

August 27, 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 Commissioner Ken Borton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Judy Wagley .

Roll call:

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

Excused: Clark Bates.

Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the regular minutes of August 13, 2013 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the appointment of Gary Averill to the Northern Country Community Mental Health Board with the term to expire March 31, 2015. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Bonnie Byram to the Otsego County Library Board of Trustees with the term to expire August 31, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of John LaFave to the Otsego County Housing Committee with the term to expire September 16, 2016. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported the demolition is finished on Timberline and Old Stump road; Conservation District regarding gypsy moth spraying; Recycling meeting September 16, 2013; Budget meetings with Department heads this week; starting Union negotiations.

Department Head Report:

Sheriff Matt Nowicki reported on the revenue for the Sheriff's department; various trainings for his staff; Cage has been installed in the work camp van and is now in use.

Prosecutor Mike Rola reported his office is starting to work on backload cases; budget process.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton to adopt the Zoning Ordinance changes as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

City Liaison, Township and Village Representatives- None.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose reported on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, fee schedule for Land Use Services; alarm fee taken off; the County is not going to provide funds to the dog park request; Treetops lawsuit status.

Roberta Tholl from the Road Commission reported on the Milbocker and McCoy road projects; south end of Hayes Tower road completed; Lake Louise there was some seal coating done; Michaywe and Guthrie lakes there has been some work done; the Road Commission will soon have its own website.

Correspondence:

Chairman Lee Olsen received an invitation from Huron Pine, DNR to kickoff the demolition of the Saunders Dam September 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.; Notice from DEQ regarding 1 project of air quality, new compressor engine to be in Dover Township; Received a resolution from Alger County in opposition to HB 4785.

Unfinished Business:

Motion to approve the Millage request policy. Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to amend the motion by substituting the original policy included in the Board of Commissioners August 13, 2013 packet with the revised policy included in the August 27, 2013 Board of Commissioners packet. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the August 20, 2013 Warrant in the amount of \$194,367.86 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to approve the August 27, 2013 Warrant in the amount of \$191,348.62 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss to approve OCR-13-19 National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Clark Bates. Absent: Bruce Brown. Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Beachnau: Reported on the tourism bureau.

Commissioner Paul Liss: Reported on the transportation meeting, snow removal equipment building open house; Dave Kasper attended advisory meeting he wants to do drag racing; Fed Ex wants to renew their contract.

Commissioner Richard Sumerix: Welcomed Larry Nowak; reported on the gypsy moth count.

Commissioner Ken Borton: Attended the MAC meeting in Atlanta last week; MAC annual conference to be held in Frankenmuth.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Lee F. Olsen, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk

We will have to renumber the following sections to place this in the proper order; 18.5 will become 21.4, 18.7 will become 21.5, 18.8 will become 21.6 and 18.9 will become 21.7.

SECTION 21.4 CEMETERY

- 21.4.1 Requires a minimum site size of ten (10) acres.
- 21.4.2 Shall comply with Michigan Department of Public Health requirements and regulations.
- 21.4.3 Shall be in rectangular shape with a maximum of one (1) to four (4) width to depth ratio.

SECTION 21.5 CLUSTER RESIDENTIAL OPTION

Otsego County recognizes the potential benefit of encouraging the clustering of residential dwelling units, to allow for the preservation of open space and environmental amenities. Therefore, the Otsego County Planning Commission will consider the approval of residential cluster developments, providing that such developments incorporate the following design standards.

- 21.5.1 The cluster option is available for residential development only, where project size is at least ten (10) acres, and the total number of residential units to be constructed does not exceed forty (40) units. All projects with a cluster approach shall conform under the PUD provisions of [Article 24.3](#).
- 21.5.2 The land in question is zoned for R1, R2, R3, RR, FR or AR.
- 21.5.3 Clustered residential structures are set back a minimum of seventy (70) feet from the development parcel perimeter.
- 21.5.4 A minimum of fifty (50) percent of the land area is maintained as permanent, contiguous open space. The open space portion shall be reserved in perpetuity by an enforceable legal instrument. This instrument shall be submitted in writing for Planning Commission review, along with other required site plan materials. The legal instrument shall also provide for perpetual maintenance of the open space property, and adequate financing for such maintenance. The instrument shall be recorded prior to property sale.
- 21.5.5 The Planning Commission may waive enforcement of the respective zoning district lot area, yard setbacks, lot width and lot coverage requirements, if such waiver is determined appropriate to promote and establish clustered residential developments. However, residential unit density in a cluster residential development shall not exceed one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the gross residential unit density allowed by the respective zoning district regulations. Land areas defined by state or federal law as regulated wetlands or with a slope of twenty percent (20%) or more, shall not be considered buildable area, and shall not be part of the density or open space calculation.
- 21.5.6 Residential units constructed under the residential cluster option may be attached or detached, as approved by the Planning Commission. Further, real estate interests may be transferred by means of lot splits, platting or condominium agreement, or a combination thereof.
- 21.5.7 A residential cluster option shall be considered a Permitted Use Subject to Special Conditions, and shall be reviewed according to the requirements of [Article 19](#) of this Ordinance. Further, a residential cluster option development shall be subject to the site plan submittal and review requirements of [Article 23](#).
- 21.5.8 A cluster residential development is subject to all applicable state and county health codes pertaining to drinking water supply and sewage disposal. Proof of Health Department consent to water supply and sewage management for the cluster development shall be presented to the Planning Commission prior to and as a condition of special condition use and site plan approval.

SECTION 21.6 DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS

21.6.1 Definition

For purposes of this section and as used in the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance a Development shall be defined as Platted Subdivisions, Condominium Developments or any division of land that creates more lots or parcels on a parent parcel than is permitted under the Land Division Act.

21.6.2 Regulations

A development shall be reviewed pursuant to the Special Land Use regulations of [Article 19](#) and shall conform to the following provisions in addition to all other applicable district provisions, except that the Planning Commission may waive the requirements of this Section for developments with fewer than ten (10) lots, parcels or units provided the Planning Commission makes a finding that doing so will not cause any significant public harm or harm to adjacent properties.

21.6.3 A development, shall comply with the applicable site development standards contained in [Article 17 SCHEDULE OF DIMENSIONS](#), unless developed as a Planned Unit Development (PUD) subject to all regulations of [Article 24](#).

21.6.4 Developments shall comply with all federal, state and county regulations regarding the provision of a potable water supply and waste disposal facilities.

21.6.5 Developments shall provide for dedication of easements to the appropriate public agencies for the purposes of construction, operation, maintenance, inspection, repair, alteration, replacement and/or removal of pipelines, conduits, mains and other installations of a similar

character for the purpose of providing public utility services, including Conveyance of sewage, potable water and Storm water runoff across, through and under the property subject to said easement, and excavation and refilling of ditches and trenches necessary for the location of such installations.

21.6.6 In addition to the materials required by [Article 19](#) and [Article 23](#) or [Article 24](#) for PUDs if applicable, an application for a development shall include a development plan containing the following information:

21.8.6.1 Proposed use and occupancy restrictions as will be contained in the Deed Restrictions or the Master Deed.

21.8.6.2 All proposed deed restrictions which are conditions of the special use permit.

21.6.7 All provisions of the approved development plan shall be incorporated in the Deed Restrictions or in the Master Deed for the development, unless exceptions are permitted by the Planning Commission. Any proposed changes to the approved development plan shall be subject to review and approval by the County Planning Commission as a major amendment to a permit, subject to the procedures of [Article 19](#) and [Article 23](#) or [Article 24](#) for PUDs if applicable.

21.6.8 All lots, parcels or units within a development project shall be marked with monuments as provided by State and County regulations.

21.6.8.1 The County Board of Commissioners may waive the placing of any of the required monuments and markers for a reasonable time, not to exceed one year, on condition that the proprietor deposits with the County Clerk cash or a certified check, or irrevocable bank letter of credit naming to the municipality, whichever the proprietor selects, in an amount not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per monument and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in total, except that lot corner markers shall be at the rate of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) per marker. The performance guarantee shall be returned to the proprietor pursuant to the provisions of [Section 25.6](#) upon receipt of a certificate by a licensed professional surveyor that the monuments and markers have been placed as required within the time specified.

SECTION 21.7 DISCRETIONARY APPROVAL CONDITIONS

Whenever the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Zoning Administrator, or other official or body with authority to make a discretionary decision as provided for in the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act (PA 110 of 2006 as amended) determines that a fence, greenbelt, berm, landscaping or other buffering or screening device or land use arrangement shall be necessary, said body or official may require such condition per the requirements of the applicable section of this Ordinance. This includes the lighting requirements of [Section 21.19](#), the outdoor speaker requirements of [Section 21.41](#), and the fencing requirements of [Section 21.10](#).

SECTION 21.8 DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES

For every building or use having a drive through facility, the parking lot and driveways provided for such building shall comply with the following requirements:

21.8.1 Sufficient stacking capacity for the drive through facility shall be provided to ensure that queuing of vehicles does not extend into a street or alley. A stacking space shall be defined as a paved surface having dimensions of at least ten (10) feet in width by twenty (20) feet in length.

21.8.2 Stacking spaces shall be located so as to minimize conflicts with pedestrians and required parking areas.

21.8.3 The minimum number of required stacking spaces for specified uses shall be as follows:

Restaurant	Five (5) stacking spaces per servicing station
Financial institutions such as: Bank, Credit Union, Savings and Loan	Five (5) stacking spaces per servicing station
Laundry or dry cleaning establishment	Three (3) stacking spaces per servicing station
Carwashes, Automatic	Five (5) stacking spaces per washing bay
Carwashes, Self-service	Two (2) stacking spaces per washing bay
All Other Uses	Five (5) stacking spaces per servicing station

21.8.4 The Planning Commission may require additional stacking spaces if it believes the required number would result in stacking occurring on streets or roadways.

SECTION 21.27 PARKING

There shall be provided in all districts at the time of erection or enlargement of any main building or structure or use, automobile off-street parking space with adequate access to all spaces.

- 21.27.1 Off-street parking for other than residential uses shall be either on the same lot or within four hundred (400) feet of the building it is intended to serve, measured from the nearest point of the building to the nearest point of the off-street parking lot.
- 21.27.2 Any area once designated as required off-street parking shall not be changed to any other use unless and until equal facilities are provided elsewhere.
- 21.27.3 In the instance of dual function of off-street parking spaces where operating hours of uses do not overlap, the Zoning Board of Appeals may grant an exception by reducing the total number of spaces required.
- 21.27.4 The storage of merchandise, motor vehicles for sale, trucks, or the repair of vehicles is prohibited on required off-street parking lots.
- 21.27.5 Residential off-street parking spaces shall consist of a driveway, parking strip, parking bay, garage, carport, or combination thereof.
- 21.27.6 The parking or storage of any commercial motor vehicle shall be prohibited in any R1, R2 or RR District, or in any residential area with lots of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or less. (See definition of [COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE](#).)
- 21.27.7 For the purpose of computing the number of parking spaces required, the definition of [USABLE FLOOR AREA](#) shall govern.
- 21.27.8 For those uses not specifically mentioned in the Off-street Parking Schedule, requirements for off-street parking facilities shall be in accord with a use which the Board of Appeals considers as being similar in type.
- 21.27.9 Entrance drives to the property and off-street parking area shall be no less than twenty-five (25) feet from a street intersection (measured from the road right-of-way) or from the boundary of a different Zoning District. A greater distance may be required by the Planning Commission if the lesser would cause a traffic issue.

21.27.10 Off-street Parking Schedule

The minimum number of off-street parking spaces required by use shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

MINIMUM PARKING SPACES REQUIRED

LAND USE

PER UNIT OF MEASURE

Residential

Dwellings	2 per dwelling
Multiple-Family Dwelling	2 per dwelling
Elderly Housing	1 per 4
Rooming House, Fraternity, or Sorority	1 per 2 occupants at maximum capacity
Trailer Court	2 per unit

Public and Quasi Public

Church or Temple	1 per 3 seats
Hospital	1 ½ per bed
Nursing Home	1 per 4 beds
Elementary, requirements for Middle School or Junior High	1 per teacher, employee, and administrator, plus the auditoriums or gyms
Senior High School	1 per teacher, employee, and administrator, plus 1 for each 10 pupils or the requirements for any auditorium or stadium, whichever is greater
Colleges, University Centers shift, plus or Tech Schools	1 per teacher, employee and administrator on the largest 1 per each 2 students not residing on campus
Membership Clubs	1 per 4 members, or 1 per 150 sq. ft. of usable floor area, whichever is greater
Golf, or Swim Club	1 per 4 member families, plus 1 per employee, plus restaurant or bar parking requirements
Public Golf Course	4 per green or golf hole plus one (1) per employee
Par 3 and/or Mini Golf	3 per hole or green
Racquet Club or Tennis House	4 spaces per court, plus 1 per employee
Sport Arena, Gym, or Stadium	1 per 3 seats
Theater or Auditorium	1 per 4 seats

Commercial

Planned Shopping Center	1 per 200 sq. ft. of usable floor area
Auto Wash-Automatic	5 per wash stall plus 1 per employee
Auto Wash-Automatic-Drive-in	1 for each 2 employees
Auto Wash-Self Service	1 per employee
Barber or Beauty Shop	1 per employee plus 1 per service chair
Dance Hall, Rinks or Assembly Building (no fixed seats)	1 per 3 persons at maximum capacity

Drive-in Business patrons	1 per employee plus drive-in stalls and/or lanes to serve patrons
Banks	1 per 200 sq. ft. of usable floor area
Doctor or Dentist Office	1 per 50 sq. ft. of waiting room plus 1 per service chair
Business Office	1 per 200 sq. ft.
Billiard Hall	2 per game table
Bowling Alley	5 per lane
Taverns	1 per 100 sq. ft. of usable floor area
Restaurants	1 per 3 persons at maximum seating capacity

Drive-up or Drive-through Uses-Restaurant, Banks, Drug Pick-up, Laundries, Payment Windows or other Drive-up Service Windows In addition to the required parking for the principal use, the Drive-through facilities requirement in Article 18 shall be followed

Furniture, Appliances, Plumbers, Electricians Minor Repair Services	1 per 800 sq. ft. of usable floor area
Vehicle Service Station	2 per service stall, plus 1 per employee
Gasoline Convenience Store	1 per 300 sq. ft. of usable floor area
Laundromat	1 per 3 machines for washing
Funeral Home/Mortuary	1 per 200 sq. ft. of usable floor area

Motels, Hotels, Motor Inns, Cabin Courts, Bed & Breakfast Facilities and Tourist Lodging Facilities 1 per 150 sq. ft. of usable floor area, the Planning Commission may reduce up to half if they reserve land for open space

Vehicle Sales	1 per 200 sq. ft. of showroom usable floor area
Retail Groceries	1 per 150 sq. ft. of usable floor area
Other Retail Stores	1 per 150 sq. ft. of usable floor area
Self-Storage Rental Units	1 per 10 units
Personal Service Establishments	1 per 100 sq. ft. usable floor area not otherwise specified

Museums 1 per 150 sq. ft. of usable floor area

Rental Shops 1 per 200 sq. ft. of usable floor area in addition to a loading and unloading area; and a vehicle turnaround drop-off area

Rifle or Pistol Range 2 per range plus 1 per employee

Industrial

Manufacturing Shop 5 plus 1 per employee

Industrial Office or Research 1 ½ per employee

Warehouse and Wholesale 1 per employee, plus 1 per 200 sq. ft. of any office space

Industrial Laundries 5 plus 1 per employee

Medical Laboratories 1 per 50 sq. ft. of waiting room plus 1 per employee

NOTES

- a. Sq. ft. refers to square feet of usable floor area unless otherwise noted.
- b. 1 unit per measure shall be interpreted to mean 1 per each unit, as 1 per "each" three (3) persons.
- c. Space requirements are cumulative; hence, a country club may require parking for the golf use as well as restaurant or bar use.
- d. Employees, refers to all permanent staff and part time equivalents in the largest working shift. Maximum capacity is the maximum occupancy permitted by applicable building, fire, or health codes.

21.27.11 Parking Area Design Standards

The layout of off street parking facilities shall be in accord with the following minimum requirements:

Parking Pattern	Maneuvering Lane width	Parking Space width	Parking Space length
Parallel	12ft	8ft	23ft
30-53°	12ft	9ft	20ft
54-74°	15ft	9ft	20ft
75-90°	20ft	9ft	20ft

All spaces shall be provided access by maneuvering lanes. Backing directly onto a street shall be prohibited. Adequate ingress and egress to a parking lot by means of clearly defined drives shall be provided for all vehicles. Ingress and egress to a parking lot lying in an area zoned for other than residential use shall not be across land zoned for residential use.

Each entrance and exit to and from any off street parking lot located in an area zoned for other than residential use shall be at least twenty-five (25) feet from adjacent property located in any residential district.

Buffer yards shall be required per standards set by [Section 21.18](#). A buffer yard without buildings shall be required not less than ten (10) feet wide on the perimeter of all parking lots. Said buffer yard shall be used for landscaping, screening and/or drainage as required by this ordinance.

All parking areas containing twenty-seven hundred (2700) square feet or more shall provide snow storage area. Snow storage shall be provided on the ratio of ten (10) square feet per one hundred (100) square

feet of parking area.

Parking area is calculated at two hundred seventy (270) square feet per parking space. Snow storage areas shall be located in such a manner that they do not interfere with the clear visibility of traffic on adjacent streets and driveways

One (1) street tree shall be planted adjacent to the public right-of-way for each twenty-four (24) lineal feet of frontage.

Parking lots with more than two (2) parking aisles shall require landscaped areas of at least ten (10) square feet of interior landscaping for each parking space, interior being defined as the area within the perimeter of the paved surface.

Landscaped areas shall be a minimum of seventy-five (75) square feet with a minimum dimension of ten (10) feet. Interior landscape areas shall be designed so as to cause minimum interference with snow removal. Each interior landscape area shall include one (1) or more canopy trees based on the provision of one (1) tree per each one hundred (100) square feet of interior landscape area.

21.27.12 Federal and State requirements regarding handicapped parking and access shall apply.

21.27.13 Where the property owner can demonstrate that the required amount of parking is excessive, the Planning Commission may approve a smaller parking area, provided that the area of sufficient size to meet parking space requirements of this article is retained as open space and the owner agrees to construct the additional parking at the direction of the Planning Commission.

21.27.14 Parking lot cross-connections shall be used in addition to frontage roads or shared driveways, when in the opinion of the Planning Commission, cross-connections do not hinder traffic.

21.27.15 All parking in the Highway Interchange Commercial District shall be in the rear or side yard.



Millage Request Policy

1. Purpose. The Otsego County Board of Commissioners is, by law, responsible for determining whether a countywide property tax millage will be placed on the ballot for consideration by the voters of Otsego County. To assist in its review and consideration of such requests, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners has adopted this “Millage Request Policy”. Persons or entities, other than the County Board of Commissioners, seeking to have a new county-wide property tax millage placed on the ballot by the Board are expected to comply with its terms.

~~This policy is not intended to apply to agencies that already receive a millage or to County initiated millages.~~

2. Authority. The Board of Commissioners may establish such rules and regulations regarding the business concerns of the County as the Board considers necessary and proper. See: MCL 46.11(m); 46.71, Act 156 of the Public Acts of 1851, as amended.
3. Application. This policy applies to any agency not currently receiving a property tax millage.
4. Procedure.
 - A. At a minimum, county-wide property tax millage requests must include, in writing:
 1. The name, address, and telephone number(s) of the entity, person, or persons seeking the county-wide property tax millage.
 2. The amount of mills sought, the proposed duration of the millage, and a calculation stating and clearly explaining the amount of tax dollars anticipated to be generated in the first year the millage is to be in effect.
 3. A written narrative description of the purpose, project, or projects for which the millage is sought. The narrative should explain why it is necessary to adopt a county-wide property tax millage to accomplish the purpose, explain what alternative efforts have been made to obtain funding, and state why it is necessary to fund the purpose through the mechanism of a county-wide property tax millage.
 4. A statement of how anticipated revenues from the millage will be spent in each year it is in effect.
 5. A statement as to how funding for the project is to be accomplished (if at all) at the conclusion of the duration of the requested millage.

6. The date upon which the vote is sought must be supplied. In the general course, a county-wide property tax millage request, in the form set forth herein, must be submitted to the Otsego County Board of Commissioners not less than ninety (90) days prior to the date for the final determination of a ballot language.
 7. Legal authority for a county-wide millage for the purpose stated herein.
 8. Copy of the requesting agencies budget for both the current year and the previous year.
 9. Copy of the latest audit for the requesting agency.
 10. Any letters, petitions, and/or resolutions supporting the proposed millage.
 11. Any other information the proponents of the county-wide property tax millage believe is important for the Board of Commissioners to consider in evaluating the request.
 12. A petition signed by a number of qualified and registered voters residing in the County equal to not less than 20% of the total votes cast for all candidates for governor at the last preceding general election at which a governor in Michigan was elected. The above petition requirement is waived for the extension of an existing millage and for improvements to county-owned facilities when those improvements are included in the Otsego County Capital Improvement Plan.
- B. Millage requests under this policy should be submitted in one (1) original form to the County Administrator.
- C. Following receipt of the written materials required herein, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners shall, as part of a regularly scheduled meeting, notice and hold at least one public hearing on the millage vote request.
- D. As part of its consideration of such a request, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners may:
1. At a regularly scheduled meeting following the date of the public hearing, adopt ballot language to place the county-wide property tax millage on the ballot and schedule an election therefore. The cost of any special election to be borne by the requesting agency.
 2. Takes such other action as it deems appropriate.

Adopted:

OCR 13-19
National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
August 27, 2013

WHEREAS, the President in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, and local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, and local homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, and local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management - it is critical that Federal, State, and local organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the county's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various city/county incident management activities, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Otsego, Michigan, that the National Incident Management System (NIMS) is established as the County standard for incident management.