

August 22, 2006

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

Roll call:

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

Excused: Johnson.

The regular meeting of August 8, 2006 minutes with attachments and the Special meeting of August 15, 2006 were approved via unanimous consent.

Items b) Departmental Rules and Regulations policy and item c) Departmental program/policy Implementation policy were removed from the consent agenda and added under new business item h).

Commissioner Backenstose request appointment to the Planning Commission be added to the agenda.

Consent Agenda:

The Airport, 281 Fund, Budget amendment was approved via unanimous consent. (see attached)

Administrator's report:

John Burt reported on the Alpine Center 3rd floor repairs; Acceptance of Credit Cards; Invitation to Cooper-Standard 60th Anniversary celebration is August 26, 2006 from Noon-5:00 p.m.; Received an environmental study for the old DNR property.

Elizabeth Haus reported on the Village of Vanderbilt.

Correspondence:

The chairman received a memo regarding press release from John Copen regarding 2006 sewer project; Received a complaint regarding burning policy in Elmira Township.

Special Presentations:

Tim McPherson reported on the motorcycle training program to the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Hyde, to approve Resolution OCR 06-35 for the motorcycle safety grant as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Backenstose, to approve Warrant B2006-33 in the amount of \$126,536.25 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to approve Warrant B2006-34 in the amount of \$190,231.32 with prepaids in the amount of \$69,530.84 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Glasser, to include the goals of adding \$135,000 per year to the Budget Stabilization Fund and adding \$10,000 per year to the Capital Improvements Fund, to the 2007 Budget Appropriations Act. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Olsen, to approve the deficit reduction plan for DHS, Courthouse Restoration and Buildings and Grounds, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bentz, to approve Resolution OCR 06-31 for Trial Court Funding as presented, and for the County Clerk to transmit copies of the Resolution to all County Boards in the State of Michigan and to M.A.C.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Backenstose, to approve Resolution OCR 06-32 adding the Millage language for the Sportsplex Operation cost to the November 7, 2006 ballot.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Hyde.

Excused: Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Bill Michaels and Mason Buckingham address the Board.

Don Nordeen addressed the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Glasser, to approve Resolution OCR 06-33, Cooper Standard Resolution of Recognition.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Liss, to approve Resolution OCR 06-34 MERS AFSCME.

Roll Call Vote;

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Johnson.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

The Departmental Rules and Regulations policy was approved via unanimous consent. (see attached)

The Departmental Program/Policy Implementation policy was approved via unanimous consent. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Backenstose, to appoint Jackie Allsopp to the Planning Commission as a representative of the School District according to Act 282 of 1945 125.102 with a term of office of 3 years as of January 2005 through December 31, 2007. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to amend OCR-06-21 by deleting the words "and be it further" from the first resolving paragraph and deleting the second resolving paragraph. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Public Comment: Don Nordeen addressed the Board.

Dale Richardson addressed the Board.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Backenstose: Reported on the Library Board.

Commissioner Bates: Reminded everyone that the Otsego County Fair is this week.

Commissioner Glasser: Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Updated the Board on a conversation with Mike Blaine from Crawford County.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to enter into closed session under provisions of Act 267 of 1976 Section 8(c) discussion of a collective bargaining agreement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Johnson.

Motion carried.

Entered into closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Returned to open session at 11:46 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

Paul M. Beachnau, Chairman

Lynn Branch, Chief Deputy Clerk



**OTSEGO COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

FUND/DEPARTMENT: 281E537 / AIRPORT

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
- -	\$	\$
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Total	\$	\$

EXPENDITURE

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
281E537 930662 Diesel Fuel	\$ 2500.00	\$
281E537 930660 Gasoline	\$ 2500.00	\$
281E537 930500 Travel	\$ 500.00	\$
281E537 930300 Advertising	\$ 1500.00	\$
281E537 940010 Outside Contracts	\$ 1000.00	\$
281E537 703070 Overtime	\$ 2000.00	\$
Total	\$ 10,000.00	\$


 Department Head Signature _____ Date 8/10/06


 Administrator's Signature _____ Date 8/10/06

Finance Department
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By:

