

July 24, 2007

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

Roll call:

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

The Regular meeting minutes of July 10, 2007 with attachments were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt OCR-07-33 Discharge of Mortgage to Bradley S. Jensen and Sandra A. Jenson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Unanimous.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion to approve the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Reappointments of Vern Kassuba term to expire 7-31-09 and Janis Kellogg term to expire 7-31-09. Motion carried via unanimous consent.

Motion to approve the Bus System budget amendment as presented. Motion carried via unanimous consent. (see attached)

Motion to approve the purchase of a truck from Wagar Motors for \$26,000.00 to be paid for out of the Bus Fund (588). Motion carried via unanimous consent.

Motion to approve the lowest possible bus fare of \$2.00 per ride for the Friendship Shelter. Motion carried via unanimous consent.

Motion to approve the 911 Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried via unanimous consent. (see attached)

Motion to approve the purchase of the Reverse 911 software for \$46,950 to be paid out of the 911 Fund (261). Motion carried via unanimous consent.

Motion to approve the Administration Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried via unanimous consent. (see attached)

Motion to approve the first amendment to the business property lease for the Friend of the Court. Motion carried via unanimous consent. (see attached)

Motion to place the Sheriff's Department Confidential Secretary on the salary scale as a pay grade 5, the Jail Administrator as a pay grade 9, and the Undersheriff as a pay grade 10, all at the appropriate step as determined by the Human Resources Director. The extra cost for fiscal year 2007 to be paid out of the General Fund, Contingency Fund (101E941). Motion carried via unanimous consent.

Motion to approve the Sheriff/Jail Budget Amendment as presented. Motion carried via unanimous consent. (see attached)

Rachel Frisch presented to the Board the June 2007 financial report.

Elizabeth Haus reported on the Village meeting.

Special Presentations:

Gerry Chase updated the Board regarding the Health Department.

Doty Latuszek reported on the M-TEC; Introduced Dr. Tom Quinn.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Hyde, to approve Warrant B2007-29 in the amount of \$103,348.74 with prepaids in the amount of \$50,541.52 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to approve Warrant B2007-30 in the amount of \$117,286.92 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Olsen, to approve Resolution OCR-07-34 Opposition to funding cuts for the Conservation Districts.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Bentz, to reappoint Margaret Richards to the Department of Human Services Board for a term to expire 5-1-2010. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Liss: Interviewing candidates for the Land Use Services Director.

Commissioner Beachnau: Attended the City-Council meeting.
Ground breaking for the new bike path at the Soccer field
8-1-07 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Hyde: Airport update.

Commissioner Olsen: Hazardous waste program update.

Commissioner Backenstose: Attended the City-Council meeting

Commissioner Glasser: LAPC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyer, County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 07-33
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 24, 2007

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners is the owner of a property located at 3240 Forest Rd., Gaylord, Michigan 49735 and has a mortgage recorded in Liber 741, Pages 820-828 and a Loan Modification recorded in Liber 745, Pages 659-660, in the name Bradley S. Jensen and Sandra A. Jensen, 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 Bradley S. Jensen and Sandra A. Jensen, 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.



OTSEGO COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

FUND/DEPARTMENT: BUS

As provided for in the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act of 1978, as amended, and consistent with Otsego County Policy, the Administrator and Finance Director are hereby authorized to record the following adjustments to the budget.

Fund Type: General Special Revenue Debt Service Capital Project Business-Type (Enterprise or Internal Svc)

REVENUE

Account Number	Decrease	Increase
5880030 - 400001 - From Fund	\$	\$ 26,000 -
- - Balance	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

EXPENDITURE

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
588EL99 - 970420 - Property - Vehicles	\$ 26,000 -	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

Department Head Signature

6/28/07
Date

Finance Department
Entered:
By:

Administrator's Signature

7/18/07
Date

Board Approval Date (if necessary)

Budget Adjustment #

Posting Number



**OTSEGO COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

FUND/DEPARTMENT: 9-1-1 Fund

As provided for in the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act of 1978, as amended, and consistent with Otsego County Policy, the Administrator and Finance Director are hereby authorized to record the following adjustments to the budget.

