

**Budget Amendment and Treasurer's March Journal Register**
Commissioner Tiedt reviewed the budget amendment presented.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Elkins to approve the budget amendment and March County Treasurer's Journal Report as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

Employee/Board Comment: Sue Vander Pol asked for direction on how to proceed with the application received for Mechanical Inspector.

Extended Public Comment: State Representative Joel Johnson for the 97th District spoke about several things happening in Lansing.

Alan Gingrich commented in favor of the offer of property from the Raven's for an EMS site.
Kevin Draper, Rose Lake Township Clerk, spoke about the location of the land the Raven's have offered to donate.

Moved by Commissioner Wayne, supported by Commissioner Tiedt to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman