

**Charter Township of Emmett
Regular Board Meeting
March 12, 2015**

Supervisor Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday March 12, 2015. The Meeting was held at the Township Hall located at 621 Cliff Street Battle Creek, MI 49014. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the opening.

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot and Hill

QUORUM PRESENT

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion 15-03-02 by Gunning/Jacox to approve the Agenda as printed by Teresa Myers

Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, and Hill

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion 15-03-03 by Dougherty/Gunning to approve Consent Agenda

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, and Hill

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Derek King – County Commissioner

King introduced himself then talked about the GIS Presentation at the County and the fact that one of our Board Members had attended the meeting. King stated that the County had awarded a bid to Pictometry and that Emmett Assessing Department (Mike Leslie) would benefit from this as they fly over the whole County and take aerial pictures. King talked about a law enforcement collaboration with the City of Marshall, State Police, and the County Sherriff all being in one building working together. One other issue the County is working on the issues at Summit Point; County is working closely to get those problems taken care of. Another issue is the change the Road Department made this year in how they performed snow removal; King stated that they have already had some positive feedback from this change. King also commented on this being pothole season and that if you would report the pot hole telephone (781-9841) or the internet at calhouncountyroads.com. King informed the Board about Another project that will be taking place this spring is the Raymond Road / Golden Avenue repaving project King stated that on Golden Avenue they will be removing the trees and the boulevard completely, the road will be two lanes. There was some discussion on the Endangered Brownnose Indiana Bat that you will have to have a special permit from DEQ to cut down any trees 4 inches or

bigger even on your own property. Lastly King commented on Emmett checking with the County on ordering office supplies that might use at the township because it possibly save some money; this is a service that the County provides at no extra charge with free delivery.

Treasurer's Report:

Receive and file the Monthly Treasurer's Report with balances on hand as of: February 28, 2015

General Fund	\$ 328,339.79
SW Emmett Sewer/Water	\$ 522,389.31
Sanitation Fund	\$ 379,494.07
Project V Sewer Fund	\$ 25,687.59
Drug Forfeiture Fund	\$ 36,916.67
Public Safety Fund	\$ (30,328.51)
Public Safety Extra	\$ 196,533.60
Beadle Lake Weed Fund	\$ 23,124.72

The Monthly Departmental Report:

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes as printed if any.

COMMUNICATIONS & SIMPLE MOTIONS

Announcements:

- Township Planning Commission – To be announced meeting times are @ 5:30 p.m.
- Z.B.A. Meeting – To be Announced
- Next Township Board Meeting –April 9, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.

MONTHLY CHECK REGISTER

Motion 15-03-03 by Talbot/Jacox to accept the Check Register as printed.

Roll Call Vote: Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

DEPARTMENT VERBAL REPORTS

Supervisor

Hill made mention of this being pothole season so please report them to the County Road Department (781-9841). Also mentioned that we will be working on the Farmers Market as weather permits, and we have added new Awnings to the building that are supposed to help with the falling snow and rain. Hill also made note that the awnings on the administration side will need to be fixed. We are also nearing

the adoption of our budget for the 2015-16 year with a Public Hearing on March 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Hill also explained that 911Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch nailed us hard this year with quite an increase. Lastly Hill mentioned the upcoming May 5th 2015 election.

Clerk

Busy getting ready for the upcoming May 5th, 2015 election sending out letters to workers to find out who can work and who can't.

Treasurer

Talbot mentioned that they are done collecting taxes for 2014 as of March 1st and are working hard to settle with the County tomorrow on 3-13-2015. After this we will start working on back delinquent taxes.

Planning and Zoning Business

Deshon handed out some information on drop boxes to all Board Members and Gunning explained what drop boxes that this would affect. Deshon also explained that the Board needed to renew the contract with Hydro Corp for another four years; this contract is for Cross-Connection Control Program.

Motion 15-03-04 by Talbot/ Buller to continue our contract with Hydro Corp for another four years.

Roll Call Vote: Buller, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Deshon explained that Go Metals LLC, applied for a Conditional Use Permit for a Class W Wholesaler's License through the Planning Commission in which was approved by the Planning Commission to bring to the Board. There were several questions from Board members that were answered by Owner Aaron Hook.

Motion 15-03-05 by Talbot/ Dougherty to allow the Conditional Use Permit for a Class W License for Go Metals.

