

February 11, 2014

The Regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center in the Multi-Purpose Room, 800 Livingston Blvd. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Lee Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Ken Borton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Erma Backenstose.

Roll call:

Present: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Excused: Doug Johnson.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the regular minutes of January 28, 2014 with attachments Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt, OCR 14-02 Resolution of adoption of amended plan of the Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: None.

Excused: Doug Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to adopt OCR 14-05 Support of Revenue Sharing.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: None.

Excused: Doug Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to amend the employment agreement with John Burt by adding one additional year onto the terms of the contract. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the City of Gaylord Mutual Aid Agreement. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion to approve the reappointment of Anthony P. Esson to the Construction Board of Appeals with the term to expire 12-31-2016. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Bill Michaels addressed the Board regarding the Sportsplex.

Chairman Lee Olsen opens up public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau to adopt resolution OCR 14-04 Sportsplex Millage.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: None.

Excused: Doug Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

City Liaison, Township and Village Representatives- No reports.

Roberta Tholl reported on the Road Commission.

Matt Nowicki reported on the Sheriff's Department.

Kelley Hiemstra reported on the MSU extension.

Correspondence:

Chairman Lee Olsen received a letter from Albert Township; Huron Pines meeting 2-25-14 from 1:00-2:30 at the University Center.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the February 4, 2014 Warrant in the amount of \$23,824.89 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Erma Backenstose, to approve the February 11, 2014, Warrant in the amount of \$226,685.62 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to adopt resolution OCR 14-03 proclaiming April as Social Hose Awareness Month.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: None.

Excused: Doug Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Public Comment:

Chairman Lee Olsen opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Beachnau had no report.

Commissioner Tammy LaBouef reported on the City Council meeting.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose announced Otsego Lake Township has a budget meeting today at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Rich Sumerix reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting.

Commissioner Ken Borton reported he will be attending a MAC meeting in Lansing.

Chairman Lee Olsen had no report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Lee F. Olsen, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

OCR 14-02
OTSEGO COUNTY COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN 2012-2016
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION OF AMENDED PLAN
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
February 11, 2014

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego has undertaken a Parks and Recreation Plan Amendment which describes changes to the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan originally adopted in 2011 and indicated actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the same five year period; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on January 13, 2014 at the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission voted to recommend approval of said Recreation Plan Amendment; now, therefore be it; and

RESOLVED that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners adopts the amended Otsego County Community Recreation Plan 2012-2016.

OCR 14-05
SUPPORT OF FY2015 REVENUE SHARING
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
February 11, 2014

WHEREAS, in the Governor's recommendation for the FY2015 budget, counties are scheduled to receive 100% full funding of revenue sharing totaling \$211,134,899; and

WHEREAS, this will bring counties to the level of revenue sharing agreed upon in 2004 for the 2005 FY; and

WHEREAS, the attached spreadsheet details the full funding allocations for FY2015 for each county; and

WHEREAS, this marks the first time in fourteen years that the administration has recommended full funding for county revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS, counties have worked diligently for the past decade by leading the effort to reform, consolidate, and right size government in an effort to increase efficiency and adjust declining revenues; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is more than just a pot of money to be allocated in whole or in part to counties but is a statutory promise made to counties in exchange for giving up local taxing authority and for a more recent change in local taxing administration; and

WHEREAS, revenue sharing is used by counties to pay for the multitude of state mandated services including the courts, the jails, the constitutional officers, elections and public health system and, coupled with the recent reductions in property values and increased mandated state service delivery, counties are stretched to the financial limit; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Governor for fully funding county revenue sharing payments in fiscal year 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County of Otsego call upon the state legislature to live up to their promise and adopt the Governor's recommendation for fully funding county revenue sharing in FY2015; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, our State Legislators, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Between

City of Gaylord, Michigan

And

Otsego County, Michigan

The City of Gaylord, Michigan agrees to render mutual aid to Otsego County, MI when the need arises and in times of disaster and/or extreme emergencies.

