

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, February 28, 2022

4:00 PM

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Carr at 4:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Paul Arnold from the First Baptist Church in Stanton offered invocation.

Members present at roll call: Commissioners Miller, Painter, Beach, Johnston, Kohn, Carr, Baker, Bresnahan and Petersen. Members absent: None.

Others present: Kristen Millard, Brenda Taeter, Michelle Becker, Deb Ballard, Andrea Krause, Lori Kirkoff, Doug Gietzen, Trevor Wright, Steve Wyckoff, Eric Smith, Armon Withey and Elisabeth Waldon.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston supported by Commissioner Beach to approve the January 24, 2022, regular meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Painter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. Lori Kirkoff, Executive Director of IMSAFE, was in attendance with Andrea Krause, to inform the Board that they have requested ARPA funds for IMSAFE. Ms. Kirkoff explained how the funds would be used and Ms. Krause thanked the board for their consideration.

Melissa Springsteen addressed the board regarding Auto Insurance Reform Act. Ms. Springsteen was in attendance with her health care worker, Gabby, and explained that she was paralyzed in an auto accident 21 years ago which left her a paraplegic. She stated the act which took effect in 2021, has cut in half many services, including the fees for home health care workers. Many home health care agencies have closed. She is asking the board to reach out to our legislators seeking a fix to the legislation.

At 4:11 p.m. Steve Wyckoff, Amber Snow and Bill Hendrick were in attendance to ask the board to approve the Montcalm County Michigan State University Extension, including 4-H and Montcalm Conservation District, Millage Proposal and place it on the August 2, 2022, Primary Election ballot.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Miller to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-03 MONTCALM COUNTY MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION INCLUDING 4-H AND MONTCALM CONSERVATION DISTRICT MILLAGE PROPOSAL:**

WHEREAS, the Citizens of Montcalm County are receiving valuable services through the Montcalm County Michigan State University Extension, including 4-H, and the Montcalm Conservation District, and

WHEREAS, the voters of Montcalm County have supported a millage of .2000 mill to fund the operations of Montcalm County Michigan State University Extension, including 4-H, and the Montcalm Conservation District, and

WHEREAS, Montcalm County Michigan State University Extension, including 4-H, and the Montcalm Conservation District will require .2000 mill to continue to present services and meet the future needs of the county citizens, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montcalm County Board of Commissioners, by the authority vested, will place a millage question on the primary election ballot of August 2, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ballot proposal will read:

PROPOSITION FOR RENEWAL OF MONTCALM COUNTY MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION, INCLUDING 4-H, AND MONTCALM CONSERVATION DISTRICT MILLAGE

This millage will allow the County of Montcalm, Michigan to continue to levy the previous voted constitutional tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes of 0.2000 mills to provide funds for the operation of the Montcalm County MSU Extension, including 4-H, and Montcalm County Conservation District.

Shall the limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in one year under the Michigan Constitution, be increased for funding to continue operations of MSU Extension services, including 4-H Youth Programs and the Montcalm Conservation District, in Montcalm County, and levy for that purpose not more than 0.2000 mill (equal to \$.20 on every \$1,000.00 of taxable value of real and tangible personal property) for a period of four (4) years, 2023 through 2026, inclusive, for the purpose of providing operating funds to Montcalm County MSU Extension, including 4-H Programs ($\frac{2}{3}$ levy or approximately \$272,000 in 2022) and Montcalm Conservation District ($\frac{1}{3}$ levy or approximately \$136,000 in 2022) and together is a renewal of previously authorized millage in the amount of 0.2000 mills?

To the extent required by law, a portion of this millage will be captured and retained by the Village of Edmore Downtown Development Authority, the Crystal Township Downtown Development Authority, the Village of Howard City Downtown Development Authority, the Village of Lakeview Downtown Development Authority, the City of Stanton Downtown Development Authority, and the City of Greenville Downtown Development Authority.

Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with a request from RAVE to use the Court Complex during the month of April to display the Flag Display and the Clothesline Project. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to allow RAVE to display the Clothesline Project and the Flag Display at the Court Complex during the month of April. Motion carried.

Doug Gietzen, Maintenance Director, provided the board with quotes to have the plaster repaired in the Administration Building. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to accept the bid from Metal Arts Construction to repair all damaged plaster in the administration building in the amount of \$23,550.00. Motion carried.

Trevor Wright, Veterans Affairs Director, provided the board with a request to appoint Kathleen Lofts to the Veterans Advisory Board. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to appoint Kathleen Lofts to the Montcalm County Veterans Advisory Board to fill the vacancy of Joe Tilton, effective immediately. Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with a recommendation from the Solid Waste Planning Committee to appoint Steve Wyckoff to a 2-year term on the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to appoint Steve Wyckoff to a 2-year term on the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee, term expiring 12/31/2023. Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with a Community Corrections Advisory Board recommendation to appoint Dennis Magirl and Jessica Higley to a 2-year term. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Painter to appoint Dennis Magirl and Jessica Higley to serve on the Community Corrections Advisory Board, term expiring 10/31/2024. Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with a quote from CSZ Services to provide the county with a valuation of property services in the amount of \$52,850. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to approve the contract with CSZ Services for professional valuation services, in the amount of \$52,850 and allow for signatures.

Deb Ballard, Equalization Director, was in attendance and was asked if the county will ever get to the place where Equalization does the study's in-house again. She stated that she hopes to next year for at least the Ag study. The commercial and industrial studies may take a bit longer.

Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with an update to the Mileage Section of the County of Montcalm Expenditure Procedures/Policy.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Miller to approve the updated language of the County of Montcalm Expenditure Procedure/Policy as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve warrant report number 11222021 in the amount of \$451,922.75. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve consent agenda items 9 through 16 and move stated action:

Controller	Resolution 2022-01, Opposing Senate Bills 597 and 598	Place on file
Controller	Resolution 2022-02, Rainbow Lake Drain Bonds	Place on file
Controller	Two Seven Oh Inc. Grant Agreement	Place on file
Controller	POAM Collective Bargaining Minutes, January 25, 2022	Place on file
Controller	COAM Collective Bargaining Minutes, January 25, 2022	Place on file
Controller	AFSCME Collective Bargaining Minutes, February 1, 2022	Place on file
Controller	January Dodge Report	Place on file
Controller	January Medical Examiner's Report	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Petersen to award the fuel delivery bid to Corrigan Oil and allow for signatures. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the new fee schedule proposed by the Drain Commission. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Petersen to hire an inspector to replace Steve prior to his retirement so he can get some training time with Steve Willison. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Painter to accept the Canteen Services amendment and allow for signatures. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Johnston 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. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Painter 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. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Johnston 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. Motion carried with Commissioner Petersen voting no.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Painter to approve warrant number 2142022 in the amount of \$490,219.32. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kohn, supported by Commissioner Beach to place the February 14, 2022, Committee of the Whole minutes on file. Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with the COAM and POAM Agreement for the period January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2024. Ms. Taeter stated that she has had communication with the county's legal counsel, and it is their recommendation to not approve the agreements tonight as there are a few items that still need to be ironed out. No action was taken.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with some Brownfield Authority appointments that were missed from the committee list at the beginning of the year. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to approve the appointments of Mark Christensen, Mike Falcon, George Bosanic, Tom Budge, Darin Dood, Lonnie Smith and Doug Hinken to serve on the Brownfield Authority for a 2-year term, expiring 1/22/2024. Motion carried.

Commissioner Petersen informed the board that the Health Department is in need of new carpeting and is wondering if the Board would approve the use of ARPA funds. The County owns the building the Health Department is in, but the Health Department is willing to pay half of the expense. Two bids have been received. No action was taken.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, addressed putting the home health care issue on the next Board agenda. Melissa Springsteen stated that she is looking for the Board to adopt a resolution addressing the 45% cut to home health and specialty facilities. The consensus of the board was to draft a resolution to be approved at next months meeting.

Public comments were offered. None were given.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn at 5:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman