

June 11, 2013

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 Lee Olsen. Invocation by Vice-Chairman Ken Borton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Maureen Derenzy.

Roll call:

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

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the regular minutes of May 28, 2013 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt OCR 13-10 Mortgage Discharge Murrell.

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)

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported on the renovations at Cross Street; Recycling sites open.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to open the gate on Cross Street for the summer. Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to postpone to the June 25th meeting. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to approve the FY 2013 Budget Amendment for the Clerk's office remodel in the amount of \$3,685 with funds to come from the Courthouse restoration fund (fund 497) as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to approve the FY 2013 budget amendment for the Equalization department relocation in the amount of \$20,000 with 50% of funds to come from the 499 capital projects fund and 50% to come from the general fund contingency fund (fund 101-941) as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Erma Backenstose, to approve the FY 2013 budget amendment for the purchase of two metal detectors in the amount of \$8,000 with funds to come from the equipment fund (fund 266) with any reimbursement from MMRMA to be placed in the equipment fund upon receipt as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Special Presentation:

Scott Whitcomb reported on the DNR land acquisition.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to support the Michigan Department of Natural Resources efforts to acquire the John Jensen property in the Pigeon River State Forest as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Department Head Report:

Mike Rola reported on the Prosecutor's office.

Maureen Derenzy reported on the Library.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the dog park policy as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Correspondence:

Chairman Lee Olsen received a letter from Charlton Township regarding the Planning Commission.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the June 4, 2013 Warrant in the amount of \$25,712.48 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bruce Brown, to approve the June 11, 2013 Warrant in the amount of \$347,892.08 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to adopt OCR 13-11 Michigan Road Infrastructure.

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)

Public Comment:

Paul Sopsich addressed the Board wanting the minutes to have more specific detail of what is said.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Richard Sumerix: Health Department.

Commissioner Ken Borton: MAC Board of directors meeting.

Commissioner Doug Johnson: Parks and Recreation.

Commissioner Paul Liss: Air show is June 15th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Lee F. Olsen, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 13-10
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
June 11, 2013

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners is the owner of a property located at 121 Brentwood Drive, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 and has a mortgage recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Otsego County Michigan, in Liber 945, Pages 195-208, In the name David W. Murrell and Brandy L. Murrell, husband and wife and

WHEREAS, said Mortgage has been paid in full; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Otsego County hereby issues a DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE to, David W. Murrell and Brandy L. Murrell, husband and wife, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Administrator, on behalf of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, be authorized to sign said document.



Dog Park Policy

BACKGROUND

Otsego County was approached by private individuals interested in creating a Dog Park at the County's property at 580 S. Illinois Avenue in Gaylord. The County agreed to allow the use as long as it is understood that the County is not responsible for upkeep/maintenance at the facility. The intent of this policy is to set rules to ensure the safety of those using the Dog Park.

POLICY

1. The Park will be open to the public from May 1 through October 31. These dates are tentative and may be adjusted by the County based on weather constraints.
2. The Park hours are from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.
3. Dogs over 20 pounds are only allowed in the area designated for large animals.
4. Dogs 20 pounds and under are only allowed in the area designated for small animals.
5. Dogs must be leashed until entering the park and prior to leaving the park area.
6. Owners are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by them.
7. Dogs must never be left unattended.
8. All dogs must be properly licensed, vaccinated, and healthy.
9. Dogs must wear a current license.
10. Owners are required to clean up after their dogs.
11. No unsterilized animals are permitted in the park area.
12. Dogs that show aggression toward people or other dogs should not use the park.
13. Violators will be subject to removal and any penalties provided by law.
14. Continued use of the property as a dog park is contingent upon volunteers providing the maintenance and upkeep for the park'

Adopted:

OCR 13-11
Michigan Road Infrastructure
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
June 11, 2013

WHEREAS, legislative inaction is causing Michigan roads to deteriorate at a rate of \$3 million daily – more than \$1 billion annually. According to the Michigan Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC), the cost of returning all roads to good condition in 2004 was \$3.68 billion. By 2011, TAMC estimated the cost had ballooned to \$11.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's roads are consistently ranked among the nation's worst. Motorists are already paying for these poor road conditions by approximately \$357 annually in unnecessary repairs to their vehicles due to poor roads. In addition, one-third of all fatal and serious traffic crashes in Michigan can be linked, in part, to poor road conditions; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's gasoline tax – the user fee that is the primary source of transportation funding – has not increased since 1997. At the same time, the gas tax revenue collected today, when adjusted for inflation, is equal to that which was collected in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's road agencies have done everything they can with the resources available to them, but there simply isn't enough money to maintain our infrastructure. There is no way to cut or reform ourselves out of a more than \$1.5 billion annual funding shortfall; and

WHEREAS, we are quickly passing the tipping point where we can't afford to bring our road and bridge network back to good condition. By 2018, the percent of paved roads in poor condition is expected to jump to more than 65 percent. Without a significant increase in funding our roads and bridges will never be in better condition than they are in today. They will be worse; and

WHEREAS, local roads are critical to every facet of daily life. Our local roads and bridges are at risk! If Michigan's transportation network is to serve our state adequately, state revenue for roads and bridges must be increased significantly. The one thing we cannot afford is to do nothing. It is time to put politics aside and just fix the roads!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners that we hereby urge Governor Rick Snyder and the Michigan Legislature to increase the level of investment in Michigan's road system and distribute the revenue within the existing Public Act 51 formula in order to save taxpayer money, save lives, and repair our roads and bridges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution is transmitted to Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, Michigan Speaker of the House Jase Bolger, Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, Michigan State Senator John Moolenaar and Michigan State Representative Greg MacMaster.