

April 12, 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 Chairman Paul Beachnau, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Clark Bates.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Doug Johnson.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to approve the Regular minutes of March 22, 2011 with attachments were approved via unanimous consent.

The agenda was amended to add under special presentations, item 2) Ruth Ann Galbraith regarding Veterans Day parade on Memorial Day.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve Wade Trim Remonumentation Contract. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Bob Mitchell & Associates Remonumentation Contract. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the County Surveyor Contract. Ayes: Unanimous.

Special Presentation:

Motion by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to approve OCR-11-07 Honoring Barbara Fleming.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Clark Bates, 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)

Commissioner Doug Johnson arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Ruth Ann Galbraith addressed the Board regarding the closure of Main Street for the Veterans parade on Memorial Day.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to reimburse to the City ½ of the City cost up to \$2,000.00 for the closure of Main Street during Memorial Day ceremonies and waive work camp fees. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Department Head Report:

Suzy DeFeyter, County Clerk/Register reported on the Clerk/ROD offices.
Bill Kerr presented to the Board the Equalization report.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to approve the 2011 Equalization Report as presented.
Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mary Sanders reported the next MTA meeting is May 17, 2011 at Otsego Lake Township;
Veterans flags.

Roberta Tholl from the Road Commission reported the upcoming road projects.

Correspondence:

Chairman Paul Beachnau received a letter from the Department of Transportation; Letter from
Department of Mental Health; Letter from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Commissioner Lee Olsen received correspondence from NEMSAS.

The Planning Commission 2010 Annual report was submitted to the Board.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Erma Backenstose, to approve the March 29, 2011 Warrant in the
amount of \$610,993.69 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the April 5, 2011 Warrant in the amount of
\$37,555.41 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the April 12, 2011 Warrant in the amount of
\$269,969.55 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to approve OCR-11-08 Social Host Liability Awareness
Month.

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)

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Doug Johnson: Parks and Recreation meeting.
Medical Marijuana Store.

Commissioner Paul Liss: Corwith Township meeting.

Commissioner Richard Sumerix: Health Department.

Commissioner Lee Olsen: GIS lockdown.
Flags.

Commissioner Ken Borton: Attended MAC Conference.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose: Attended Seniors Breakfast.
Pest Control.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

Paul M. Beachnau, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

OCR 11-07
Recognition of Barbara Fleming
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
April 12, 2011

WHEREAS, in 1985, Conservation Districts celebrated the 50th anniversary for Soil & Water Conservation programs in America. Also in 1985, Barbara Fleming was elected as a board member and has worked for over 25 years with the Otsego Conservation District promoting good stewardship of the land for Otsego County; and

WHEREAS, additionally in 1985 with the help of Barbara, the Otsego Conservation District forestry program took the leading role in the state promoting wise use and management of woodland resources to ensure productive forests for future generations, and sponsored the still annual reforestation program that continues to sell hundreds of thousands of trees and shrubs locally for wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, over the years Barb has been dedicated to youth education, hosting Ag Day at the Fleming Dairy Farm annually, in addition to the County Speech contest, County School Forest Programs, and Conservation District Day Camp. The board has made protecting northern Michigan's water resources the number one priority. By partnering with conservation groups and local units of government, they are able to provide native plant material to northern Michigan for restoration of our lakes and streams, road crossings, soil erosion control and wildlife habitat restoration; and

WHEREAS, even though Barb has been instrumental in many areas involving the Otsego Conservation District she still finds the time and energy to help her husband on their dairy farm and still conducts farm tours for school groups as well as hayrides; and

WHEREAS, Barb enjoys spending time with her husband, Gene, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners appreciates the dedication and service that Barb has given to her community; now, therefore, be it

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

OCR 11-08
May 2011 as Social Host Liability Awareness Month
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
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WHEREAS, alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of death among persons ages 10-24: motor vehicles crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

WHEREAS, Michigan ranked 9th in the country in the average annual number of deaths attributable to fatal motor vehicle crashes in which at least one driver was aged 16-25 and had been drinking; about 51% of those vehicle crashes involved drinkers aged 16-20; and

WHEREAS, in Michigan, it is estimated that underage alcohol use costs \$2 billion, with youth violence and traffic crashes involving underage drinkers representing the largest costs to the state; 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, adults who allow, serve or provide alcohol to an underage youth anywhere on their property can be held criminally and civilly liable if that youth is killed or injured, or if that youth kills or injures someone else; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that May 2011 is Social Host Liability Awareness Month. We also call upon all citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access of alcohol to persons under the age of 21.