

October 13, 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 Paul Beachnau, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Prosecutor Mike Rola.

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, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson to approve the regular minutes of September 24, 2015 with attachments. Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser to correct the minutes to read under correspondence: *Commissioner Ken Glasser received a thank you letter from the Conservation District Board regarding the recognition of Patricia Osburn. Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser to receive and file letter. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. Vote on amendment- Unanimous, vote on amended motion-Unanimous. Motion carried as amended.*

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the appointment of Janet Flint to the Board of Canvassers with the term to expire on October 20, 2019. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the appointment of Larry Corell to the Board of Canvassers with the term to expire on October 20, 2017. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of William Light to the Board of Canvassers with the term to expire on October 20, 2019. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Mary Sanders to the Commission on Aging with the term to expire on December 31, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported the Community Center renovations are complete; Courthouse plaza project started; Land Use services remodel; Register of Deeds leak progress; Trail extension meeting.

Department Head Report:

Tom Deans reported on the Road Commission projects.

Bill Kerr presented the Equalization report.

Motion by Commissioner Erma Backenstose, seconded by Julie Powers-Gehman, to approve the 2015 Apportionment Report as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative: None.

Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman reported on the City Council meeting, a resolution was requested for City crime. Request referred to the finance committee.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Ken Glasser received correspondence regarding the Upper Manistee River erosion project; NEMSCA foster grandparent program.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the September 25, 2015 Special Warrant in the amount of \$1,431.50; September 29, 2015 Special Warrant in the amount of \$3,479.60; and the September 29, 2015 Warrant in the amount of \$208,379.05, for a total amount of \$213,290.15. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Lee Olsen, to approve the October 6, 2015 Warrant in the amount of \$63,607.54. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the October 13, 2015 Warrant in the amount of \$352,878.07. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Beachnau reported business after hours at Mega Power Sports on Wednesday October 14, 2015 from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman had no report.

Commissioner Lee Olsen had no report.

Commissioner Erma Backenstose had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss discussed the streetscape donation.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Ken Glasser, to have the Otsego County Economic Alliance return the \$75,000 provided by the County to serve as partial grant match funds for the original streetscape plan to reallocate the funds into our Capital Projects Fund to serve as grant match for other projects. Ayes: Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Lee Olsen, Erma Backenstose, Ken Glasser Ken Borton, Bruce Brown. Nays: Julie Powers-Gehman, Doug Johnson. Motion carried.

Commissioner Paul Liss requested to be appointed to the Corwith/Vanderbilt trail head planning group.

Chairman Ken Borton appointed Paul Liss to the Corwith/Vanderbilt Trail head planning group.

Commissioner Bruce Brown reported the Alpine Chocolat Haus is having their annual fundraiser Thursday October 15, 2015 proceeds go to flag football.

Commissioner Ken Glasser had no report.

Commissioner Doug Johnson reported on the Parks and Recreation meeting.

Chairman Ken Borton attended the MAC Environmental and regulatory affairs meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Kenneth C. Borton Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk