

September 11, 2012

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 Paul Beachnau. Invocation by Commissioner Ken Borton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Paul Liss.

Roll call:

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

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to approve the regular minutes of August 28, 2012 with attachments as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported on the roof building and grounds; side walk west side of the County Building, City Christmas tree location; Cross Street Building.

Special Presentation:

Patricia Osburn invited the Board to Northern Michigan Agriculture Day, September 15, 2012.

Department Head Report:

Suzy DeFeyter reported on the County Clerk/Register of Deeds offices.

Melissa FitzGerald reported on the Animal Control.

Dan Blough reported on Congressman Dan Benishek.

Correspondence:

Chairman Paul Beachnau received correspondence from the Department of Treasury regarding level of certification of our equalization director.

Rachel Frisch reported on the July 2012 financials.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to approve the September 4, 2012 Warrant in the amount of \$164,723.70 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the September 11, 2012 Warrant in the amount \$99,234.82 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Erma Backenstose, to reappoint Bill Fury to the Library Board of Trustees for a five year term ending August 31, 2017. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to adopt Resolution OCR 12-30 proclaiming October 18, 2012 as Conflict Resolution Day.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Other Business:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to adopt Resolution OCR 12-31 Michigan State Police Coverage. (Resolution no longer needed, Item Dispensed, no action taken)

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Richard Sumerix: Health Department.
Bagley Township.

Commissioner Doug Johnson: MAC Conference

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Paul M. Beachnau, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 12-30

Conflict Resolution Day
Community Mediation Services

OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Recitals

Whereas, conflict resolution is a way of people solving individual disputes, as well as a means toward creating a more peaceful community; and

Whereas, our citizens possess the moral authority and power to resolve conflicts on their own; and

Whereas, the conflict resolution process empowers all individuals, families, communities, schools, businesses, and organizations to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all the parties involved; and

Whereas, Michigan Public Act 260 of 1988, known as the Community Dispute Resolution Act, authorized the establishment of Community Dispute Resolution Centers throughout the state of Michigan; and

Whereas, the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office oversees nineteen community resolution centers, which provide trained mediators to assist in conflict resolution; and

Whereas, Community Mediation Services is a center serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle; and

Whereas, community based volunteers, trained in conflict resolution, are the backbone of this program. These trained volunteer mediators provide mediation, facilitation, and conciliation when asked by their peers or ordered by the court; and

Whereas, these volunteers, serving as mediators, provide low-cost, quality service that can strengthen and restore relationships by relieving parties and courts of costly litigation, resulting in less time involved to reach a mutually satisfactory solution rather than an order imposed on them by a third party; and

Whereas, the third Thursday in October is set aside as Conflict Resolution Day in recognition of the mediation process and these volunteers and to increase public awareness of constructive ways to resolve conflicts of any type; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim, Thursday, October 18, 2012, as Conflict Resolution Day in the County of Otsego, Michigan. We encourage all citizens to acknowledge the value of conflict resolution through mediation, facilitation, and conciliation and encourage use of this form of dispute resolution and to get involved and to support their local Conflict Resolution Center.