

July 8, 2014

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 Commissioner Ken Borton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Randy Stults.

Roll Call:

Present: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Excused: Paul Beachnau.

Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the regular minutes of June 24, 2014. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR 14-23 Recognition of the 2014 Alpenfest der Buergermeister Matt Barresi.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau. Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR 14-24 Recognition of the 2014 Alpenfest Parade Marshal Meghan Aimoe.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau. Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR 14-25 Recognition of the 2014 Alpenfest Honored Industry Gaylord Herald Times.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau. Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to approve Area Agency on Aging 2015 Annual Implementation plan. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Special Presentations:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to adopt Resolution OCR 14-26 honoring Randy Stults.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau. Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Kelley Heimstra reported on the Michigan State University Extension.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to amend the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance by adding the Interchange District section along with associated changes as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Tammy LaBouef, to approve the July 1, 2014 Warrant in the amount of \$237,084.04. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to approve the July 8, 2014 Warrant in the amount of \$166,537.79. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the Meade & Hunt Contract in the amount of \$9,970.33 with funds to come from the Capital Improvement Fund, fund 499, along with any associated budget amendment. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to enter into closed session to discuss settlement of pending litigation in accordance with the open meeting act, being MCL 15.268(e) and (h) (e) to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body; and (h) to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Richard Sumerix, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau. Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairman Lee Olsen opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Tammy LaBouef reported on the City of Gaylord's special meeting.

Commissioner Doug Johnson had no report.

Commissioner Ken Borton attending the NACO Conference.

Commissioner Rich Sumerix had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose had no report.

Chairman Lee Olsen reported on the Gypsy moth spray.

Lisa McComb reported on the Economic Alliance.

Entered into closed session at 10:45 a.m.

Commissioner Bruce Brown arrived at 11:05 a.m.

Returned to open session at 11:30 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton to approve the settlement agreement reached at mediation in the matter of the Estate of Christopher Sylvester. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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Lee Olsen, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk

**OCR 14-23**

**Recognition of 2014 Alpenfest der Bürgermeister – Matt Barresi**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners

July 8, 2014

**WHEREAS**, Matt Barresi became a resident of Gaylord in 2007 after retiring from the United States Air Force with 22 plus years of distinguished and dedicated military service to our country; and

**WHEREAS**, in that same year Matt started employment with the County of Otsego as a Corrections Officer then after a short time he was promoted to Director of the Gaylord Regional Airport in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt had an illustrious career in the United States Air Force receiving numerous commendations; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt served in many locations including South Korea, Belgium, England, and Iraq; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt serves on many boards and organizations including the Michigan Association of Airport Executives, Kiwanis, Rotary, and former senior vice commander of the Ralph Holewinski VFW Post 1518; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt is a huge supporter and has worked countless hours on the annual Wings Over Gaylord Airshow; and

**WHEREAS**, Matt always brings enthusiasm and energy to any project he undertakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gaylord Herald Times has named Matt Barresi as the 2014 Alpenfest der Bürgermeister; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity and commitment of its community members; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Matthew Barresi continues to make in our community.

**OCR 14-24**  
**Recognition of 2014 Alpenfest Parade Marshal – Meghan Aimoe**  
Otsego County Board of Commissioners  
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**WHEREAS**, Meghan Aimoe is a resident of Gaylord since 1992, and

**WHEREAS**, Meghan is a Realtor at Coldwell Banker Schmidt Real Estate for more than ten years; she also has served on the Alpenfest Board of Directors for nine years and as the Alpenfest Pageant Director for ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, in her free time Meghan enjoys spending it with her two daughters; or playing tennis on the Gaylord Ladies Tennis League, mosaic and ceramic tile work; singing or attending Community Theatre; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpenfest Board of Directors and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce has named Meghan Aimoe the 2014 Alpenfest Parade Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity and commitment of its community members; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Meghan Aimoe has made to our community and to Alpenfest.

**OCR 14-25**  
**Recognition of 2014 Alpenfest Honored Industry – Gaylord Herald Times**  
Otsego County Board of Commissioners  
July 8, 2014

**WHEREAS**, the Gaylord Herald Times newspaper was founded in 1875; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gaylord Herald Times is the oldest business in Otsego County having been founded in the same year as the County; and

**WHEREAS**, in May of 1999, the Gaylord Herald Times advanced from a weekly publication to twice weekly; and

**WHEREAS**, the newspaper also publishes a companion shopping guide, MarketPlace; and

**WHEREAS**, the Herald Times serves all of Otsego County as well as parts of Antrim, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency and Oscoda counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpenfest Honors Committee has named the Gaylord Herald Times as the 2014 Alpenfest Honored Industry; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Otsego recognizes the importance of having a newspaper publication and the significant impact the Gaylord Herald Times has on our community; be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby congratulates the Gaylord Herald Times as the recipient of the 2014 Alpenfest Honored Industry.

**OCR 14-26**  
**Recognition of Randy Stults**  
Otsego County Board of Commissioners  
July 8, 2014

**WHEREAS**, Randy Stults faithfully served on the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission including acting as their appointee to the Otsego County Planning Commission since 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Randy served many years as the chairperson of both the Otsego Lake Township Planning Commission and the Otsego County Planning Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Randy additionally served on the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Commission as the Planning Commission representative; and

**WHEREAS**, was instrumental in guiding the update to the Master Plan of Otsego County; the on-going annual Capital Improvement Plans; and numerous zoning ordinance additions; and

**WHEREAS**, Randy spent countless hours during his time on these Committees working for the future of the citizens of Otsego County to ensure fair ordinance and proper future development while playing an integral role in the Planning and Zoning of Otsego County;

**WHEREAS**, Randy has decided to resign and pursue other interests, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Randy Stults shall be remembered by his fellow colleagues and the public for the giving of his time and talents to make Otsego County a better place to live and work; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners hereby honor and thank Randy for his outstanding service to our community.