

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Monday, March 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 Bruce Anna from Pine Grove 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, Mike Kalka, Dale Linton, Mark Christensen, John Hoppough, Mark Sabin, Eric Smith, Andrea Krause, John Kroneck, Gerrit Bakker, Irwin Hauffee, Todd Sattler and Elisabeth Waldon.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston supported by Commissioner Miller to approve the February 28, 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. None were given.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with the AFSCME Tentative Agreements. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve the AFSCME Tentative Agreements effective January 1, 2022, and allow for signatures. Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with the POAM and COAM Union Contracts. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve the new contract with the POAM union effective January 1, 2022, and allow for signatures. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve the new contract with the COAM union effective January 1, 2022, and allow for signatures. Motion carried.

Ryan Dreyer, Commission on Aging Director, provided the board with a request to purchase 2 minivans as authorized under the MDOT Authorization MI-2021-055. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Miller to authorize the County Controller to issue a purchase order to Ed Koehn Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram for the purchase of two (2) 2022 Chrysler Pacifica Touring Mini-Vans to be reimbursed by MDOT. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve warrant report number 0328022 in the amount of \$206,917.54. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve consent agenda items 5 through 12 and move stated action:

Controller	Resolution 2022-03, MSUE, 4H & Conservation District Millage	Place on file
Controller	Resolution 2022-04, MI Auto Insurance Reform Act	Place on file
Controller	Canteen Service, Inc., Amendment Two Agreement	Place on file
Controller	Corrigan Oil Agreement	Place on file

Controller	Jail Inmate Medical Contract Amendment I	Place on file
Controller	Professional Valuation Services Agreement	Place on file
Controller	February Dodge Report	Place on file
Controller	February Medical Examiner's Report	Place on file

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Beach to enter into a Public Hearing at 4:10 p.m. for the purpose of an Appeal to the Construction Ordinance. Motion carried.

Gerrit Bakker was in attendance to request a variance to the Construction Ordinance for property located at 114 and 118 North Shore Drive, Crystal, Michigan. He is requesting a variance to be able to build or add onto the existing building currently there. Mr. Bakker would like to be able to build something at least 26' wide, but no less than 24'.

Mike Kalka, Building Official, was in attendance and addressed the board with a suggestion to allow for a 5' variance that wouldn't require Mr. Bakker to put a firewall in and would still allow use of the alleyway.

Commissioners Beach and Petersen both stated that all other variance requests that come before the Board have brought a site plan or drawings before the Board. Mr. Bakker stated that he would like to know what the parameters are before he has an architect prepare drawings. He stated that he is not sure whether the property will be used commercially or residentially at this point. Mike Kalka, Building Official, pointed out that a variance, if granted, may not carry over to a new owner. Clarification is needed as to whether the variance would carry over to the new owners.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to come out of the Public Hearing at 4:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Kohn to allow Gerrit Bakker to build within the existing foundation's footprint on the north side of the existing building at 114 N. Shore Drive, Crystal, MI, and to encroach to within 5 feet of the alleyway on the south side of the property, 118 N. Shore Drive, Crystal, MI, effectively allowing for a building of 26' in width. Motion carried with Commissioner Petersen voting no.

At 4:25 p.m. Mark Sabin was in attendance to give the Board an update on from the Solid Waste Management Committee. Mr. Sabin informed the Board that the recycling compactor in Lakeview has been operational is considered a success. There will be an electronics and tire recycling day on April 23rd at the landfill in Pierson. A household hazardous waste collection day will be held on May 12 from 3 – 7 p.m. at the Montcalm County Fairgrounds in Greenville. State land cleanup will be held on April 9th. The meeting location has not yet been set.

Mr. Sabin stated that the Solid Waste Planning Committee has had a long serving member, Larry Engle, retire and Mr. Sabin is requesting the board pass a resolution or offer some sort of recognition for all of Mr. Engle's contributions over the years. Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, will prepare a letter of appreciation for Mr. Engle.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Petersen to allow the Controller to transfer funds to the Road Commission in the amount of \$2,585,711.00 to help offset revenue losses due to COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Beach to allow the Controller to transfer \$41,000 in ARPA Funds to the Mid-Michigan District Health Department to cover half the costs of replacing the flooring. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Beach to allow the Building Department to pay milage to the trade inspectors. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Petersen to allow the Maintenance Director to petition bids for McCarthy and Krampe parks for installation of wells, drain fields, plumbing, electrical and associated restroom accessories. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Petersen to adopt the proposed amended By-laws of the Montcalm County Commission on Aging Executive Board. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Painter to authorize the Prosecutor to procure a contract with Karpel Solutions, allowing for signatures, and proceed with her Paperless Functionality Project, to be paid from ARPA funds with full board approval. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Petersen to authorize the County Controller to allocate an additional \$5,268,998 in ARPA funding as revenue replacement and move it into the General Fund. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve warrant number 03142022 in the amount of \$405,167.87. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Miller, supported by Commissioner Petersen to place the March 14, 2022, Committee of the Whole minutes on file. Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the board that she has a request from the Democratic Party to use the Board of Commissioners room for their monthly meetings. Without any objections Ms. Taeter stated that she will be issuing a key to Justin Johnson, Montcalm County Democratic Party Chairperson.

Brenda Taeter informed the Board that the Deputy Drain Commissioner has resigned and Todd Sattler, Drain Commissioner would like to promote the Administrative Aide position to Administrative Assistant and not fill the Deputy position at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to allow the Drain Commissioner to add an Administrative Assistant position to the Drain Commissioner's current staffing summary and allow the Drain Commissioner to post and hire and Administrative Aide. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. None were given.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Kristen Millard, County Clerk

Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman