

January 5, 2004

The organizational meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the City-County Building. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Clerk Evelyn Pratt. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bates.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.
Commissioner Liss arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Others Present: Sheriff McBride, Bill Less, Laurie Lounsbury, Susan DeFeyter, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Nominations for Chairman were opened. Commissioner Johnson nominated Lee Olsen. Motion by Bates that nominations be closed and Commissioner Olsen be elected Chairman by a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Nominations for Vice Chair were opened. Commissioner Hyde nominated Paul Beachnau. Motion by Bates that nominations be closed and Commissioner Beachnau be elected Vice Chair by a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

The minutes of December 22nd, 2003 were approved.

The agenda was approved.

New Business:

Motion by Beachnau to approve the 2004 Board Rules. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson to approve the 2004 meeting schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to keep the Veterans Officer position a County position and to keep the budget as approved. Motion carried with Garfield and Bentz voting nay.

The committee structure was discussed. Personnel and finance matters will be handled by a committee of the whole. Other committees will meet as needed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 13th at the Alpine Center.

Erna Backenstose's retirement luncheon is scheduled for January 20th at BJ's restaurant.

Board Comments:

Beachnau: Appreciates the Administration updates.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

Lee Olsen, Chair

Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

January 27, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Liss.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Garfield.

Others Present: Sheriff James McBride, Dale Fulcher, LaVern Harden, Elizabeth Haus, Phil Alexander, Alice Yeoman, Mike Zalewski, Bob Britt, Marlene Hopp, Bill Less, Cindy Pushman, Bruce Scott, Laurie Lounsbury, Denise Koenig, Evelyn M. Pratt.

The minutes of January 13, 2004 were approved as printed.

Special Presentation:

Housing Director, Marleen Hopp, presented the 2003 annual report.

Motion by Johnson, to except and file the 2003 annual Housing Commission report as presented. Motion carried.

Cindy Pushman and Alice Yeoman reported on the Otsego County Affordable Housing Alliance.

Chairman Olsen announced Diann Axford was appointed County Treasurer.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, ask that the families of the traffic accident be remembered.

LaVern Harden updated the Board on construction projects.

New Business:

Motion by Beachnau, to grant retroactive pay to Mike Zalewski of \$513.50 and increase pay \$154.00 per pay until the Planning Director position is filled. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz, to approve the modifiers of the BOCA Value from .0035 to .0032 for the year of 2004 and to be reassessed as needed. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde, to reappoint Richard Beachnau, Ray MacNeil, Alex Greficz for the balance of terms; also appoint Rudi Edel as an At-Large Member, term to expire December 31, 2006, to the Commission on Aging. Motion carried with Commissioner Glasser voting nay.

Motion by Beachnau, that the Board of Commissioners will not consider appointments to Boards of Committees unless these appointments have been submitted to the Administrator's office at least one month in advance. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz, to approve the purchase of carpet for the second floor for up to \$5436.00, with

more bids to be obtained. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau, to table action on the cleaning and snow plowing contracts until the February Board meeting.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Johnson.

Nays: Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion denied.

Motion by Bentz, to raise the salaries of Dale Fulcher and Bob Britt by \$12,000.00 each. They will take care of all cleaning and plowing for all building and grounds areas per the attached sheet. Motion carried with Commissioners Beachnau and Glasser voting nay.

Meeting was turned over to Vice Chair Beachnau at 10:40 a.m..

Motion by Hyde, to approve January payables in the amount of \$609,852.56. Motion carried

Board Remarks:

Bates: Reported on City Counsel.

Glasser: Reported on the East/West Crossing Commission.
Announced a public hearing for the Bagley Township waste water treatment project.

Johnson: Reported on Parks and Rec Committee.

Beachnau: Attended Livingston Township meeting.

Hyde: Reported on the Road Commission.

Motion by Bentz to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. at the call of the chair.

Lee Olsen, Chairman

Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

February 3, 2004

The special meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the City-County in Room 212. The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Vice-Chairman Beachnau. Invocation by Commissioner Bates, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Garfield.