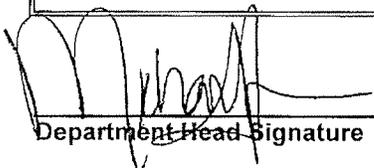
Fund Type: General Special Revenue Debt Service Capital Project Business-Type (Enterprise or Internal Svc)

REVENUE

Account Number	Decrease	Increase
2610050 - 400001 - From Fund Bal.	\$	\$ 47,000 -
-	\$	\$
-	\$	\$
-	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

EXPENDITURE

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
261E901 - 970450 - Property-software	\$ 47,000 -	\$
-	\$	\$
-	\$	\$
-	\$	\$
-	\$	\$
-	\$	\$
Total	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000


Department Head Signature

_____ Date

Finance Department
Entered:
By:


Administrator's Signature

7/18/07
Date

Board Approval Date (if necessary)

Budget Adjustment #

Posting Number

Confidential



Quote Prepared by:
Daphne Glover
Regional Area Manager
REVERSE 911®
Phone: (800) 247-2363 x 8663
Email: dkglover@reverse911.com

Date: 7/13/2007

Designed for:
Otsego County Emergency Management Valid Thru September 30, 2007

Quotation Details:

Item	Total
12-Port REVERSE 911® System, includes remote access and 5 licensed users	\$36,950.00
MODULES	
HazMat	\$5,000.00
MassCall™ (plus \$0.20 per call minute)	\$5,000.00
System Total	\$46,950.00

REVERSE 911® system includes:

- Patented REVERSE 911® server software, XP Pro or Windows 2003, Computer Server, Monitor
- ESR® Mapping
- Full Reporting Capabilities

Installation, Training, & Support:

Item	Cost
Installation Services (8 hours) <i>Includes: Hardware, Software and GeoCoding Services</i>	Included
Training (8 hours) <i>Includes: On-site training plus on-going web-based training</i>	Included
Manuals & Other Printed Materials	Included

REVERSE 911® support includes:

- 24/7 Customer Service
- System updates and upgrades
- Training

Annual Services & Costs:

Item	Cost
Year 2 & 3 Support	15% of system total if paid annually \$7,043.00
Year 2 & 3 Annual Fees	12% of system total if paid upfront \$5,634.00
<i>Includes: MassCall™ & REVERSE911.NET™ (if applicable)</i>	\$2,500.00

*Telephone database is not included in the above pricing. REVERSE 911® can assist in acquiring the E911 or commercial database at an additional cost. This cost varies based on local telephone carriers of databases.

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**OTSEGO COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

FUND/DEPARTMENT: Administration / Contingency

As provided for in the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act of 1978, as amended, and consistent with Otsego County Policy, the Administrator and Finance Director are hereby authorized to record the following adjustments to the budget.

Fund Type: General Special Revenue Debt Service Capital Project Business-Type (Enterprise or Internal Svc)

REVENUE

Account Number	Decrease	Increase
6450025 - 626075 - Admin Svcs	\$	\$ 900-
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

EXPENDITURE

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
6450772 - 704400 - Educ. + Training	\$ 900-	\$
1010741 - 999000 - Contingency	\$	\$ 900-
1010710 - 999010 - Admin Svcs.	\$ 900-	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
Total	\$ 1800-	\$ 1800-

Rachel Trisch
Department Head Signature

7/18/07
Date

[Signature]
Administrator's Signature

7/19/07
Date

Finance Department
Entered:
By:

Board Approval Date (if necessary)

Budget Adjustment #

Posting Number

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT ("Lease"), made this ____ day of _____, 2007, between OTSEGO COUNTY/GAYLORD REGIONAL AIRPORT, a Michigan Municipal Corporation ("Landlord") and FEDERAL EXPRESS CORPORATION, a _____ Corporation ("Tenant").

RECITALS:

1. Landlord has the right to grant a leasehold interest in the premises described in this Lease.
2. Tenant desires to lease from Landlord and Landlord is willing to lease to Tenant the premises described in this Lease, in accordance with and subject to the conditions of this Lease.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants contained in this Lease, Landlord and Tenant (the "parties") agree as follows:

Section 1. Lease of Premises. Landlord leases to Tenant and Tenant hires from Landlord the premises, which consists of approximately 2600 square feet of building space commonly known as storage building 1099 Aero Drive, Gaylord Michigan 49735, as more particularly described in Exhibit A (the "Premises") for the term described in Section 2.

Section 2. Initial Term. The Initial Term of this Lease (the "Initial Term") shall be for 12 months, commencing on _____, 2007, (the "Commencement Date") and ending on _____, 2008, (the "Expiration Date"), unless earlier terminated pursuant to the terms of this Lease.

Section 3. Rent.

(a) Tenant shall pay to Landlord for the Premises as rent during the Initial Term the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000.00), payable Seven Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$750.00) per month in advance on the first day of each month during the Initial Term, with the first installment of Rent due on the Commencement Date.

(b) If this Lease is terminated prior to the Expiration Date for reasons other than Tenant's default and if the effective date of termination is other than the last day of the month, Rent shall be pro-rated to the date of termination based on a 30-day month, and Landlord shall refund to Tenant any Rent paid but unearned as of the termination date, without demand, setoff or reduction.

(c) Rent shall be paid to Landlord at the address set forth in Section 21 or at such other address as Landlord may from time to time designate.

(d) If Tenant defaults in the payment of rent, or defaults in the performance of any other covenants or conditions hereof, Landlord may give Tenant notice of such default and if Tenant does not cure said default within 10 days after the giving of said notice (or if such other default is of such a nature that cannot be completely cured within such period, if Tenant does not commence such curing within 10 days and thereafter with reasonable diligence and in good faith and cure default), then Landlord may terminate this lease on not less than 10 days notice to Tenant. On the date specified in such notice the term of this lease shall terminate, and Tenant shall then quit and surrender the premises to Landlord, but Tenant shall remain liable for default of the lease. If this lease shall have been so terminated by Landlord, Landlord may at any time thereafter resume possession of the premises by any lawful means and remove Tenant or other occupants and their effects. No failure to enforce any terms shall be deemed a waiver.

Section 4. Renewal of Initial Term. Landlord grants Tenant the option to renew the Initial Term for one renewal term ("Renewal Term") of 6 months, exercised by written notice to Landlord given not less than six months prior to the Expiration Date. The Renewal Term shall be governed by the provisions of this Lease, except that the Rent for any such Renewal Term shall be negotiated by the parties at time of Renewal. The Initial Term and Renewal Term are hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Term".

Section 5. Use. Tenant shall use the Premises only for lawful purposes reasonably related to Tenant's business operations and contemplates use of the Premises 24 hours per day.

Section 6. Alterations.

(a) During the Initial Term and any Renewal Term, Tenant shall not make structural or exterior alterations to the Premises without Landlord's prior written consent, but Tenant shall have the right, without Landlord's consent to make nonstructural alterations to the interior of the Premises ("Alterations") required for the conduct of Tenant's business. In making any Alterations, Tenant shall do the following:

- (i) notify Landlord at least seven days prior to commencement of the Alterations;
- (ii) comply with all applicable local, state or federal laws, regulations, codes or ordinances affecting such Alterations and the Premises;
- (iii) perform the Alterations so as not to unreasonably interfere with or create a nuisance to the tenancy of others in the Building;
- (iv) timely pay for all work, materials and labor so that no lien attaches to the improvements or the Premises; and
- (v) perform the Alterations in a good and workmanlike manner.

(b) Any Alterations or other leasehold improvements made by or paid for by Tenant, shall remain with the Premises and belong solely to Landlord unless Landlord, in its sole discretion, requires Tenant to remove same at Tenant's expense. Landlord will notify Tenant in writing prior to installation of such Alterations or leasehold improvements whether Landlord will require Tenant to remove same upon expiration or termination of this Lease. Any of Tenant's trade fixtures, furnishings and equipment in the Premises, shall remain Tenant's property for all purposes.

(c) Except as otherwise agreed in writing by Tenant and Landlord, at its option and expense, Tenant may remove any trade fixtures, furnishings and equipment, on or before the Expiration Date (or as appropriate the date the Renewal Term expires) and Tenant shall return the Premises to as good a condition as they were in on the Commencement Date, ordinary wear and tear and damage from the elements or other insured casualty excepted. Tenant will repair any damage caused by the removal of Tenant's trade fixtures, furnishings or equipment.

Section 7. Maintenance of Premises.

(a) At its expense, Landlord shall maintain in good condition the structure of the Building, including the roof, foundation, floor slab, load-bearing and exterior walls and Landlord shall also maintain the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems serving the Premises and the parking lots, drives and sidewalks around the Premises.

(b) Landlord shall accomplish all ordinary maintenance for which it is responsible within 30 days after receiving notice of the need for such maintenance from Tenant; provided; however, that Landlord shall have the maintenance performed immediately if a hazardous or emergency situations exists. For purposed of this subsection a hazardous or emergency situation means needed maintenance to the premises for which Landlord is responsible that if left unrepaired would cause continuing damage to the premises or to the Tenant's property located in the premises or would cause any immediate risk of personal injury or death to persons within the premises.

(c) Tenant shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of any equipment installed by Tenant for its use. Tenant shall also maintain the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems serving the Premises and shall maintain the parking lots, drives and sidewalks around the Premises (including snow removal). Except as otherwise provided in this Lease, Tenant shall be responsible for maintaining in good condition at its expense the interior of the Premises and shall perform any and all necessary repairs and maintenance.

(d) If following notice from Landlord, Tenant fails to make any necessary repairs or perform any necessary maintenance for which Tenant is responsible (other than Tenant installed equipment, maintenance and repair), Landlord may have such repairs or maintenance performed and Landlord's costs of doing so shall be payable as Additional Rent with the next due installment of Base Rent.

Section 8. Taxes. The Tenant further agrees to pay any taxes special assessments hereinafter legally levied by a governmental agency against the lands covered by this lease, including

buildings or personal property of the Tenant. The non-payment of any such taxes by the Tenant for ninety (90) days shall be grounds for cancellation of this lease by the Landlord.

Section 9. Utilities. Tenant shall pay \$150.00 per month for the following: Electricity, Natural Gas, Internet access, Garbage pickup and Snow removal.

Section 10. Signs. Tenant shall have the right to place exterior signs on the Premises subject to any applicable laws, codes or ordinances and subject to any reasonable rules and regulations adopted for the Building by Landlord or the Gaylord Regional Airport Manager. Tenant shall be solely responsible for maintaining its signs in good condition and shall remove them and repair any damage caused by such removal on or before the Expiration Date (or the expiration date of the last Renewal Term, as applicable).

Section 11. Landlord's Right of Access. It is agreed that the Landlord and its duly authorized employees shall have the right of ingress and egress to said leased premises, including all buildings or appurtenances placed or erected on said premises for inspection purposes or for any purpose occasioned by emergency.

Section 12. Tenant's Indemnity. Tenant shall defend, indemnify and hold Landlord and the Authority harmless from and against all claims, actions, demands, judgments, damages, liabilities and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for death of or bodily injury to any person or for loss of, damage to or destruction of any property arising from Tenant's use of the Premises, except to the extent any such claims, actions, demands, judgments, damages, liabilities or expenses arise from the acts or omissions of Landlord, its agents, employees, guests, invitees or contractors.

Section 13. Landlord's Indemnity. Landlord shall defend, indemnify and hold Tenant harmless from and against all claims, actions, demands, judgments, damages, liabilities and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for death of or bodily injury to any person or for loss of, damage to or destruction of any property arising in connection with any defect in the condition of the Premises, or arising from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Landlord, its employees, contractors, agents or representatives, except to the extent any such claims, actions, demands, judgments, damages, liabilities or expenses arising from the intentional or negligent acts or omissions of Tenant, its agents, employees, guests, invitees or contractors.

Section 14. Insurance.

(a) Tenant shall provide all-risk property insurance on a replacement cost basis covering the Premises, including rent loss insurance, and naming the Landlord as an additional insured and loss payee along with any mortgagee with an insurable interest in the Premises.

(b) Tenant shall at its expense maintain in force during the Initial Term and any Renewal Term a policy of comprehensive public liability insurance insuring Landlord and Tenant against liability arising from Tenant's use, occupancy or maintenance of the Premises and appurtenant areas. Tenant's insurance shall be in the amount of not less than Two Million Dollars

(\$2,000,000.00) for bodily injury to or death of any persons or property damage to third parties in any one occurrence. Landlord shall be named as an additional insured under Tenant's policy.

(c) All insurance maintained by Tenant or Landlord shall be primary and the other party's insurance shall be noncontributing irrespective of any insurance which such party maintains on its own behalf.

(d) All insurance maintained by Tenant or Landlord pursuant to this Section shall be written by insurance companies licensed to do business in the state where the Premises are located, shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the other party and shall provide that insurance will not be subject to cancellation, termination or material change except after 30 days' prior written notice to such party.

(e) As soon as practicable, Tenant shall furnish to Landlord certificates of insurance reflecting policies in force, and it shall also provide certificates evidencing all renewals of such policies.

Section 15. Waiver of Subrogation. It is expressly understood that the present rules and regulations now in effect governing the Gaylord Regional Airport, or any future amendment thereto, shall be binding and shall be considered a part of this lease and shall be complied with by the Tenant in all details.

Section 16. Assignment and Subletting. Except as otherwise provided herein, Tenant shall not, without Landlord's written consent, assign, sublet or otherwise transfer its interest in the premises or any part thereof.

Section 17. Remedies Not Exclusive. Landlord's and Tenant's rights, remedies and benefits under this Lease are cumulative and shall not be exclusive of any other rights, remedies and benefits allowed by law or equity.

Section 18. Successors. The covenants, conditions and agreements made and entered into by the Landlord and Tenant shall be binding on their heirs, personal representatives, administrators, executors, successors and assigns.

Section 19. Entire Agreement. This Lease, the exhibits, and/or addendum, if any, attached hereto and forming a part hereof set forth all the covenants, promises, agreements, conditions and understandings between the parties and there are no matters, whether written or oral, between the parties other than set forth herein.

Section 20. Partial Invalidity. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Lease shall not affect or impair the validity of any other provision.

Section 21. Notices. All notices of any kind to Tenant shall be sent to Tenant at the following address or to such other address as Tenant may designate by written notice or by telegram:

Federal Express Corporation

All notices of any kind to the Landlord shall be sent to the Landlord at the following address or such other address as Landlord may designate by written notice:

Airport Manager
Gaylord Regional Airport
1100 Aero Drive
Gaylord, MI 49735

All notices shall be in writing with postage prepaid, registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by telegram.

Section 22. Relationship to the Parties. Nothing contained in this Lease shall be deemed or construed as creating the relationship of principal and agent or of partnership or joint venture between the parties hereto, it being understood and agreed that neither the method of computing rent or any additional charges nor any other provision herein nor any acts of the parties shall create any relationship between the parties other than that of the Landlord and Tenant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Landlord:

WITNESSES:

Otsego County, a Michigan
Constitutional Corporation

John Burt, Administrator

Ken Glasser, Chairperson

Tenant:

Federal Express Corporation

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss:
COUNTY OF OTSEGO)

Before me personally appeared John Burt and Ken Glasser, to me well known, and known to me to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as Administrator and Chairperson said OTSEGO COUNTY, respectively, that it was executed at the order of the board of said OTSEGO COUNTY, and that they signed their name thereto by like order.

NOTARY PUBLIC:
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF OTSEGO
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____
Acting in Otsego County

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss:
COUNTY OF)

Before me personally appeared _____ to me well known, and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument as _____ of Federal Express Corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

NOTARY PUBLIC:
STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____
Acting in Otsego County



**OTSEGO COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

FUND/DEPARTMENT: Jail / Sheriff

As provided for in the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act of 1978, as amended, and consistent with Otsego County Policy, the Administrator and Finance Director are hereby authorized to record the following adjustments to the budget.

Fund Type: General Special Revenue Debt Service Capital Project Business-Type (Enterprise or Internal Svc)

REVENUE

Account Number	Decrease	Increase
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
- -	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

EXPENDITURE

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
101E351 - 703020 - Salary	\$ 1,035 -	\$
" - 702400 - FICA	\$ 80 -	\$
" - 704400 - MERS	\$ 102 -	\$
101E301 - 703020 - Salary	\$ 458 -	\$
" - 702400 - FICA	\$ 35 -	\$
" - 704400 - MERS	\$ 45 -	\$
Total 101E941 - 999990 - Contingency	\$	\$ 1,755 -

TOTALS

1,755 -

1,755 -

James P. McBride
Department Head Signature

Date

Finance Department
Entered:
By:

Administrator's Signature

Date

Board Approval Date (if necessary)

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RESOLUTION NO. OCR 07-34
Opposition to Funding Cuts for Conservation Districts
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 24, 2007

WHEREAS, the Otsego Conservation District provides invaluable service to the County's landowners; and

WHEREAS, the programs served by the Conservation District contribute greatly to the conservation of the County's land, air and water resources for the betterment of all; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Conservation District office is the local link for thousands of federal, state and local cost share and program dollars entering Otsego County's economy each year to improve our environment; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the State's 79 Conservation Districts has been proposed to be eliminated from the State's budget; now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners urges the Governor and the Legislature to fully restore and maintain the annual appropriation for the State's Conservation Districts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Tony Stamas, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, and the Michigan Association of Counties.