

March 14, 2006

The Regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Beachnau. Invocation by Commissioner Bates, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Olsen.

Roll call:

Present: Backenstose, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 28, 2006 were approved with clarifications.

The minutes were clarified to read, Motion by Commissioner Glasser, to approve the following appointment to the Otsego County Zoning Board of Appeals for 3 year terms expiring December 31, 2008: Mark Eckstein and Duane Hoffman. *Commissioner Hyde presented Dan Wagar for appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. A blank was then created for suggested nominees, but no other nominations were presented. To fill the two blanks, a vote for Mark Eckstein was 4 Ayes, 2 Nays. A vote for Duane Hoffman was 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. The blanks being filled, the vote on the original motion was Ayes: Unanimous.*

The agenda was amended to add under special presentations, Jeff Ratcliffe the Economic Alliance Executive Director.

Administrator's report:

John Burt reported that there is a retirement luncheon for Dave Schuster on Friday March 17th at 11:30 a.m. at BJ'S Restaurant; Airport director applications; 9-1-1.

Commissioner Bates reported on the City-Council meeting.

Jean Nowicki reminded the Board that the Michigan Township Association meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Bagley Township.

Correspondence:

The Chairman received a letter from Bob Harden regarding the joint building authority.

Commissioner Hyde received a response letter from Bagley Township regarding their DDA.

Special Presentations:

Judi Doan from the Kiwanis Club of Gaylord, addressed the Board regarding renaming of the Gaylord Post office.

Motion by Commissioner Glasser, to approve OCR-06-12 Support renaming the Gaylord Post

Office as the Ross T. Howell Post Office Building.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Backenstose, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: Olsen.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

County Treasurer, Diann Axford gave the Board her quarterly report.

Economic Alliance Executive Director, Jeff Ratcliffe reported on the Georgia-Pacific closure.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Glasser, to approve Warrant B2006-10 in the amount of \$145,517.06 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, to approve Warrant B2006-11 in the amount of \$694,926.60 and the prepaid invoices in the amount of \$9,189.86 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to approve the ROD Grant Fund (256) 2006 Budget Amendment which is decreasing revenue account 2560050-400001 Contributing from fund balance \$30,000.00 and increasing expenditure accounts 256E215-726000 supplies by \$28,000.00 and increasing 256E215-930500 travel by \$2,000.00. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Liss, to approve the Land Use Services Fund (249) 2006 Budget Amendment as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Bentz, to exempt Veteran's Affairs volunteer drivers from the Otsego County Vehicle Policy as to item #7 only of the policy. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Backenstose, to approve the Accounts Payable Policy as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Hyde, to approve OCR-06-09 setting annual fees for registration of security alarm systems as presented. (see attached). A motion to amend above resolution by Glasser to change the fee structure to initial fee to \$25.00 for all categories. Renewal fees shall be \$10.00 for all categories. Vote on amendment: Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde. Nays: Backenstose, Bentz. Vote on resolution: Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde. Nays: Backenstose, Bentz. Motion carried /Resolution adopted as amended. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Olsen, to approve OCR-06-10 honoring Dave Schuster for over twelve years of dedicated service.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Backenstose, Bates, Beachnau.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to approve the Otsego County Bus System controlled substance and alcohol policy as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Glasser, to approve the County's portion of the I-75 crossover study up to an amount of \$1,600.00 to come from the Building and Grounds 637 Fund. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hyde, to direct the County Administrator to gather information on the use of local sub-contractor by the lowest bids and the possibility of obtaining FAA approval to award the bid to Integrity Construction per the Otsego County Purchasing policy. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Joe Edwartowski from Chester Township addressed the Board.

Bob Harden reported on the NEMCSA meeting.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Backenstose: Addressed the Board regarding the letter from Bagley Township.

Commissioner Hyde: Thanked the St. Mary's students for their attendance.

Commissioner Bentz: Health Department insurance.

Commissioner Liss: Reported on the Straights Regional Ride.
Safety Commission Solutions regarding pipelines program.

Commissioner Johnson: Economic Development appointments.
Parks and Recreation seeking grant application and millage renewal.

Commissioner Glasser: Attended Bagley Township meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

Paul M. Beachnau, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyer, County Clerk