

September 8, 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 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ken Borton. Invocation by Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Paul Beachnau.

Roll Call:

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

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the regular minutes of August 25, 2015 with attachments Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to reappoint Gary Averill to the North Country Community Mental Health Board with the term to expire March 31, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Ron Iseler to the North County Community Mental Health Board with the term to expire March 31, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to reappoint James Hilgendorf to the Planning Commission with the term to expire on August 25, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported the next Board of Commissioners meeting will be September 24th instead of September 22nd; Community Center renovations; Citizens guideline and dashboard is on the County website.

Department Head Report:

Tom Deans report on the Road Commission was postponed.

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the September 1, 2015 Warrant in the amount of \$65,310.50. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to approve the September 8, 2015 Warrant in the amount of \$167,181.75. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to adopt resolution OCR 15-29 proclaiming Indigenous Peoples Day.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (See attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to adopt resolution OCR 15-30 proclaiming Otsego County a Purple Heart County.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (See attached)

Public Comment:

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Beachnau reported the Business showcase is Wednesday September 16th at the Sportsplex from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Business after hours at the United Way September 9th from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman reported September 14, 2015 from 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m. there is a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Gaylord Blue Devil Wellness Center at the Gaylord High School.

Commissioner Lee Olsen reported on the County Fair.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss reported on the Bay Mills Casino.

Commissioner Bruce Brown reported on the Sportsplex; EMS Building addition.

Commissioner Ken Glasser reported on the Community Profile-NEMSCA Strategic plan.

Commissioner Doug Johnson had no report.

Commissioner Ken Borton reminded everyone the next Board meeting will be Thursday September 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Kenneth C. Borton Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

OCR 15-29
Indigenous Peoples Day
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
September 8, 2015

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego wishes to recognize and honor the 150th anniversary of the 1864 treaty establishing the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan's Isabella Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the State of Michigan recognized the official boundaries of the Isabella Indian Reservation through a historic set of agreements; and

WHEREAS, these historic agreements amicably settled long-standing Indian Country jurisdictional issues and are now considered model agreements for the rest of the Country; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego desires a strong and productive relationship with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council based on mutual respect and trust; and

WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous People Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day is an opportunity to educate about pre-existing Indian cultures that have survived an often violent colonization process and continue to exist and thrive in present day America; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day; and be it, further

RESOLVED, that the County of Otsego supports that Indigenous Peoples Day be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that the Saginaw Chippewa and other Indigenous peoples add to our community; and be it, further

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners recognizes the value of working collaboratively together with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council and looks forward to addressing areas of mutual concern in our community.

OCR 15-30
Purple Heart County
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
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WHEREAS, the County of Otsego have great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their county and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from Otsego County who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of our community have earned the Purple Heart Medal as a result of being wounded while engaged in combat with an enemy force, construed as a singularly meritorious act of essential services; and

WHEREAS, August 7 is annually recognized as Purple Heart Day to remember and recognize veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim Otsego County as a Purple Heart County, honoring the service and sacrifice of our nation's men and women in uniform wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all Americans.