

May 10, 2016

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the County Building at 225 West Main Street, Room 100, Gaylord, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ken Borton. Invocation by Commissioner Ken Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Stults.

Roll Call:

Present: Julie Powers-Gehman, Paul Beachnau, Robert Harkness, Erma Backenstose, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Excused: Paul Liss.

Motion by Commissioner Robert Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the Regular minutes of April 26, 2016 with attachments. A motion to amend above motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser to correct the minutes to read, *Chairman Ken Borton to form an ad hoc committee regarding Enbridge. Ken Glasser to be the Chair, Robert Harkness, Paul Beachnau and Ken Borton are on the Committee.* Vote on amendment-Unanimous, Vote on amended motion unanimous. Motion carried. Motion by Commissioner Robert Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser to approve the Special minutes of May 5, 2016. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda;

Motion to approve reappointment of John Ernst to the Construction Board of Appeals with the term to expire December 31, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve reappointment of Paul Eckert to the Construction Board of Appeals with the term to expire December 31, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to set per diem rates at \$50.00 for half-a-day and \$100.00 for a full day beginning January 1, 2017. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported on the Courthouse Plaza project; electronics recycling in progress, extra bin for the City is on order; cleaning on Saturday May 14th to clean historical plaques; Veteran's Memorial repair; Received bids for the doors and windows of the County Building.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman, to award BID 2016-02 to Jordan Construction with Alt 1, Alt 2 and Alt 5 along with the associated Budget Amendment in the amount of \$25,000. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Department Head Report:

Bill Michaels reported on the Sportsplex; last year projects with Millage money, ceiling, restriping of the parking lot, front entrance repair, replaced over 900 lights bulbs with LED bulbs. This year new Zamboni; paint rink bleachers, stairways and beams above the ice; recarpeting offices, replace skate sharpening machine. Growth in youth hockey; change in leadership with the Gators swim program, adding youth programs and water aerobics classes. Summer day camp, growth every year; Expos added seeing growth; Skate park almost finished between the bowling alley and the Sportsplex

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the May 3, 2016 Warrant for a total amount of \$43,462.30. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Robert Harkness, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the May 10, 2016 Warrant for a total amount of \$257,005.48 Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Robert Harkness, to adopt Resolution OCR 16-16 Proclaiming Police Memorial Day and Police Memorial Week.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Julie Powers-Gehman, Paul Beachnau, Robert Harkness, Erma Backenstose, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Liss.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Denise Pallarito announced Representative Tristan Cole will be holding a reading contest, students who read the most will be a Representative for 1 day.

Public Comment:

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Erma Backenstose reported the Library meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 17th.

Commissioner Bruce Brown reported on the EMS meeting; new ambulance, new cots self-lifting into the ambulance; New building all done.

Commissioner Ken Glasser reported on the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency meeting held; Headstart discussed, reviewed audit no findings to report can be viewed online; Bagley Township; approved agreement with Economic Alliance; Hazardous Waste cleanup June 11, 2016 from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at the Road Commission.

Commissioner Paul Beachnau reported on the Pigeon River Advisory; tour in July; State of the Community luncheon May 10th at the Otsego Club; Business after hours May 11th from 5:00 pm-7:00pm at Chemical Bank; Good morning Gaylord May 13th from 8:00 am-9:00 am at the Otsego Club; the meeting with U.S. Senator Gary Peters had a good turnout. City Council meeting, the chicken ordinance was postponed.

Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman reported on the Skate Park, the City is opening an account for the money donated for the Skate Park.

Commissioner Robert Harkness reported on the Charlton Township meeting; substance abuse pamphlet with resources for help.

Commissioner Doug Johnson reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting; building healthy Community grant applied for, a CMU student hired to start the program; seasonal employees hired at the County park; lights done at the Community center; free camping weekend held had a good turnout 74 out of the 80 sites were filled; Sheriff's department work camp helping with cleaning at Irontone Springs, Community Center and the Parks; Horseshoe season starting next week; June 8th the Community Center will be closing for the summer; in the process of reviewing the Park plan; working on a special use policy; south bridge at Irontone Springs is being removed it is unsafe.

Commissioner Ken Borton attended the Bagley Township meeting; Attending the MAC Environmental Committee meeting in Lansing Friday, May 13th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

OCR 16-16
Proclaiming National Police Week & Police Memorial Day
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 10, 2016

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States of America has designated the week of May 15th through May 21st, 2016 to be dedicated as "NATIONAL POLICE WEEK" and May 15th of each year to be "NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY"; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Otsego County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, there have been 15,275 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2014, resulting in approximately 13,824 injuries; and

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including 3 members of the Otsego County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, 252 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 123 killed in 2015 and 129 officers killed in previous years; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during Washington, DC's National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 28th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 15th through 21st; because May 15th falls on Sunday this year, Otsego County's event will take place on Friday, May 13th; and

WHEREAS, May 15th is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

WHEREAS, the members of law enforcement agencies protect life and property throughout the County of Otsego and play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego desires to honor the valor, service and dedication of its own Sheriff Deputies, especially those who have given their lives in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego further desires to recognize and appreciate the duties, hazards, and sacrifices of law enforcement personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners calls upon the citizens of Otsego County to take a moment on May 15th, to remember those fallen officers who made the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we proclaim the week of May 15th to May 21st to be "POLICE WEEK" and call upon all our citizens in this community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the Sheriff Deputies of this County by deed, remark and attitude; and be it further

RESOLVED that the flags be flown at half-staff on May 13th during Otsego County's ceremony as well as over the weekend on May 14th & May 15th in honor of Deputy Carl L. Darling, Jr., who gave his life in the line of duty on May 3, 1986; Sergeant Larry C. Washburn, who died while on duty on May 15, 1994 and Deputy John K. Gunsell, who died in the line of duty on September 12, 2004.