

February 10, 2015

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the County Building, 225 West Main St., Room 100. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by Chairman Ken Borton. Invocation by Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Justin Holzschu.

Roll Call:

Present: Julie Powers-Gehman, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Excused: Paul Beachnau, Richard Sumerix.

Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the regular minutes of January 27, 2015 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent agenda:

Motion to approve FY 2015 Capital Projects Budget Amendment. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Administrator's Report:
John Burt had no report.

Special Presentations:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to adopt Resolution OCR 15-03 honoring Trooper James Leonard, Trooper Rick Carlson, and Deputy Justin Holzschu.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Julie Powers-Gehman, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau, Richard Sumerix.

Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Commissioner Bruce Brown arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Koch reported on North Central Michigan College.

Department Head Report:
Jon Deming reported on EMS.

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative: None.

Julie Powers-Gehman reported on the City Council meeting.

Roberta Tholl reported on the Road Commission.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Douglas Johnson, to approve the February 3, 2015 Warrant in the amount of \$302,144.35. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the February 10, 2015 Warrant in the amount of \$223,640.30. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Erma Backenstose reported on the library meeting.

Commissioner Paul Liss reported on the Corwith Township meeting.

Commissioner Bruce Brown commended the Alpenfrost Committee.

Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman attended the Health Department meeting; Pies and President Scholarship fund meeting at the Airport, February 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Lee Olsen attended the SANE meeting.

Commissioner Doug Johnson attended the Health Department meeting; Parks and Recreation meeting.

Chairman Ken Borton attended the Bagley Township meeting; MAC Environmental meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Kenneth Borton, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

OCR 15-03
Recognition of
Michigan State Police Trooper James Leonard
Michigan State Police Trooper Rick Carlson
Otsego County Deputy Justin Holzschu

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WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of Thursday, January 29, 2015, Michigan State Police Troopers James Leonard and Rick Carlson, along with Otsego County Deputy Justin Holzschu, were dispatched to a house fire in Bagley Township; and

WHEREAS, during the 911 dispatch it was reported that a young boy was in a bedroom of the burning house; and

WHEREAS, upon arrival at the scene Troopers Leonard & Carlson and Deputy Holzschu found the boy's room and gained access by breaking the patio door. Trooper Leonard then broke another window to ventilate the boy's room. Trooper Leonard was able to locate the boy sleeping in a portable crib and pulled him out of the burning home; and

WHEREAS, once outside the troopers were able to resuscitate the boy using CPR; and

WHEREAS, Troopers Leonard & Carlson and Deputy Holzschu took direct and immediate action to preserve the life of another human being who was in danger of dying; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances of this act of courage were such that any delay in providing assistance would, in all probability, have resulted in the child's death, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby officially recognizes the courage and bravery displayed by Michigan State Police Troopers James Leonard and Rick Carlson and Otsego County Deputy Justin Holzschu and want to commend them on their heroism.