

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 27, 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 Frist Congregational Church in Stanton offered invocation.

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

Others present: Stephanie Husted, Brenda Taeter, Michelle Becker, Jenny Kipp, Eric Smith, Elisabeth Waldon, Paul Arnold, Armon With, Kim Cain, Lisa Peterson and Daniel Wensloff.

Moved by Commissioner Beach, supported by Commissioner Miller to approve the May 23, 2022, regular meeting minutes with an amendment to the last paragraph of the minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve the June 13, 2022, Special Board meeting minutes and the June 13, 2022 Closed Session meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

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

Public comments were offered. Daniel Wensloff, Pakes Road, Evergreen Township, brought is concerns regarding traffic accidents in his area, particularly Vickeryville and Stanton Road area. He is reaching out to see if anything can be done to help alleviate the problem, possibly with signage.

At 4:08 p.m. Jenny Kipp, Beacon of Hope Recovery, presented a business plan to the board for a new clinic to combat addiction. Ms. Kipp recently resigned from Sheridan Hospital where she created and grew a withdrawal management program. She is currently getting accredited with insurance companies and is asking the board to award her money from the opioid judgment that the county will be receiving to get her clinic up and running. Ms. Kipp stated that she has tried to get grants, and State and Federal funding with no luck. She is asking the Board to allocate \$50,000 of the opioid funds to her which would allow her to open immediately as the investors portion required is \$51,939.00. The board thanked Ms. Kipp for her presentation and informed her that they are not yet aware of how much the county will be receiving from the judgment.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, provided the board with a recommendation from the Montcalm Brownfield Authority Committee to appoint Jacob Van Boxel to serve a 3-year term on the Brownfield Authority. Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach to appoint Jacob Van Boxel to serve on the Montcalm Brownfield Authority Committee with the term to expire 1/22/2025. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Baker to approve warrant report number 06272022 in the amount of \$1,956,754.27. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to approve consent agenda items 3 through 12 and move stated action:

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| Controller | Resolution 2022-06, Opposing House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731 and 4732 | Place on file |
| Controller | Community Hope Cognitive Program Agreement | Place on file |
| Controller | AAAWM Amendment, Contract No. 61.76-FY22.2 | Place on file |
| Controller | Care Management/Waiver Program POS Amendment | Place on file |
| Controller | Collective Bargaining Minutes, June 6, 2022 | Place on file |
| Controller | May Dodge Report | Place on file |
| Controller | May Medical Examiner's Report | Place on file |
| Treasurer | Annual Report of Balance in Land Sale Proceeds Account | Place on file |
| Treasurer | 2022 Dog Unlicensed Report | Place on file |
| Dept. of Treas. | Final State Equalized Report for 2022 | Place on file |

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Beach that Commission on Aging Volunteer Drivers utilizing their personal vehicles be entitled to receive a per diem in the amount of \$35 for 0-4 hours, \$45 for any trip between 4-5 hours and \$60 for any trips longer than 5 hours. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker Petersen, supported by Commissioner Beach that the Commission on Aging home delivered meals drivers per diem be increased to \$50 per day for meal delivery, \$60 per day for meal packing and delivery, and \$70 per day for meal delivery and/or packing that exceeds 5 hours per day. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Petersen that \$1.1 million of ARPA funds be used for the Pandemic Readiness Building and \$700,000 will come from EMS. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve the Letter of Understanding between Montcalm County and the IAEP Union and allow for signatures after acceptance from the Union. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Johnston to allow the Controller to complete the Waiver of Underfunded Status application, indicating a commitment to setting up the OPEB Trust Fund, according to Public Act 202 of 2017, and proceeding to fund as required over the next four years. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Petersen to authorize the adjusted wage scale for the County Controller, effective 1/1/22, as presented:

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| Start | \$99,253 | 1 Year | \$107,597 | 2 Year | \$110,924 | 3 Year | \$114,355 |
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Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Beach to approve warrant number 06132022 in the amount of \$603,140.45. Motion carried.


Moved by Commissioner Baker, supported by Commissioner Johnston to place the June 13, 2022, Committee of the Whole minutes on file. Under discussion, Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the board that no official action was taken regarding Juneteenth at the last meeting and her last communication with the courts was that if anyone took the day off, they would have to use vacation time. She stated that she invited all four judges to attend the meeting for their input, but not attended. Discussion took place about possibly swapping paid holidays for one that the courts do not recognize as a legal holiday. Ms. Taeter will reach out to the unions to get their input. Motion carried.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, informed the board that the second half of the ARPA money was received and checks will be going out tomorrow, 6/28/22. Ms. Taeter will send a letter with the check with a list of suggested uses for the funds.


Discussion took place on new ARPA requests and how they should be handled. Ms. Taeter will add 3 – 4 new requests on each of the next Committee of the Whole meetings to allow each requesting party to give their pitch for the funds and explain how they will be used. Each request will be taken under advisement and voted on after they have all been heard.

Public comments were offered. Kim Cain, Have Mercy, addressed the board to inform them that she attended today to see how the meeting are run and informed the board that she will be presenting the board with a request for ARPA funds.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Johnston to adjourn at 5:01 p.m.
Motion carried.



Kristen Millard, County Clerk



Patrick Q. Carr, Chairman