Board Approval Date (if necessary) _____ Budget Adjustment # _____ Posting Number _____



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281E537 703010 Reg Emp Dept Dir	\$	\$ 5900.00
281E537 704200 Soc security txs	\$	\$ 450.00
281E537 704300 Retirement	\$	\$ 1100.00
	\$	\$
281E537 726046 Uniforms	\$	\$ 550.00
281E537 920420 Cleaning	\$	\$ 2000.00
Total	\$	\$ 10,000.00

Department Head Signature

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**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 06-31
Trial Court Funding**

OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 22, 2006

WHEREAS, the Court Equity Fund, established under the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, only provides limited funding for trial court operations in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the remaining funding for trial court operations is paid for by county governments; and

WHEREAS, trial courts are part of the State of Michigan's Judicial Branch of Government and is the employer of trial court staff; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego believes that since the trial court is part of the State of Michigan's Judicial Branch of Government, and is the employer for the trial court staff, the State should have the responsibility of funding the entire operational cost of its trial courts; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby encourages all counties in Michigan to pass resolutions requesting the State to fund the entire operational cost of the State's trial courts.

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 06-32
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE
FOR A MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO PROVIDE
OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS FOR THE
OTSEGO COUNTY SPORTSPLEX AND TO SUBMIT THE
PROPOSITION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE
NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION**

Recitals

- A. Otsego County currently operates and maintains the Otsego County Sportsplex for the benefit of county residents and others visiting the county.
- B. The funds to operate and maintain the Sportsplex are currently provided by a millage previously approved by the county electors.
- C. The millage previously approved by the county electors expired in 2005.
- D. A millage proposition seeking .3 mills for twenty years, beginning December 1, 2006 through December 1, 2025, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining the Otsego County Sportsplex was defeated by the voters at the August 8, 2006 primary election.
- E. To again obtain voter approval for millage to provide funds for operating and maintaining the Sportsplex, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners has modified the previous millage request to .25 mills for five (5) years, beginning December 1, 2006 through December 1, 2010 inclusive.
- F. Because the general election is scheduled on November 7, 2006, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners finds it appropriate to submit this revised millage proposition to the electorate at this elections.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, THE OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES that:

1. The following proposition, the language of which is hereby approved by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners and certified to the Otsego County Clerk, shall be submitted to the electors of Otsego County for a vote at the November 7, 2006 general election:

BALLOT LANGUAGE

OTSEGO COUNTY

This proposal will permit the County to levy up to .25 mills for five (5) years for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining the Otsego County Sportsplex. The electors previously approved .3 mills for operating and maintaining the Otsego County Sportsplex, which has now expired.

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the County of Otsego, State of Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to .25 mills (\$.25 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of five (5) years, beginning December 1, 2006 through December 1, 2010, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for operating and maintaining the Otsego County Sportsplex, and shall the Otsego County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$294,627 for Otsego County in 2006.

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 06-33
Cooper Standard Resolution of Recognition

OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 22, 2006

WHEREAS, manufacturing is a vital part of our community's economic base, bringing valuable jobs and wealth into our community; and

WHEREAS, Cooper-Standard Automotive (formerly known as Standard Products) has operated a manufacturing operation in Otsego County since 1946 employing hundreds of county residents; and

WHEREAS, Cooper-Standard Automotive has contributed generously in support of a myriad of community activities and needs; and

WHEREAS, Cooper-Standard Automotive has shown it is committed to operating in Otsego County and being an outstanding corporate citizen; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners wishes to express its appreciation of Cooper-Standard Automotive's contribution to our economy and community and to congratulate them on their 60th Anniversary of operations in Otsego County.



ESTABLISHED 1875

Otsego
COUNTY
M I C H I G A N

Otsego County Human Resources

225 West Main Street • Gaylord, Michigan 49735

989-731-7520 • Fax 989-731-7529

The attached resolution upgrades The MERS Benefit Program for AFSCME Local #1534 from B-2 to B-3 as agreed to in the recent contract settlement which covers January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2007, between the County of Otsego and the AFSCME Labor Union.

