

September 10, 2013

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 Lee Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Ken Borton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheriff Matt Nowicki

Roll call:

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

Excused: Paul Liss.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to approve the regular minutes of August 27, 2013 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the 2013 Contingency/Airport budget amendment as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion to approve the Emergency Management Coordinator appointment as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported no applications have been received for the Board of Commissioners vacancy; Gypsy moth training with the Conservation District; Recycling Committee meeting is schedule September 16, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.; Board of Canvassers has 2 vacancies.

Special Presentation:

Judy Doan from Community Mediation reported on gaming license and proclamation.

Motion by Commissioner Erma Backenstose, to adopt OCR 13-20 proclaiming Thursday, October 17, 2013 as Conflict Resolution Day.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Liss.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Bruce Brown, to support the request of Community Mediation Services to be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Department Head Report:

Jack Thompson reported on the numerous programs offered at the University Center; 40-50 events; 10,000 people approximately come through the University Center; GED online testing; Community education is growing; Sheila Simpson assists college students to help them get started; The University Center rotates equipment back to the City, County and Townships; The University Center is the Emergency Operational Center; Applied for a grant for an incubator.

Bill Wishart the City Liaison, reported on the construction on West M-32 for Buffalo Wild Wings; improvements on Mankowski road; Arthur Auto property sold all staked out; Corner of Murner road and West Main a new credit union is coming in.

Roberta Tholl from the Road Commissioner reported on the McCoy and Milbocker road project progress; accident on Poquette road took out guardrail.

Township and Village Representatives- None.

Correspondence:

Chairman Lee Olsen announced the Board has to replace Commissioner Clark Bates seat within 30 days.

Chairman Lee Olsen appointed Commissioner Paul Beachnau to the Budget and Finance Committee to replace Commissioner Clark Bates.

Unfinished Business:

Motion to approve the Millage request policy as amended. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to approve the September 3, 2013 Warrant in the amount of \$337,782.99 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Borton, to approve the September 10, 2013 Warrant in the amount of \$80,486.33 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Sumerix, to enter into closed session to discuss settlement of pending litigation in accordance with the open meeting act, being MCL 15.2689(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either party requests closed hearing.

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

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Liss.

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Dona Wishart from the Otsego County Commission on Aging reported they are conducting a community needs assessment; she has been appointed to the Intrastate funding group.

Sheriff Matt Nowicki reported his staff will be wearing arm bands for Trooper Butterfield.

Todd Sharrard reported the Rotary is working on putting up a pavilion by the elk viewing area.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Richard Sumerix: Bagley Township meeting regarding disbanding the DDA.

Commissioner Ken Borton: Attending the annual MAC conference next week in Frankenmuth.

Commissioner Paul Beachnau: Attended the Saunder dam removal ground breaking; Chamber started new building project, bids are coming in; Orientation held for the leadership of Otsego County there are 11 students; Business after hours at Brook retirement.

Commissioner Doug Johnson: Health Department submitted 2014 budget; beach sampling grant was secured so more beaches were tested, new application already submitted for next year; Flu shots are available. Reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting, Irontone springs park, trees are dead looking for bids; drinking fountain needs to be replaced; broken bridge; no more vandalism at WahWah Soo; No complaints received this year regarding the County Park; Libke fields fundraiser for flag football; Groen nature preserve all 8th graders will be coming out; Guardian gals having a race around the park October 5th; Community center was able to put up a viewing center; Halloween camping weekends are the last 2 weekends in September; Community center wants to do a 3 on 3 fundraiser at Alpenfest next year; Mike Tarbuton is retiring October 18, 2014.

Commissioner Bruce Brown: Reported on the Libke field, created more of a parking lot, fundraiser to be held September 19th, 50 cent ice cream cones and hot dogs at the Alpine Chocolate Haus.

Entered into closed session at 10:45 a.m.

Returned to open session at 11:03 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Lee F. Olsen, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk



**OTSEGO COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

FUND/DEPARTMENT: Contingency/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 Airport Travel

| Account Number | Decrease | Increase |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| 499-050-699.030 | \$ | \$450 |
| - - | \$ | \$ |
| - - | \$ | \$ |
| - - | \$ | \$ |
| Total | \$ | \$ |

EXPENDITURE

| Account Number | Increase | Decrease |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 101-941-999.990 Contingency | \$ | \$450 |
| 101-966-999.000 Transfer to Airport | \$450 | \$ |
| 281-537-930.500 Travel | \$450 | \$ |
| - - | \$ | \$ |
| - - | \$ | \$ |
| - - | \$ | \$ |
| Total | \$ | \$ |

Department Head Signature _____ Date _____

Administrator's Signature _____ Date _____

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| Finance Department |
| Entered: |
| |
| By: |
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Board Approval Date (if necessary) _____ Budget Adjustment # _____ Posting Number _____

**CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT
OF LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

COUNTY OF OTSEGO
CITY OR COUNTY

Pursuant to the authority of 1976 PA 390 Jon Deming _____
Name of Coordinator

has been appointed the Emergency Management Coordinator for

County of Otsego _____ on August 30, 2013 _____
City or County Date

I Susan I. DeFeyter, Clerk _____ certify this appointment
Name/Title - Typed

Signature

Date

This form is to be certified only by an appropriate local official such as City or County Clerk, Mayor, or Chairperson of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 13-20

**Conflict Resolution Day
Community Mediation Services**

**OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 10, 2013**

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 17, 2013, 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.