Roll call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Garfield, Glasser, Hyde.

Excused: Olsen, Johnson, Bentz.

Others present: Loretta Brock, Donna Slivinski-Schlampp, Dale Fulcher, Bob Britz, Laurie Lounsbury, Robert Dobrzelewski, Cle Leask, Denise Koning, Suzy DeFeyer.

The agenda was approved as presented.

New Business:

A discussion was held regarding the Building & Grounds action.

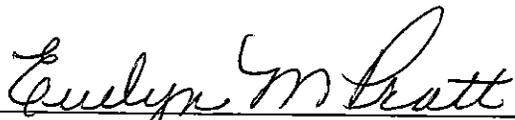
Motion by Hyde, to rescind the approved motion by a 6-2 vote regarding the Building and Grounds added responsibilities and pay increases made on January 27, 2004, and a recommendation for an adjusted proposal be brought to the Full Board on February 17, 2004 for consideration. Motion carried.

Matter tabled to the next Commissioners meeting of February 17, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m. at the call of the Vice-Chair.



Paul Beachnau, Vice-Chairman



Evelyn M. Bratt, Clerk

February 17, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Garfield.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde.

Excused: Bentz.

Others Present: Sheriff James McBride, Dale Fulcher, LaVern Harden, Elizabeth Haus, Bill Less, Laurie Lounsbury, Todd Seidell, Debbie Dunham, Dolores Miller, Jim Berigan, Erma Backenstose, Lou Ann Olsen, Robert Fleury, Bill Kerr, Danielle Schopp, John Markovich, Donna Schlampp, Lorraine Markovich, Loretta Brock, Jean Nowicki, Patricia Osburn, Maureen Derenzy, Keith Huff, Arnie Morse, Donna Wishart, Bruce Fosel, Donald Tober, Sharon Tober, David Hoecherl, Denise Gilling, Suzanne Whyte, Mike Turnbull, Mary Sanders, Alice Simmons, Matthew Nowak, Beth Dipzinski, Don Rolinski, Michael Tarbutton, Katherin Nemeth, Linda Cole, Tom Wagar, David Delaney, Trish Adams, James Root, Evelyn M. Pratt.

The minutes of January 22nd, 2004 were approved as printed.

The minutes of January 27th, 2004 were approved with corrections. The minutes were corrected to read: Motion carried with Commissioners Beachnau and Johnson voted nay.

The minutes of February 3rd, 2004 were approved with corrections. The minutes were approved to read: Discussion held regarding Building and Grounds and Motion postponed not tabled.

Special Presentation:

Jim Berigan, Executive Director Northern Michigan Children's Museum, presented a slide presentation of the proposed Museum. The Museum Committee is requesting a lease for the DNR property on south Otsego.

Motion by Beachnau, to enter into long term lease negotiations with the NM Children's Museum for County owned property located along S. Otsego Ave. for the purpose of a children's museum. Motion carried.

Patricia Osborne, Otsego Conservation District, presented the Board with 2003 Plat Books:

Township Officials presented discussion on the personal property tax audit grant. Motion by Hyde, to proceed with the personal property tax audit. Motion defeated

with Commissioner Glasser voting aye.

LaVern Harden updated the Board on the Court renovation and the University Center.

New Business:

Motion by Beachnau, to adopt Resolution OCR-04-003 approving the ballot language for a millage proposition to provide operating funds for the Otsego County Commission on Aging and to submit the proposition to the Electorate at the August 3, 2004 primary election.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bentz.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Johnson to adopt Resolution OCR-04-004 approving ballot language for a millage proposition of 1/16 of a mill for the Otsego County Parks.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson Hyde, Bates.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bentz.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Johnson to appoint Bonnie Hervela to the Otsego County Parks and Recreation Committee to a term to expire on December 31, 2005. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to adopt Resolution OCR-04-002 approving the ballot language for a millage proposition to provide operating funds for the Otsego County Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officers and to submit the proposition to the electorate at the August 3rd, 2004 primary election.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bates, Beachnau.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bentz.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Glasser to postpone Building and Grounds decision to the March 23rd meeting to allow for bids on the cleaning and plowing. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to name Judith Harmon Acting Zoning Administrator until a Zoning Administrator is hired. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to enter into negotiations to assign soil erosion inspection to

the Soil Conservation District by contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve Munis Contract MN6674-4 as presented by County Administrator and Finance Director. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve paid claims listing 2004-01 in the amount of \$\$359,414.49. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve pending claims listing 2004-01 in the amount of \$236,859.21. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve January 2004 Revenues in the amount of \$125,734.80 and Expenditures in the amount of \$665,598.32. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

A thank you card was received from Erma Backenstose.

A letter was received concerning attorney cost and one concerning county justice.

Public Comment:

Mary Sanders stated Mike Zalewski did a great job in the zoning department.

Don Tober suggested a letter of recommendation be written for Mike.

Board Remarks:

Bates: Updated Board rules.

Motion by Bates to adopt Board rule amendments as printed. Motion carried.

Liss: Toured the jail.

Hyde: Toured the jail.

Garfield: Reported on Otsego Conservation meeting.
Discussed Building security.

Motion by Liss to enter into closed session to discuss union negotiations.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bates, Beachnau, Liss.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bentz.

Motion carried.

Motion by Liss to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote:

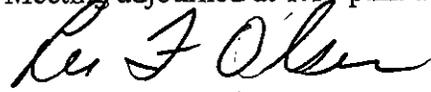
Ayes: Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen.

Nays: None.

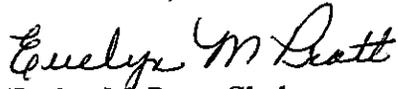
Excused: Bentz.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m. at the call of the chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

March 02, 2004

A special meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the University Center. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Garfield.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Beachnau.

Others Present: Laurie Lounsbury, Christine Baudoux, Gerald Peck, Bruce Scott, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

The meeting of the Ad Hoc Personnel Committee was reviewed. A statement from representatives of the Building Department was read.

Motion by Glasser to approve the job description and pay scale for the Building & Land Use Director. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to approve the job description and pay scale for the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Motion carried.

The Soil Erosion contract was discussed.

Motion by Garfield to reimburse the Otsego Conservation District a fee of \$50.00 per soil erosion permit that was applied for in 2002 and 2003. Monies to be taken from the Zoning Department budget. Motion carried.

New Business:

The evaluation of the Administrator will be presented at the March 9th Board meeting.

Board Remarks:

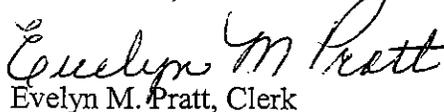
Bates: Discussed the Open Meetings Act.

Hyde: Questioned the lease for the Child's Museum and parking for the Library on the DNR property.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 at the call of the chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

March 09, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bates.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Laurie Lounsbury, Elizabeth Haus, Jean Nowicki, Mary Sanders, LaVern Harden, Scott Ingersoll, Michael Enos, Sarah Enos, Bill Kerr, Bill Less, Jerry Campbell, Jim Pagels, Diann Axford, Matt Nowicki, Denise Koning, Susan DeFeyter.

The minutes of the February 17th, 2004 were approved as printed.

The minutes of March 2nd, 2004 were approved as printed.

Jerry Campbell, City Liaison, updated the Board on City Council action.

Elizabeth Haus, Village President, reported on the March 8th Village election.

Mary Sanders announced the OCTOA meeting scheduled for March 16th at the City Fire hall.

New Business:

William Kerr, Equalization Director, presented the proposed cost schedule for 2004.

Motion by Garfield, as amended, to approve the Equalization fee structure with signage fee to be \$100.00 and House Numbering fee to be zero. Motion carried with Commissioner Johnson voting nay.

