

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, February 14, 2022, 4:00 PM
Jack VanHarn Commissioners Room, 3rd Floor,
Administration Building, 211 W. Main Street, Stanton, MI 48888
Remote Option: 1-833-201-6754 Conference ID: 479355576#

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson, Commissioner Kohn at 4:00 p.m.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Miller, Beach, Johnston, Kohn, Carr, and Bresnahan.
Members absent: Painter, Baker and Petersen.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Michelle Becker, Brenda Taeter, Dale Linton, Michael Scott, Mark Christensen, Andy Doezema, John Hoppough, Mike Williams, Eric Smith, Helen Kennedy, Mike Kalka and Elisabeth Waldon.

Mark Christensen, Road Commission of Montcalm County, was in attendance and provided the Committee with notice that the Road Commission is building a truck garage on the east side of the Road Commission property in an amount not to exceed \$3.75 million. He does not anticipate the costs reaching the \$3.75 million amount and will only take the actual amount needed on the note.

Eric Smith, Emergency Services, was in attendance and explained that they have been having some difficulty getting fuel on occasion. The fuel companies weren't bidding due to not having delivery drivers and not being able to meet the 24 hour delivery window in our bid request. Ms. Smith sent out RFP's for a "keep full" status for the remainder of 2022. Two bids were received.

The committee recommends to the full board to award the fuel delivery bid to Corrigan Oil and allow for signatures.

Mr. Smith informed the committee that he has been working with the Sheriff Department on a MDT First Responder Training Grant application. The application is due on February 15th.

Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Johnston to allow Chairman Carr to delegate to Montcalm County EMS and Montcalm County Sheriff's Office to submit the MDT First Responder Training Grant and allow for signatures. Motion carried.

Todd Sattler, Drain Commissioner, was in attendance to give the board an update on various county drain applications, permit fees and deposit.

The committee recommends to the full board to adopt the new fee schedule proposed by the Drain Commission.

Michael Kalka, Building Department, was in attendance to inform the board that Steve Willison will be retiring at the end of May and he is looking to fill the position by April 4, 2022, for training purposes.

The committee recommends to the full board to hire an inspector to replace Steve prior to his retirement so he can get some training time with Steve Willison.

Sheriff Mike Williams was in attendance to request an amendment to the food service agreement. Food costs to feed inmates have increased from \$1.61 in 2013 to \$1.72 in 2022.

The committee recommends to the full board to accept the Canteen Services amendment and allow for signatures.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with Amendment No. 1 to the Montcalm County Jail Medical Contract as drafted by the County's legal counsel. Sheriff Williams and Dr. Gaffney have agreed to a 3% increase for 2022 and a 4% increase for 2023.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Montcalm County Jail Medical Contract with the increases as stated for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 and allow for signatures.

Ryan Dreyer, Commission on Aging Director, provided the Committee with a request to amend the Commission on Aging Executive Board By-laws. The amendments are automatic grammatical, punctuation and correlation corrections to the By-laws.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Beach to table this request until the next Committee of the Whole Committee meeting and ask Mr. Dreyer to attend to explain the request. Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the Committee that Animal Control is eligible for a Two Seven Oh, Inc. grant in the amount of \$7,000. The grant is due February 21, 2022, and must be used between January 24, 2022 through June 30, 2022.

Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Miller to approve and allow for signatures, the grant agreement with Two Seven Oh Inc. for up to \$7,000 for the purpose of spay and neuter fees.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the committee that the ARPA Committee received a request from IM SAFE CAC asking for a \$50,000 contribution from the county's ARPA allocation. She informed the committee that this is an allowable expenditure under the Interim Final Regs and the committee has no opposition to the request.

The committee recommends to the full board to authorize the County Controller/Administrator to issue a check in the amount of \$50,000 to IM SAFE CAC, to be paid from ARPA funds.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the committee that the ARPA Committee received a request from the Jail Administrator for a touchless, full body scanner for the jail in the amount of \$172,150. This is the only company that makes this particular scanner, which comes with a 10-year service plan, therefore the county is unable to go out for sealed bids and are asking for an exception to the Expenditure Policy requiring three sealed bids.

The committee recommends to the full board to authorize the Jail Administrator to move forward with the touchless, full body scanner project, not to exceed \$172,150 to be paid from ARPA funds.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the committee that the ARPA Committee received a request from the Undersheriff to replace the electronic security system in the Court Complex, Sheriff's Office, Jail, Central Dispatch and EMS locations. The project in its totality is projected to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$750,000. Ms. Taeter informed the board that Mead and Hunt will design engineer, perform the sealed bid process and serve as construction oversight for the project from start to finish. Their cost is \$89,000; and the ARPA Committee would like permission to sign a contract with Mead and Hunt to start the upgrading and replacement of our current defunct system.

Moved by Commissioner Bresnahan, supported by Commissioner Miller to authorize the Undersheriff to procure a contract with Mead and Hunt to start the process of upgrading and replacing our current electronic security system, not to exceed \$89,000, to be paid from ARPA funds, and allow Undersheriff Doezema to sign the contract. Motion carried with Commissioner Carr voting no.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve warrant number 2142022 in the amount of \$490,219.32.

Under Controller Updates, Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with the budget review documents. Ms. Taeter stated that she does not have any concerns regarding the reports.

Ms. Taeter stated that while commissioners can attend meetings remotely, the Open Meetings Act does not allow for commissioners to participate or vote during the meeting since there isn't a state of emergency signed at the moment.

Ms. Taeter informed the committee that the audit is going very smoothly. It should be done no later than mid-March. She does not foresee any negative comments this year audit.

Public comments were offered. Kristen Millard, County Clerk, informed the committee that recall wording was filed today against four Douglass Township officials, which includes the township clerk. She informed them that should the petitioner be successful and the recall moves to an election, the township clerk will not be able to run the November General Election, which is very problematic.

Commissioner Johnston informed the committee that he received an email regarding what a good job Trevor Wright is doing as the Veteran's Affairs Director.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Phil Kohn, Acting Chairman