In turn, Otsego County, Michigan agrees to render mutual aid to the City of Gaylord, Michigan when the need arises and in times of disaster and/or extreme emergencies.

This agreement is subject to the availability of equipment and personnel and not otherwise leaving the respective communities without proper coverage in the event of an emergency. The determination whether to render aid shall be solely in the discretion of the entity being requested to render such aid.

The jurisdictions agree that they will not reimburse each other for the costs of any usual and customary services rendered under this Agreement, including wages, disability payments, retirement, furlough payments, charges for equipment, supplies, and material used or expended while rendering assistance under the Agreement, unless the jurisdiction requesting aid recovers the costs of responding to the emergency from the State or Federal Government, the party legally responsible for causing the emergency, or as otherwise agreed in writing when presented with an invoice within 30 days of the emergency detailing all such charges and costs.

This agreement will be effective immediately and will continue in effect until terminated or replaced by similar contracts between those bodies at a later date.

Mayor, City of Gaylord

Date

Chairperson, Otsego County Board

Date

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 14-04

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A
MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO PROVIDE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE OTSEGO COUNTY SPORTSPLEX
AND TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSITION TO THE ELECTORATE
AT A MAY 6, 2014 SPECIAL ELECTION**

OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2014

Recitals

WHEREAS, Otsego County currently contracts with the Otsego County Sportsplex for the operation and maintenance of the Otsego County Sportsplex; and

WHEREAS, the funds to operate and maintain the Sportsplex are currently provided by a millage previously approved by the county electors; and

WHEREAS, funds beyond the current operational millage are needed to pay for current and future repairs to the facility; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, at the request of the Otsego County Sportsplex Board, wish to obtain voter approval for a separate millage in the amount of 3/16 mill (.1875 mill) to provide funds for maintaining the Otsego County Sportsplex including all capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners wishes to submit this millage proposition to the county electors at a special election to be held on May 6, 2014; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following proposition, the language of which is hereby approved by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners and certified to the Otsego County Clerk, shall be submitted to the electors of Otsego County for a vote at a May 6, 2014 special election.

BALLOT LANGUAGE

OTSEGO COUNTY

This proposal is for a new millage and will permit the County to levy up to 3/16 of one mill (\$0.1875 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) to provide funds for the maintenance and any capital improvements at the Otsego County Sportsplex.

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be imposed by the County of Otsego, State of Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to 3/16 of one mill (\$0.1875 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of such property for a period of five (5) years, 2014 through 2018, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for the maintenance and any capital improvements at the Otsego County Sportsplex, and shall the Otsego County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for these purposes? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$218,417 for Otsego County in 2014.

OCR 14-03
April 2014 is Social Host Awareness Month
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
February 11, 2014

WHEREAS, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems; and

WHEREAS, alcohol kills 6.5 times more young people than ALL other illicit drugs combined, and usage among teens often accompanies traffic fatalities, suicides, unprotected sex, drug use, and other high risk behaviors and illegal activity, and alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10-24: motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the threat to their long-term development and well-being, including damage to the memory and learning centers of the brain, which does not stop developing until the age of 25; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2012 Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth report, of 14 counties of northern Michigan who participated, an average of 26% of 9th graders and 52% of 11th graders have been drunk in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, in Michigan, it is estimated that underage alcohol use costs the citizens of Michigan \$2.1 billion, translating to a cost of \$2,084 per year for each youth or \$3.18 per drink consumed underage, and underage drinkers consumed 16.5% of all alcohol sold in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, one-hundred percent of any alcohol consumed by a minor came from an adult. At one time, an adult over the age of 21 was in control of the alcohol and a minor gained access to it; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal for adults to knowingly allow their child's friends to drink alcohol in their home, even with the permission of the friends' parents, and adults have the authority and should have the responsibility to take steps to reduce the likelihood that their homes will become venues for underage drinking; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that April 2014 is Social Host Awareness Month. We also call upon all parents, citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access of alcohol to persons under the age of 21.