

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
9:00 AM

The regular meeting was called to order by County Clerk Kristen Millard at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Commissioners Baker, Johnston, Petersen, Mahar, Carr and Baker. Members absent: Commissioners Painter and Kohn.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Brenda Taeter, Michelle Becker, Chuck Hazekamp, Eric Smith, John Johansen and Darin Dood.

Ms. Millard stated that she would accept nominations for Chairperson for the next two years. Commissioner Baker nominated Patrick Carr as Chairperson.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Petersen that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Patrick Carr as Chairperson. Under discussion Commissioner Johnston stated that he has been approached by Township Supervisors whom have expressed their concerns regarding the leadership of the board and stated that they feel there needs to be a change. Commissioner Johnston stated that he would be willing to accept a nomination for Chairman or Vice Chair. Clerk Millard stated that the motion to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot would need to fail for her to accept any further nomination for Chairman.

Motion carried to appoint Patrick Carr as Chairperson for a two-year term with Commissioner Johnston voting no.

The meeting was turned over to the Chairman who stated that he would not accept nomination for Vice Chair. Commissioner Petersen nominated himself for Vice Chair for the year 2023.

Under discussion Commissioner Mahar stated that he has been contacted by 3 of the 4 township supervisors for the townships that he represents and all three stated that they feel there needs to be a change in leadership on the board. He stated that people on the Board do not always conduct themselves in a professional manner and when people come before the Board they do not feel respected. While he does not feel he is in a position to create any waves during his first meeting, he did feel it was worth letting the rest of the Board know he was contact and there is disappointment in the way the board conducts itself.

There were no further nominations for Vice Chair. Chairman Carr called for a vote for Adam Petersen as Vice Chair and the vote carried.

Commissioner Petersen stated that he will strive to do better in the next year.

Discussion took place on Committee of the Whole meetings vs having a full board meeting twice per month. All commissioners in attendance stated that they do like to have two weeks before taking action on some items but they also like the flexibility to take action immediately if necessary.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to change to a format of having two full board meetings per month on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Petersen to set the meeting time at 4:00 p.m. for the 2nd and 4th Monday each month. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Baker to meet November 13th & 27th and hold one meeting in December on December 11th. Motion carried.

2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting Dates

Monday, January 9	Monday, July 10
Monday, January 23	Monday, July 24
Monday, February 1	Monday, August 14
Monday, February 27	Monday, August 28
Monday, March 13	Monday, September 11
Monday, March 27	Monday, September 25
Monday, April 10	Tuesday, October 10
Monday, April 24	Monday, October 23
Monday, May 8	Monday, November 13
Monday, May 22	Monday, November 27
Monday, June 12	Monday, December 11
Monday, June 26	

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Petersen to appoint the following board members to the Collective Bargaining Committee:

Patrick Carr
Adam Petersen
Ron Baker
Phil Kohn, Alternate
Chris Johnston, Alternate

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to adopt the Board Commissioner appointments as presented/amended in attachment C:

<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>2023 Appointee</u>
911 Authority Board	Carr/Taeter/Smith
Area Community Services Employment & Training (ACSET)	Baker
AAAWM	Baker
Brownfield Authority	Baker
Commission on Aging Executive Board	Baker
Community Corrections Advisory Board	Painter
Montcalm Conservation District	Johnston
EightCAP Governing Board	Taeter
Mid-Michigan District Health Dept	Petersen/Kohn

Montcalm Care Network	Johnston/Bresnahan
Northern Michigan Counties Association	Taeter
Planning Commission	Kohn
Mid-State Health Network Oversight Policy Board	J. Kroneck
Solid Waste Management Planning Committee	Johnston
Veteran's Advisory Board	Mahar

Lake Boards:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Lake Board</u>
Baker	Big/Little Whitefish Lake
	Little Bass Lake
Carr	Cowden Lake
	Indianhead Lake
	Muskellunge Lake
	Rainbow/Middle Lake
	Tamarack Lake
	Winfield Lake
Johnston	Duck Lake
Kohn	Townline Lake
Painter	Baldwin Lake
Petersen	Clifford Lake
	Dickerson Lake
	Perch Lake
	Turk Lake

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Mahar to adopt the Committee Appointments for 2023 as presented:

Area Agency of Aging of Western Michigan

Chuck Hazekamp 12/31/2023

Montcalm Care Network

Kathy Lobert 3/31/2026

Building Board of Appeals

Troy Alexander 12/31/2023

Pam Hillier 3/31/2026

Amanda Shaffer 3/31/2026

Commission on Aging Executive Board

David Lobert 12/31/2025

Chuck Hazekamp 12/31/2025

Aaron Hadley 12/31/2025

Montcalm Housing Commission

Tom Lindeman 2/15/2026

Mike Scott 2/15/2026

Paul Rehfus 2/15/2026

Christine Poprowski 2/15/2026

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Andy Doezema 10/31/2023

Bonnie Steed 10/31/2023

Abbigail Stalker 10/31/2023

David Hancock 10/31/2023

Duane Stanton 10/31/2023

Elisabeth Waldon 10/31/2023

Peer Group

Kristine Saia 12/31/2023

Mark VanRaemdonck 12/31/2023

John Rauser 12/31/2023

Planning Commission

Darin Dood 12/31/2025
Daniel Brant 12/31/2025
Armon Withey 12/31/2025

West Michigan Regional Planning Commission

Mike Scott 12/31/2023
Lisa Lund 12/31/2023
Brenda Taeter 12/31/2023

Solid Waste Management Committee

A.J. Johnson 12/31/2024

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Mike Scott 12/31/2023
Jakob Bigard 12/31/2023

Substance Abuse Disorder Advisory Council

Michelle Seigo 12/31/2025
Roger Coles 12/31/2025

Veterans Advisory Board

Tom Wilson 12/31/2026
Jody Penrod 12/31/2026
Jerry Geldersma 12/31/2025
Kathleen Lofts 12/31/2025

West Michigan Regional Medical Control Authority

Eric Smith 12/31/2023

Motion carried.

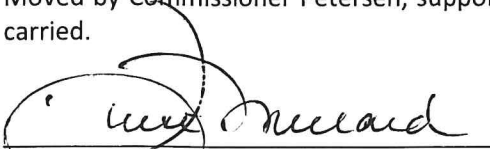
Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, presented the board with proposed changes to the By Laws. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Mahar to adopt the By Laws as amended. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. John Johansen, Montcalm Township, addressed the board regarding the appointments made to the Montcalm Care Network and stated that it is a common procedure to have non-commissioners appointed to the Montcalm Care Network board for consistency. He stated that Kathy Bresnahan has done an outstanding job on that committee and they are happy to have her continue. Mr. Johansen also welcomed Commissioner Mahar to the Veteran’s Advisory Board.

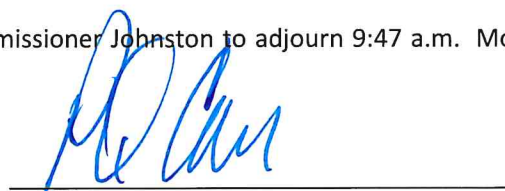
Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Baker to send a letter appointing John Johansen to the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard informed the Board that Lori Wilson, Register of Deeds, has announced her retirement. The position will be posted, interviews will be held and an appointment will be made by the Judge or Probate, Prosecuting Attorney and County Clerk.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn 9:47 a.m. Motion carried.



Kristen Millard, County Clerk



Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman