

January 11, 2011

The Regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held in the County Building at 225 West Main Street, Room 100. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Paul Beachnau. Invocation by Commissioner Clark Bates, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Ken Borton.

Roll Call:

Present: Clark Bates, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix  
Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

The Regular minutes of December 14, 2010 with attachments and the Special meeting of January 4, 2011 were approved via unanimous consent.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the reappointment of Robert Harkness to the Veteran's Affairs Board with the term ending December 31, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Teamster Bus Contract Extension. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution OCR-11-02 Magistrate Appointment of Lisa VanLiere.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix,  
Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Special Presentation:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson to approve Resolution OCR 11-01 Recognition of Gene Fleming.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix,  
Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Department Head Report:

Kyle Legel updated the Board on the Prosecutor's office.

Marlene Hopp updated the Board on the Housing and Veteran's Affairs.

Mary Sanders reported that the MTA meeting is January 17, 2011 at Hayes Township at 6:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Haus reported on the Village of Vanderbilt.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Erma Backenstose, to approve the December 21, 2010 Warrant in the amount of \$316,196.86 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to approve the December 28, 2010 Warrant in the amount of \$109,045.75 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to approve the January 4, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$173,445.02 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to approve the January 11, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$393,665.99 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the 2011 Statutory Committee Appointments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Clark Bates: City Council meeting.

Commissioner Doug Johnson: Parks and Recreation meeting.

Commissioner Richard Sumerix: Bagley Township meeting.

Commissioner Paul Liss: Village meeting.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose: MTA meeting.

Chairman Paul Beachnau: Thanked Susan Premo for updating the manual.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Paul M. Beachnau, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

**OCR 11-01**  
**Recognition of Eugene Fleming**  
Otsego County Board of Commissioners  
January 11, 2011

**WHEREAS**, Eugene Fleming is a lifelong resident of Otsego County and faithfully served as an Otsego County Road Commissioner since January 1981; and

**WHEREAS**, while in high school Gene was involved in football and track and became the first president of the Future Farmer's Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Gene has served on several committees in his community; Gaylord Community Schools on the board of education for 11 years; Otsego County Farm Bureau for over 50 years, 30 of those years as their chairman; Michigan Milk Producers Association for 30 years as their secretary-treasurer; Otsego Memorial Hospital board member; Farm Services Agency member; and

**WHEREAS**, Gene was self-employed as a dairy farmer for several years and now raises beef and pumpkins, he also enjoys conducting farm tours for school groups as well as hayrides; and

**WHEREAS**, Gene enjoys his semi-retirement spending time with his wife, Barb, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners appreciates the dedication and service that Gene has given to his community, boards, organizations and commissions; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Eugene Fleming has made to our community and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

**OCR 11-02**

**APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COURT MAGISTRATE**

Pursuant to MCLA 600.8521, MSA 227A.8521, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the following listed Magistrate duly appointed by the Honorable Patricia A. Morse, Chief Judge of the 87-A District Court.

Lisa VanLiere

The Otsego County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the appointment of this Magistrate for Otsego County.