

August 11, 2009

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 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Glasser. Invocation by Chairman Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Beachnau.

Roll call:

Present: Backenstose, Bates, Beachnau, Glasser, Brown, Hyde, Johnson, Liss.

Excused: Harkness.

The Regular minutes of July 28, 2009 with attachments were approved as presented.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the reappointment of Vernon Kassuba to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with the term to expire July 31, 2013. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Janis Kellogg to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with the term to expire July 31, 2013. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt OCR-09-24 Discharge of Mortgage of Marjorie A. Ely as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Backenstose, Bates, Beachnau, Brown, Glasser, Hyde, Johnson, Liss.

Nays: None.

Excused: Harkness.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported animal shelter bids due; Clerk/ROD remodeling bids due; Jail ventilation; Court street parking; Airport snow removal; budget meetings next week.

Special Presentation:

Karen Warsow and Jeff Ratcliffe presented to the Board the TIGER grant support request.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, to adopt Resolution OCR-09-25 TIGER Grant Support as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Backenstose, Bates, Beachnau, Brown, Glasser, Hyde, Johnson, Liss.

Nays: None.

Excused: Harkness.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Department Head Report:

Diann Axford presented her quarterly report to the Board.

Theron Higgins presented the Bus report to the Board.

Correspondence:

Chairman Glasser received two letters from NEMCOG.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to approve the August 4, 2009 Warrant in the amount of \$122,588.13 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hyde, to approve the August 11, 2009 Warrant in the amount of \$234,838.44 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Rachel discussed the 2008 audit reports.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Hyde: Sportsplex insurance ratings.

Commissioner Johnson: Parks and Recreation meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 09-24**  
**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**  
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 11, 2009

**WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners is the owner of a property located at 269 Pinecrest Dr, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 and has a mortgage recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Otsego County Michigan, in Liber 1149, Pages 969-982, and a Loan Modification in Liber 1153, Pages 893-894, in the name Marjorie A. Ely, as survivor of Mark H. Ely, whose Death Certificate is recorded in Liber 1090, Page 60, Otsego County Records; and

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

**RESOLVED**, that Otsego County hereby issues a DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE to, Marjorie A. Ely, as survivor of Mark H. Ely, whose Death Certificate is recorded in Liber 1090, Page 60, Otsego County Records 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.

**OCR 09-25**  
**Resolution of Support**  
**Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)**  
Otsego County Board of Commissioners  
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- WHEREAS**, rapid growth and development in Otsego County and Northern Michigan has led to increased traffic congestion on M-32 at I-75 in the City of Gaylord; and
- WHEREAS**, several studies of Gaylord/I-75 transportation corridor have been completed, recommendations developed, and project planning undertaken to begin to address the traffic congestion and its negative impact on the existing infrastructure, local economic development efforts, quality of life, environment, and safety; and
- WHEREAS**, a group of local leaders in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation have been able to make substantial progress towards implementing the recommendations of these studies including coordinated land use planning, access management on all new development, construction of a new east-west crossing of I-75, and improvement of four (4) of ten (10) identified road segments; and
- WHEREAS**, plans call for the construction of a second I-75 crossing, improvements to six (6) additional road segments, access management improvements to an existing segment of West M-32, the reconfiguration of both M-32 in the Central Business District and South Otsego Avenue (Business Loop 75) to improve pedestrian and vehicular access, construction of traffic calming streetscape elements along the West M-32 Commercial District; and installation of a state of the art traffic signal light timing system to connect all lights in the corridor system; and
- WHEREAS**, the economic conditions in the State of Michigan and Otsego County have made it increasingly difficult to secure funding at both the state and local level to complete these projects in a timely manner; and
- WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation is making available funding through the TIGER Discretionary Grant program to implement projects such as those being proposed and undertaken in Otsego County; and
- WHEREAS**, in order to fully implement the planned long-term improvements to the overall transportation infrastructure serving the Gaylord/I-75 Corridor, create long-term economic benefits by supporting the retention, expansion and attraction of quality, high wage jobs and business enterprises, enhancing the quality of life for residents and visitors to the Gaylord area, promoting a more environmentally sustainable transportation system, and increasing the safety of the traveling public in the Gaylord/I-75 Corridor, the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission are applying for funding from the TIGER Discretionary Grant program.
- WHEREAS**, improvements to the transportation and pedestrian access infrastructure in the Gaylord/I-75 Corridor impacts the county-wide road system, economy, quality of life, environment and safety, now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners supports the City of Gaylord and Otsego County Road Commission's application for TIGER Discretionary Grant funding.