The Committee meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m. by Chairman Emig.


Also present: Judge Scott Hill-Kennedy-49th Circuit Court, Judge Susan Grant-77th District Court, Judge Ronald Nichols-49th Circuit Court, Judge Marco Menezes-18th Probate and Family Court, Kaye Fredrick-Probate and Family Court, Scott Schryer-COA Director, Jeremy Beebe-EMS Director, Susan Vander Pol-County Coordinator, Karen Bluhm-County Clerk, and other members of the public.

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Tiedt, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Brief public comment: Introduction of Courtney Causey from the County Clerk’s Office.

Employee/Board comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the minutes of June 3, 2014. Motion was unanimously supported.

Recommendation by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Elkins, to approve payment of claims in the amount of $71,557.85. Recommendation was supported with Commissioner Stoner voting no.

Budget Amendment-EMS

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Elkins to approve the budget amendment for workers compensation for the E.M.S. department as presented. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

2013 Audit Report from Anderson Tackman & Co. P.C.
Bob Haske presented a presentation on the audit of the County for fiscal year 2013. He stated that the opinion given was an “Unmodified” opinion; which is considered to be the best opinion that is allowed to be given. He then proceeded to review the graphs created out of the audit findings. Overall, it was discussed that no major increases or decreases of revenues or expenditures occurred in the year 2013. Questions were asked by some Board members regarding the audit, including the loss of a small amount in the Fund Balance of the General Fund.

Court Presentation
Judge Scott Hill-Kennedy, Judge Susan Grant, Judge Ronald Nichols and Judge Marco Menezes appeared to update the Board members on court activities such as security, the updates to the website and possible implementation of strategies currently being used.
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Judge Marco Menezes gave an overview of how things are going in the Probate and Family Court. He shared information on new case law which recently came into effect and how it may affect the County in the future. He stated that it may cause more jury trials at the Probate level.

Judge Nichols gave an overview of the collections process in the County Court System and how the COLLECT Program, which has been in existence since 2008, has helped to increase return rate of the court collections issued.

Judge Susan Grant gave an overview of the Sobriety Court Program currently thriving in both Mecosta and Osceola Counties. She stated there will be a total of 16 graduates as of June 18, 2014. She commended the team effort and all of those involved in the process. She also spoke about the creation of the new regional program for Sobriety Court and how the process of Sobriety Court proceeds through the court system.

**Review of Land Sale Proceeds Report**  
County Treasurer, Lori Leudeman, presented a report of the funds for the land foreclosures sales. This is a report that is required to be done every two years. This is an account that keeps revolving. She stated the funds may be used if necessary, and shared some of the ways funds may be used.

**Contract of Lease for new Copier for Probate/Family Court**  
Kaye Fredrick, Probate/Family Court, presented the request for a new lease agreement for a new copier. The current lease is expiring and the new lease would cost less with new equipment.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Stoner to approve the multifunction Xerox machine lease agreement for the Juvenile/Family Court as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**Sale of Sheriff Vehicles/Bids**  
County Coordinator, Susan Vander Pol, discussed the bids that had been received on the two vehicles that the county had placed up for sale.

**Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Elkins to approve the bid for the 2006 Dodge Charger from Asia Motors Inc. of Chicago, IL for $ 4,195 and the bid for the 2009 Dodge Charger from Tonia Hartline, Tustin, Mi for $ 5,800 and authorize the County Clerk to sign off on the titles. Recommendation was unanimously supported.**

**EMS NW Quad Update**  
Commissioner Stoner spoke about the property currently being considered for a possible 4th EMS base location. It was discussed that there may have been a possible joint ownership between Tustin Village and Burdell Township. However, after some research, it was discovered that Tustin Village is the only one who appears to have ownership in the property. Discussion was held.
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Site Selection Proposal from Landmark Design Group
Susan Vander Pol gave an overview of Proposals A and B presented by Landmark for site review at the two sites being considered for a 4th base location in the NW quadrant. She stated that Proposal A is all that the county is looking at right now and that Proposal B is to be looked into at another time. She further explained what they would do with the two sites they are currently looking at. EMS Director, Jeremy Beebe, asked why the county was looking at a possible site without knowing if it was available for purchase. He further stated that there will be an in depth look at the bid. Discussion followed.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Elkins to approve Proposal A for site review from Landmark Design Group, P.C. in the amount of $1,800 and ask them to provide the report at the July 15th Committee of the Whole meeting.
Recommendation was supported with Commissioner Wayne voting no.

EMS Director, Jeremy Beebe gave an update on the Marion base for EMS. They have moved in, but are working out some minor problems. He further stated that if it was possible, they would like to have a ribbon cutting and/or an open house for the new location sometime in August.

Commissioner Stoner gave insight on possible contributions for the site preparation. She stated that it would be coming from the Northwest quadrant of the county.

Treasurer’s Report
Recommended by Commissioner Stoner, supported by Commissioner Tiedt to approve the May Journal Register for Osceola County report from the County Treasurer.
Recommendation was unanimously supported.

COA-AAA Contract Amendments
COA Director, Scott Schryer, gave an overview of the new contract amendments with AAA. He stated that AAA has extra funds to give, thus amending the current contract. He further explained the details of how the extra money will be used.

Recommended by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Wayne to approve the Area Agency on Aging contract amendments for the Commission on Aging Congregate Meals and Homemaking. Recommendation was unanimously supported.

Part-time Employees
Susan Vander Pol, County Coordinator, along with Karen Bluhm, County Clerk, presented a change in the personnel policy as it relates to part-time employees. Discussion was held.

Recommended by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Stoner to change the definition for Regular Part Time Employees to “a regular part time employee is an employee who is working 29 hours or less per week; such an employee shall not be entitled to any fringe benefits.” Recommendation was unanimously supported.
Employee/Board comments: Commissioner Stoner spoke of the Blight ordinance. She stated that Rose Lake Township has had a complaint but there is no zoning. Commissioner Stoner has spoken with the Prosecuting Attorney, Tyler Thompson, and discussed the possibility of creating a new document for a more enforceable ordinance. Tyler Thompson will be asked to attend a meeting with the Commissioners in the future to discuss the issue.

Extended Public comment: None.

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, supported by Commissioner Stoner, to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion unanimously supported.

Karen Bluhm, County Clerk

Larry Emig, Chairman