

MONTCALM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, October 11, 2022
4:00 PM

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Elisabeth Waldon, Doug Gietzen, Ryan Dreyer, Steven Morris, Garrett Morris, Mike Kalka, Mike Williams, Helen Kennedy, Trever Wright, JoAnne Vukin and Michelle Becker.

Ryan Dreyer, Commission on Aging Director, was in attendance to request approval of the FY23 agreement with reliance granting the Commission on Aging up to \$16,320 to provide Respite and Transportation Services. This reflects a \$6,195 increase in funding from the FY2022 contract.

The committee recommends to the full board that the Fiscal Year 2023 Caregiver Program Agreement with Reliance be approved.

Mr. Dreyer presented the committee with a FY22 contract amendment from the Area Agency on Aging granting the Commission on Aging an additional \$4,304 to be utilized for raw food costs incurred during the 2022 fiscal year.

The committee recommends to the full board that the Fiscal Year 2022 Contract Amendment with Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan be approved.

Mr. Dreyer also presented the committee with an amendment to the Care Management/Waiver Programs Purchase of Service Agreement that was entered into with Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan. This amendment increases the mileage reimbursement, the reimbursement rate for Community Living Services and continues premium pay for direct Services aides until September 30, 2023.

The committee recommends to the full board that the Care Management/Waiver Programs Purchase of Service Agreement Amendment be authorized.

Doug Gietzen, Maintenance Director, presented the committee with the tractor bids for leaf and snow clean up. In the 2023 budget, \$22,500 was approved for the tractor purchase. Mr. Gietzen is asking for an additional \$7,312.24 for the purchase of the implements (back blade and snow blade).

Commissioner Petersen asked why Burnips were allowed to submit 2 bids. Mr. Gietzen stated that Burnips first bid was for a 40 hp and Mid-Michigan bid a 35 hp. The second Burnips bid was for a 35 hp. Mr. Gietzen stated that the bid from Mid-Michigan quote is a new manufacturing company and he wasn't sure that the board wanted to risk going with a new company.

Commissioner Petersen stated that for \$200 more the county could purchase from a local company, and the owners of that company are in attendance today. Steven Morris spoke to the committee regarding the warranty on the equipment and the history of the Bad Boy brand. Mr. Morris stated that Bad Boy has been in business since 1998, which is made by Kukje and they have been around since 1968.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve the bid from Mid Michigan Snow & Landscape Products in the amount not to exceed \$29,999.99.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, brought the topic of the lack of security in the Administration Building before the committee. Kristen Millard, County Clerk; Trevor Wright, Veteran's Affairs; Mike Kalka, Building Official; and JoAnne Vukin, County Treasurer, each spoke briefly regarding their concern with employee safety in the Administration Building. It was suggested that a security meeting be set up for the department heads in the Administration Building in the near future.

The committee recommends to the full board to approve warrant number 10112022 in the amount of \$509,029.45.

Brenda Taeter, Controller/Administrator, presented the committee with the budget review documents. She explained that there will still be 2022 expenses paid out even though we are currently in the 2023 budget year. She doesn't have any concern with the reports.


Ms. Taeter also requested that the committee to temporarily increase the hours of the two Kennel Attendants at Animal Control until the open Officer position is filled.

Discussion took place on when an Animal Control Officer would be hired. Commissioner Petersen stated that he feels that this whole situation has been mishandled and he feels many more conversations regarding this topic need to happen.

Moved by Commissioner Petersen, supported by Commissioner Miller to allow Rachele Martin to work up to 29 hours per week and Kalie VanLeeuwen up to 40 hours per week until an Animal Control Officer is hired. Motion carried.

Public comments were offered. None were given

Moved by Commissioner Johnston, supported by Commissioner Petersen to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried.



Kristen Millard, County Clerk



Phil Kohn, Acting Chairperson