The change to B-3 will be effective on September 1, 2006.



MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION FOR CHANGING MERS BENEFITS

In accordance with the MERS Plan Document of 1996, the Otsego County (Participating Municipality) 6902-1 (Municipality No.) adopts the following benefits for: Division 11 - Grnl Local 1534 Reporting Unit No., MERS Division No. and Name

A "division" is defined as an employee or group of employees covered by the same benefit programs and the same employee contribution program. Each division has a specific MERS number and name, such as "Div. 10, General-Admin.," and is part of a Reporting Unit, such as: "01."

Supporting Supplemental Valuation is dated August 3, 2006

BENEFIT MULTIPLIER

From B-2 (Current Benefit Multiplier) To B-3 (New Benefit Multiplier) Effective Date September 1, 2006

Provisions for Earlier Normal Retirement

- Options for retirement provisions: F50/25, F50/30, F55/15, F55/20, F(N)-Years and Out, F55/25, F55/30

Effective Date

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE

New Rate Effective Date

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AFFECTING FUTURE RETIREES

- Options for additional benefits: FAC 3, FAC 5, V-6, V-8, V-10, RS-50%, D-2, E-2, DROP+ with %

Effective Date September 1, 2006

RETIREE COST-OF-LIVING BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR CURRENT RETIREES

- Options for cost-of-living programs: E Standard, E-1, E - Other (Specify Factor Adjustment Years)

Effective Date

WINDOW PERIOD (If applicable)

From (Date) To (Date)

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE WAS ADOPTED BY Otsego County Board of Commissioners 8/22/06 Governing Body Date of Meeting

Authorized Signature

Chair, Board of Commissioners Title

8/22/06 Date

NOTE: Standard/Nonstandard Benefit Provisions—Attach page fully describing provision(s), and (1) a complete copy of the fully executed collective bargaining agreement and a certified copy of official minutes where the collective bargaining agreement or this Resolution was adopted, or (2) a copy of the arbitration or mediation decision. If further information is needed, please contact MERS Employer Services Division at 1 (800) 767-6377.

Otsego County (6902) - GnrL Local 1534 (Division 11)
Employer Computed Contributions -- Based on 12/31/2005 Actuarial Valuation

	Current Benefits	Proposed Benefits	Difference
1. Benefits			
a) Benefit Formula	B-2	B-3 - 80% Max	B-3 - 80% Max
b) Normal Retirement Age	60	60	
c) Vesting Provision	V-10	V-10	
d) F50 Ret Condition	-	-	
e) F55 Ret Condition	-	-	
f) F(N) Ret Condition	-	-	
g) Rule of X	-	-	
h) FAC Period	FAC-5	FAC-5	
i) RS50 Percent	-	-	
j) D-2	-	-	
k) Benefit E	2.0% (1/1/2006)	2.0% (1/1/2006)	
l) Benefit E-1	-	-	
m) Benefit E-2	-	-	
n) Load for Sick Leave in FAC	-	-	
o) Member Contribution Rate	0.00%	0.00%	
2. Member Counts			
a) Active	17	17	0
b) Retired	1	1	0
c) Vested Former Members	3	3	0
d) Total	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>0</u>
3. Annual Payroll	\$471,984	\$471,984	\$0
4. Actuarial Value of Assets	\$489,955	\$489,955	\$0
5. Actuarial Accrued Liability			
a) Active	\$473,860	\$523,442	\$49,582
b) Retired	66,049	66,049	0
c) Vested Former Members	101,670	101,670	0
d) Pending Refunds	421	421	0
e) Total	<u>\$642,000</u>	<u>\$691,582</u>	<u>\$49,582</u>
6. Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL) (5e - 4)	\$152,045	\$201,627	\$49,582
7. Division Percent Funded (4 / 5e)	76.3%	70.8%	(5.5%)
8. Cost as a Percentage of Payroll			
a) Employer Normal Cost	7.12%	7.90%	0.78%
b) Amort. of UAL (over 30 years)	1.70	2.30	0.60
c) Total Long Term Employer Contribution (8a + 8b)	<u>8.82</u>	<u>10.20</u>	<u>1.38*</u>
d) Overfunding Credit	0.00	0.00	
e) Total Regular Employer Contribution % (8c + 8d)	<u>8.82%</u>	<u>10.20%</u>	
f) Total Regular Employer Contribution \$ (8e x 3)	\$41,628	\$48,142	\$6,514

The preceding Important Comments page is incorporated by reference herein.