Roll Call Vote: Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Assessing

Leslie mentioned that his department has just finished with the March Board of Review and is also getting ready to settle with the County. Myers commented that Leslie had been helping with the

Woodland Beach Paving Project also. Question from Jacox on when we would expect the new truck. Leslie explained that we should receive it by August.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Olson went over the Monthly Public Safety Report then proceeded to give an update on the old ladder truck #732 and explained to the Board that the ladder truck had been checked out by McDonalds in Kalamazoo and with all the repairs that were needed and the cost to repair the truck would not be worth fixing. Chief Olson talked about our new ladder truck and stated that they should be starting on it in May and that hopefully we should have it by the end of June or sometime in July. Chief Olson also commented about the upcoming Police Officer Memorial week in May and if you are going to attend the awards banquet please let Larita know so she can make the arrangements that will be needed.

Dougherty commented that there are lots of changes going on in Public Safety and that he has had lots of comments to the fact that he believes things are going in the right direction and thanked all the Public Safety Officers. Dougherty also stated that the Administration Side is doing more these days with less. Chief Olson then explained that on Wednesday March 11, 2015 he worked with United Way with High School kids from across Calhoun County.

RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Emmett Charter Township Resolution T15-02 for a partial termination of a Farmland Development Rights Agreement **With Pre-Existing Structure** – requested by Darryl White at 12265 Beadle Lake Rd. Battle Creek Mi. 49017

Emmett Charter Township Resolution T15-04 Resolution to join the Calhoun County Public Safety Information Alliance and to Approve Interlocal Agreement for Access to Public Safety Records Management Software.

Motion 15-03-06 by Talbot/ Buller to approve Resolution T15-03-02 for a partial termination of a farmland Development Rights Agreement with Pre-Existing Structure- requested by Darryl White.

Roll Call Vote: Gunning, Buller, Myers, Talbot, Dougherty, Jacox, and Hill

ALL YES

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution T15-04 to join the Calhoun County Public Safety information Alliance and to Approve Interlocal Agreement for Access to Public Safety Records Management Software.

Due to a very short time frame this Resolution was taken care of by Chief Olson on an individual basis with each Board Member on February 24th, 2015.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

PO's that Need Board Approval:

PO 15-2847

Wattles Park Sewer Expansion	\$ 714.50
Michigan Ave Sewer Study	\$ 1,348.75
Triangle Mobile Home Park Sewer	\$ 364.00
Wattles Park Sewer Expansion	<u>\$ 632.00</u>
<u>PO Total:</u>	\$ 3,059.25

PO 15-2834

Keyboard tray	\$ 183.63
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<u>PO Total:</u>	\$ 550.89

PO 15-2863

Install New Lights and Bulbs by Fax Machine	<u>\$ 377.00</u>
<u>PO Total:</u>	\$ 377.00

Motion 15-03-07 by Gunning/Dougherty to approve PO 15-2847, PO 15-2843, and PO 15-2863.

Roll Call Vote: Dougherty, Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS

Waive the Peddlers Permit Fee for the Knights of Columbus for a state wide tootsie roll drive for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities. Myers commented on the fact that we have always waived the fee for the Knights of Columbus.

Motion 15-03-08 by Buller/ Jacox to waive the fee for the Knights of Columbus.

Roll Call Vote: Jacox, Gunning, Myers, Buller, Talbot, Dougherty and Hill

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Drones

There were some questions on drones as to there being any rules or regulations on them. Chief Olson stated that we have not had any issues with them so far and that the higher ups will set rules and regulations for these. FAA registers drones and they fly around 400 ft.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comment from a resident thanking Buller for his previous comments that he had made at Board Meetings that had helped out immensely.

Gary Lincoln went over P.I.L.T.(payment in lieu of taxes) and explained how it worked, he talked about the Pokahen agreement and how it worked at different casinos. There was much conversation with Board Members and Public about the Sewer System and the Casino.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Jacox- talked about the Sewer System and gave his thoughts on why the Casino doesn't fix the sewer lines. Jacox all so commented that there could be no more development until the sewer lines are upgraded.

Dougherty – commented on the fact that the tribe should be aware that they are contaminating our area and that we won't be able to have any further development until the sewer system is fixed. Lastly Dougherty thanked Public Safety on all their hard work.

Buller- Nothing at this time.

Gunning – explained how things were talked about when Lara Spur was the big wheel and in charge and how much has changed since her passing. Gunning also talked about Pot Holes and the fact that if you report them please call the County at 781-9841 or you can go to the web site calhouncountyroads.com to report pot holes.

Hill – Explained that the Township is not responsible for roads.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion 15-03-09 by Hill/Talbot at 6:45 p.m.

Voice Vote:

**ALL YES
MOTION CARRIED**

Timothy Hill, Supervisor
Emmett Charter Township

Teresa Myers, Clerk
Emmett Charter Township