

November 5, 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 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Lee Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Ken Borton, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by County Treasurer Diann Axford.

Roll call:

Present: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Excused: Richard Sumerix.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to approve the regular minutes of October 22, 2013 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the reappointment of Rudi Edel to the Otsego County Commission on Aging Board with the term to expire on December 31, 2016. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported the 9-1-1 dispatchers interviews have started, Budget process; Union meetings; Court decertified the union; Red Cross looking at space in the County buildings; Veteran's memorial service 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 2013.

Special Presentation:

Alexis Kaczynski the director of North County Community Mental Health updated the Board on what type of services they provide and what they do. The 2012 annual report was handed out to the Board.

Department Head Report:

County Treasurer, Diann Axford reported to the Board on the forfeiture report, 553 parcels were left unpaid, 204 parcels were foreclosed on this year; Resorts are doing tribunal for taxes; 2013 foreclosure auction was held in Crawford County in August with 204 parcels going for sale plus 47 that was left over from last year. Step forward program, 18 people have applied from Otsego County with only 4 of those being approved for payment of taxes. Holding a town hall meeting on November 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wisconsin Street Hall with Northern Homes to help answer questions and fill out paperwork for the Step forward program.

City Liaison, Township and Village Representatives- None.

Correspondence:

Chairman Lee Olsen received an email from Greg MacMasters regarding the economy impact on tourism in the Pigeon River State forest regarding horse trails.

Commissioner Paul Beachnau received correspondence from a citizen regarding regulations for wood burning furnaces in a residential area.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to approve the regular minutes of October 8, 2013 with attachment, with the following amendments:

1. Under public comment: Replace 'Paul Sopsich reported on the Renaissance fair at Corwith Township.' With 'Paul Sopsich inquired about the Gaylord Downtown Renaissance/Streetscape meetings and how they would be run.'
2. Under New Business, Emmet County Agreement: After 'Agreement with Emmet County for recycling services', add 'Funding for the agreement to come from the Recycling Fund (fund 226).'
3. Under New Business, Emmet County Agreement: Insert, 'for a total costs increase of \$38,500, ' after 'Emmet County'.

Ayes: Unanimous.

Motion by Commissioner Tammy LaBouef to approve the October 8, 2013 minutes as amended. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Tammy LaBouef, to approve the October 29, 2013 Warrant in the amount of \$92,220.49 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the November 5, 2013 Warrant in the amount of \$154,866.07 as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, to adopt Resolution OCR 13-22 Gaylord Middle School Veteran's Day Ceremony as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tammy LaBouef, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: None.

Excused: Richard Sumerix.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Chairman Lee Olsen reported Johannesburg School is having a Veteran's Day Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

Public Comment:

Ron Smith asked the Board if they had appointed a new parliamentarian to the Board. Chairman Lee Olsen, appointed Paul Beachnau as the Board's parliamentarian.

Amy Corell is concerned the North Country Community Mental Health raised more questions than answers.

Ron Smith addressed his concern on the consolidation of services and the costs savings and reduction of staff.

Larry Corell commented on how the drug use in Otsego County is different than it was in the past years.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss reported on the ongoing Union negotiations; will check on the horse trails.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose had no report.

Commissioner Paul Beachnau reported on the flavors of Christmas being held on November 6, 2013 at Treetops, the cost is \$10.00 minimum and it is being held from 5:00-7:30 p.m. benefiting the Community Christmas giving program.

Commissioner Tammy LaBouef reported on the City Council meeting that was held on October 28, 2013. Mankowski Road should be open soon. The City has some concerns about traffic by the Hospital. The job description of the City treasurer's position. Louie/Louie BBQ is moving to the old property of Bushia's. The City road millage is on the ballot today.

Commissioner Doug Johnson had no report.

Commissioner Ken Borton had no report.

Chairman Lee Olsen announced the next Board meeting is November 26, 2013 and then December 17, 2013. On November 26, 2013 the Board will have their picture taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Lee F. Olsen, Chairman

Lynn Branch, Chief Deputy Clerk

OCR 13-22
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
GAYLORD MIDDLE SCHOOL VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
November 5, 2013

WHEREAS, a Veterans' Day ceremony will be held at the Gaylord Middle School on Monday, November 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this will be the 17th Veterans' Day ceremony hosted by the Gaylord Middle School; and

WHEREAS, this event recognizes both peace and wartime veterans; and

WHEREAS, this event helps students learn respect for our country as well as for the sacrifices veterans have made for our country; and

WHEREAS, this event is organized by Principal Jerry Belanger, along with Clarence Ralston, Alex Greficz, and in the past by the late Sylvester Lenartowicz; and

WHEREAS, the participation of the students and student council are also essential in the preparation for this important ceremony; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby officially honors and praises Principal Jerry Belanger, Clarence Ralston, Alex Greficz, and the late Sylvester Lenartowicz as well as the whole Gaylord Middle School student body and its Student Council for their efforts on behalf of all Otsego County veterans.