

October 11, 2011

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 Clark Bates.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Bruce Brown.

Motion by Commissioner Clark Bates, to approve the minutes of September 27, 2011 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the reappointment of William Light to the Board of Canvassers with term to expire October 20, 2015. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported on the bids for the Courthouse sidewalk; Zoning Board of Appeals board; Sgt David Day memorial bench.

Motion by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to approve Sunrise Construction as the low bidder on the Courthouse Sidewalk project, along with a budget amendment in the amount of \$4,200 from the General Fund Contingency Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Paul Beachnau, appointed Commissioner Lee Olsen to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Appointment withdrawn by Chairman Paul Beachnau, Commissioner Rich Sumerix was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Elizabeth Haus reported on the Village.

Mary Sanders reported the MTA meeting scheduled for September was postponed, the next MTA meeting is November 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bagley Township Hall.

Roberta Tholl reported on the road commission.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to approve the October 4, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$521,782.70 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to approve the October 11, 2011 Warrant in the amount of \$200,030.81. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR 11-30 Conflict Resolution Proclamation.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Public Comment:

Kyle Legel addressed the Board regarding invocations at the Board meetings.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Erma Backenstose: Commission on Aging Breakfast.

Commissioner Ken Borton: Attended MAC Committee.

Commissioner Richard Sumerix: Delivered Resolution to Duane Jenkins.

Commissioner Clark Bates: City Council meeting.

Commissioner Doug Johnson: Parks and Recreation meeting.
Health Department.

Chairman Paul Beachnau: Recycling Committee meeting.
Toured Alpine Haus apartments.

Mike Jones announced there is a public hearing on October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Gornick Auditorium on the mail distribution.

Special Presentation:

Judge Patricia Morse and Abe Cruz addressed the Board regarding the Drug Court.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Paul M. Beachnau, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk

OCR 11-30
PROCLAMATION
Conflict Resolution Day
Thursday, October 20, 2011
Community Mediation Services
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
October 11, 2011

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 twenty 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

PROCLAIMED, that Thursday, October 20, 2011, be known as Conflict Resolution Day in Otsego County, Michigan, and 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 Community Mediation Services.