* Each 1% increase in member contributions decreases the computed employer contribution by 0.87% . If member contributions are increased to cover the long-term employer cost of the proposed benefits, ignoring the effects of any accelerated funding credits, the member rate would have to be increased 1.59% (1.38% / 0.87) in addition to any change in the member contribution rate shown above.

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 06-35
SUBMISSION OF MOTORCYCLE SAFETY GRANT**

OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 22, 2006

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners wishes to apply to the State of Michigan through the Department of Management and Budget, Motorcycle Safety Program Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners has chosen to submit a grant application for the purchase of two (2) training motorcycles at \$2,660 each, grant total of \$5,320 in 2006; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Marlene K. Hopp, the Otsego County Grant Administrator, Rachel Frisch, Otsego County Finance Director and Tim McPherson, Program Coordinator are authorized to sign and submit this grant application and grant agreement on behalf of Otsego County.



Departmental Rules and Regulations

POLICY

Each department head is responsible for developing reasonable Rules and Regulations, which are consistent with and supplement Board Policies. These shall include attendance and reporting procedures pertinent to a specific department's operation and guidelines for employees' conduct and dress in the workplace.

PROCEDURE

The Human Resources Director will verify that any proposed department rules/procedures are in compliance with Board Policies. The County Administrator's approval is also required prior to implementation.



Departmental Program/Policy Implementation

POLICY

Each department head is responsible for developing policies and procedures for various department functions. It is incumbent upon department heads to ensure that new/changed policies and procedures not create an undue hardship on the public.

PROCEDURE

Prior to any new programs and/or procedure being implemented, department heads will obtain approval from the County Administrator. The County Administrator will determine whether any standing committees or the full Board of Commissioners need to approve or be notified of the program/procedure.

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 06-21

I-75 Crossings Ballot Issue

WHEREAS, a task force has been meeting in our community for the last two (2) years attempting to address traffic congestion at I-75 and M-32; and

WHEREAS, community participation has included members and public officials representing the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, Otsego County Road Commission, Bagley Township, Livingston Township, City of Gaylord, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and other interested parties; and,

WHEREAS, this task force has been successful in attaining funding for two (2) overpasses at VanTyle Road to Wisconsin Avenue and Milbocker Road to McCoy Road along with an interchange at the Milbocker Road and McCoy Road location in the amount of \$12-million earmarked in the Federal Budget to go to MDOT for funding this project; and

WHEREAS, this funding needs to be spent within 5-years and amounts to 90% of the projected cost of this major street (infrastructure) improvement; and

WHEREAS, the community has supported by official resolutions that crossings of I-75 at these two locations are desired and will have the effect of relieving traffic congestions at the I-75 and M-32 interchange and reestablish roadways to better serve all the businesses and residents of Otsego County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners do hereby agree to place the following language, as hereby attached, on the ballot of the August 8, 2006, primary election to let voters decide whether to levy up to .8 mills to accomplish the said goal of planning, design and constructing two crossroads and an interchange at the location noted; ~~and be it further~~

~~RESOLVED if the ballot issue is not approved at the August 8, 2006 primary election, the Commission agrees to place the proposal on the ballot for the November 2006 General Election.~~

BALLOT LANGUAGE

Should the County of Otsego be permitted to levy up to .8 mills for a period of five years to provide the necessary local match funding to assist in the planning, design, and construction of two crossovers of I-75 at the VanTyle Road to Wisconsin Avenue and Milbocker Road to McCoy Road roadway locations with possibly a new interchange at Milbocker Road and McCoy Road?

Yes No