Motion by Beachnau to approve the Geofile Contract dated January 1, 2004 as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Glasser updated the Board on the Livingston Water Project.

Motion by Beachnau to adopt Resolution OCR-04-05 directing the Board of Public Works to undertake a water system project for the Township of Livingston.

Roll call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Beachnau to adopt Resolution OCR-04-06 approving the contract for the Otsego County-Livingston Township Water System Project.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz,
Bates.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Glasser to adopt Resolution OCR-04-07 approving the Bond for the Otsego County-Livingston Township Water System.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates,
Beachnau.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Bentz to approve the job description for the Director of Building and Grounds. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz to approve the job description of the Senior Maintenance Worker. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson to approve the Soil Erosion contract as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to adopt Resolution OCR-04-09 accepting the amendment known as 2003-07-03 text changes, Article 16, Permitted uses subject to Special Land conditions.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau,
Liss.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Glasser to approve Resolution OCR-04-08 accepting the amendment known as 2004-01-BY to rezone property identified by tax code 010-005-300-010-02 from B2 to R2, located at the North end of Briar Lane, Section 5, T30N,R3W Bagley Township.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Liss,

Olsen.
Nays: None.
Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Glasser to amend the Otsego County Board of Commissioners compensation proposal, which after amendments, follows:

The commissioner's annual salary shall be \$9,600.00 with the chairman to receive an additional \$1,200.00 per year.

Per Diem rate to remain the same (\$35.00 ½ day & 70.00 full day). Mileage to be reimbursed at the county approved rate.

All current and future commissioners shall be able to buy back health insurance at 50% of the estimated annual rate as determined by County by County Human Resources. Commissioners not electing to buy health insurance shall be compensated up to \$2,500.00 per year. This compensation will be determined to be ¼ of the annual estimated rate fixed at the 2004 level.

All current commissioners with 10 (ten) or more years shall continue to be covered by the retirement program. No other present or future commissioners shall receive a retirement program.

Motion carried with Commissioners Bates and Olsen voting nay.

Motion by Glasser to include regular and special Board meetings and workshops in salary and no per diem be payable for same. Motion carried.

Motion by Liss to approve the County Administrator's Evaluation form. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to have the Chairman appoint a three member committee to perform the Administrator's Evaluation in conformance with adopted evaluation tool and the Administrator's contract. Motion carried.

Chairman Olsen appointed Glasser, Beachnau and Liss to perform the Administrator's Evaluation.

Motion by Hyde to approve February revenues of \$1,958,844.93 and expenses of \$622,123.22. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to approve paid claims 2004-0002 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to approve pending claims 2004-0002 excluding petty cash on February 9th, 19th, 27th and 28th pending Administrator's research and approval.

Motion carried.

Commissioners appointed to the AuSable Review Board are Bates and Glasser, members; Liss and Hyde, alternates.

Commissioners appointed to the Pigeon River Zoning Review Board are Liss and Bentz, members; Beachnau, alternate.

LaVern Harden updated the Board on the University Center and Court Project.

Board Remarks:

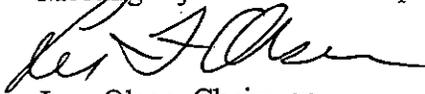
Liss: Attended Jail utilization meeting.

Hyde: Received correspondence from the Library concerning the Children's museum and property.

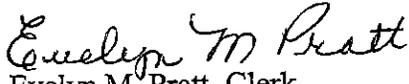
Garfield: Commented on the MACC magazine.

Glasser: Reported on the Bagley Township meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

March 23, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Vice Chair Beachnau. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hyde.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde.

Excused: Olsen, Bentz.

Commissioner Liss arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Others Present: Laurie Lounsbury, Charles Rorie, Michael Soloman, Tom Haskel, James McBride, Phil Alexander, Bethany Prykucki, Bill Less, Matthew Pearson, Brian Webber, Diann Axford, Marie Frick, Carmen Parker, Abe Cruz, Ken Mills, Wayne Tyler, Mike Cooper, Kevin Hesselink, Rudi Edel, Todd Salisbury, Cliff Black, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Motion by Bates to postpone approval the March 9th minutes. Motion carried.

Agenda was approved with corrections. The agenda was amended as follows:
Under new business: (e) Budge amendment; (f) Letter of Request; (g) Payables.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution OCR-04-010 approving a discharge of mortgage for William F. and Cecilia A. Harding and authorizing the Administrator to sign document. Resolution adopted.

Special Presentation:

Judge Cooper and Thomas Haskel updated to Board on the Child Care Fund for the final quarter of 2003.

Phil Alexander, MSU Extension Director, introduced Bethany Prykucki. Bethany was appointed the Otsego County 4H Agent.

Ken Mills, SANE Representative, presented the 2003 Annual Report.

Todd Salisbury presented the Goodwill Industries Gaylord Transition House Initiative.

New Business:

Motion by Johnson to adopt Resolution OCR-04-011 encouraging State payment of PILT taxes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde.

Nays: None.

Excused: Olsen, Bentz.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Bates to adopt Resolution OCR-04-012 increasing the County Clerk notary fee from

\$1.00 to \$10.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bates.

Nays: None.

Excused: Olsen, Bentz.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Hyde to adopt Resolution OCR-04-013 authorizing the County to utilize electronic transactions in compliance with the written procedures and internal controls adopted by the Treasurer as the County's ACH policy.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Liss, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bates, Beachnau.

Nays: None.

Excused: Olsen, Bentz.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted

Motion by Glasser to adopt Resolution OCR-04-014 establishing the Otsego County Legal Defense Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bates, Beachnau, Liss.

Nays: None.

Excused: Olsen, Bentz.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Glasser to approve a budget amendment transferring \$350,000.00 from the delinquent tax fund to the legal defense fund. Motion carried.

The letter from the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho was presented.

Motion by Bates that the Board's Statement is that there is a conflict of interest by Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho representing MAC. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to approve pending claims 2004-0003. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to approve paid claims 2004-0003. Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Johnson: Reported on Parks & Rec Commission.

Garfield: Attended the Home Builders Association meeting.

Hyde: Reported on the Saint Patricks potluck.

Liss: Commended Goodwill Industries.

Beachnau: Reported on the Administrator's evaluation.

Motion by Glasser to enter into closed session to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters, pursuant to Section 8© of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, As amended, being MCL 15.268©.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Garfield.

Nays: None.

Excused: Olsen, Bentz.

Motion carried.

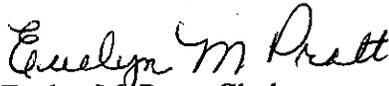
Motion by Glasser to resume the open session of the Board of Commissioners meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to approve the Teamsters Letter of Agreement regarding the Account Clerk Pay. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 11:50 a.m.



Paul Beachnau, Vice Chair



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

April 9, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hyde.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Liss.

Others Present: Laurie Lounsbury, Charles Rorie, Bonnie Northoff, Judith Doan, James McBride, Phil Alexander, Grant Bliss, Bill Less, Brian Webber, Diann Axford, Elizabeth Haus, Jean Nowicki, Abe Cruz, Mary Sanders, Wayne Tyler, Mike Tarbutton, Kevin Hesselink, Rudi Edel, Dottie Latuszek, Kyle Myer, Erma Backenstose, Bill Kerr, Nick Zavala, LaVern Harden, Walter Noa, James Root, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Motion by Bates to approve the March 9th and March 23rd, 2004 minutes. Motion carried.

Consent agenda was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution OCR-04-015 requesting the State of Michigan increase the caseload level for child caseworkers from 20 cases per worker to 30 cases per worker or, in the alternative, assign additional workers to each FIA office to reduce the added placement cost to a private agency. Resolution adopted.

Resolution OCR-04-016 declaring the week of April 11 through 17th, 2004 to be National Telecommunications Week in Otsego County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe. Resolution adopted.

Resolution OCR-04-017 approving the appointment of Don McLennan, Presque Isle Prosecuting Attorney, to the Northern Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board. Resolution adopted.

Special Presentation:

Chairman Olsen introduced Charles Rorie and Dottie Latuszek from Kirkland Community College.

Chairman Olsen introduced Bonnie Northoff, candidate for the 105 State Rep's seat.

Grant Bliss and Judith Doan presented the Community Mediation Annual report.

Nick Zavala, Otsego Lake Association Director, presented the proposed contract for the Fourth of July Fireworks display.

Motion by Johnson, as amended, to approve the contract between Otsego County Parks and

Recreation and Wolverine Fireworks. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, to approve the fireworks at the Otsego County Park as recommended by the Parks and Rec. Commission. Motion carried.

Mary Sanders announced the OCTOA meeting scheduled for May 18th, at the Charlton Township Hall.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, announced a Village/Township forum scheduled for April 22nd at the Corwith Township Hall. A Village retreat to develop long range plans is scheduled for April 26th.

LaVern Harden updated the Board on construct at District Court and the University Center.

The Jail Utilization Committee requested funds for a jail study. Also the jail roof is in need of repairs.

New Business:

Motion by Garfield to approve February revenues of \$1,922,061.62 and expenses of \$561,685.55. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz to approve pending claims, 2004-0004, in the amount of \$152,667.06. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve paid claims, 2004-0004, in the amount of \$708,837.23. Motion carried.

William Kerr, Equalization Director, presented the 2004 Equalization Report.

Motion by Glasser to approve the 2004 Equalization Report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve the Prosecutor's request for computer equipment, using appropriations from the equipment fund in the amount of \$6,203.33. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve a 2004 appropriation of \$9,000.00 to the mapping fund, using capital improvement funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson to approve a \$10.00 fee by the Otsego County Equalization Department for the recording and assignment of a property address. Motion fails with Commissioner Johnson voting aye.

Motion by Hyde that a Disability and Personal leave policy be presented at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve the amended purchasing policy excluding the Otsego County

Library and to remove verbal bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to adopt Resolution OCR-04-018 designating the County Administrators Office, Treasurer's Office, County Sheriff's office (jail only) and all individuals who administer the health plan and/or who have access to protected health information shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Excused: Liss.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Glasser to adopt Resolution OCR-04-019 authorizing the Board Chairman to sign Business Association Agreements, as required in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, after review by the County Attorney.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz. Bates.

Nays: None.

Excused: Liss.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Glasser to approve the HIPAA disciplinary policy. Motion carried.

Jeff Kalke, Cheboygan County VA Agent, review the agreement for service.

Motion by Bentz to approve the Veterans Affairs contract. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

The Gaylord DDA has scheduled a public hearing for April 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the City Chambers

Public Comment:

Bonnie Northoff announced her candidacy for the 105th house seat.

Dottie Latuszek talked to the Board concerning the University Center and MTECH.

Board Remarks:

Bates: Reported on City Council.

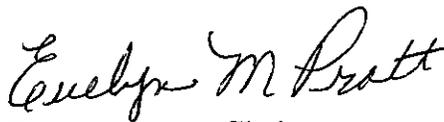
Hyde: Discussed Homeland Security Grants for EMS.

Beachnau: Announced a Long Range Communications Committee meeting for April 14th.
Diann Axford will replace Erma Backenstose on the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 12:28 p.m.

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Lee F. Olsen, Chairman

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Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

April 27, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bentz.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Laurie Lounsbury, James McBride, Bill Less, Elizabeth Haus, Abe Cruz, Mary Sanders, Doty Latuszek, Erma Backenstose, LaVern Harden, Don Tober, Jack Thompson, Jeff Ratcliffe, Tammy Jones, Mike Turnbull, Kyle Myers, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the April 13th meeting were approved with corrections. The date of the minutes should have been April 13th not April 9th.

Consent agenda was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution OCR-04-020 authorizing the Housing Director to prepare and submit the application to USDA, Rural Development 2004 Housing Preservation Grant Program. Resolution adopted.

Special Presentation:

Otsego County Economic Alliance Director, Jeff Ratcliffe, presented the 2003 Annual Report.

The Otsego County Township Officers Association will meet May 18th at the Bagley Township Hall. Water quality will be the topic of discussion.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, reported on the Village Forum. The Village Council will hold a workshop retreat.

Jack Thompson gave a University Center update.

Sheriff McBride updated the Board on activities at the jail.

New Business:

Motion by Hyde to approve April revenues of \$1,841,625.54 and expenditures of \$1,239,890.55. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve pending claims 2004-05 in the amount of \$25964.32. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to approve paid claims 2004-05 in the amount of \$217,613.28. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to approve the Management Team sick leave policy; Seven personal leave days, no payout in December, Addition of Short Term Disability, Long Term Disability extended

to age 65. Medical certification for use of more than three consecutive days of personal leave.
Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to approve the County Insurance Program for Inmates. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to reappoint Margaret Richards to the FIA Board, three year term ending May 1st, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to appoint Kirt Johnson and LaVern Harden to the Otsego County Housing Committee, three year terms ending May 1st, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to reappoint Charles Klee, John Markovich and Mark Stephens to the Otsego County Planning Commission, terms ending December 1st, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to reappoint Richard Sumerix to the Otsego County Zoning Board of Appeals, three year term ending May 1st, 2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to reappoint Barbara Henderson to the Otsego County Jury Board for a term expiring April 30th, 2007 and to appoint Josephine Lilac to a term expiring April 30th, 2006.
Motion carried.

Motion by Animal Control Committee to recommend to the full Board to amend the ballot proposal language to include "continue the no kill policy". Motion carried with Garfield and Glasser voting nay.

Motion by Animal Control Committee to recommend to the full Board to grant the Animal Control Director's request to extend the deadline for use of leave time to December 1st, 2004.
Motion carried with Glasser voting nay.

Motion by Bentz to add language to the Director's request that if he retires prior to December 1st, 2004 that he will lose the 40 hours added. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Letter received from Attorney Kohl's office.

Letter received concerning the Jail.

Chairman Olsen appointed Commissioners Liss and Johnson, Judge Morse, Kevin Hesselink and James McBride to the Jail Expansion Committee.

Board Remarks:

Bates: Reported on City Council.

Glasser: Announced the position of Director of Land Use Services had been filled.
Reported on the DPW.
Reported on State Revenue Sharing.

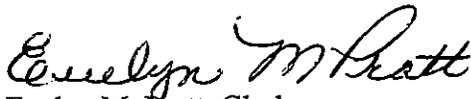
Bentz: Appointed Chair of the Community Mental Health Board.

Beachnau: Reported on the Children's Museum.
Reported on the Library.
Reported on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

May 11, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bentz.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Laurie Lounsbury, James McBride, Bill Less, Elizabeth Haus, Abe Cruz, Mary Sanders, Doty Latuszek, Erma Backenstose, LaVern Harden, Jack Thompson, Mike Turnbull, Alan Mabarak, Patrick O'Rourke, Charles Rorie, Lori Slocum, Linda Wisely, Mike Anthony, Dale Fulcher, Cle Leask, Marie Frick, Diann Axford, Ron Chavey, Robert Kasprzak, Deb Allen, Thomas Lemon, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the April 27th meeting were approved with corrections. The minutes were corrected to read letter received from Cummings and McClorey.

Consent agenda was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution OCR-04-021 approving the Northern Michigan Community Advisory Board Grant Application prepared by NEMCOG for Community Corrections funding in the amount of \$256,050.00 for the general program and \$78,390.00 for the Probation Residential Services for fiscal year 2005.

Resolution OCR-04-022 approving the 2004 percentage of contributions by County: Crawford County 29.18%, Kalkaska County 27.22% and Otsego County 43.60%, excluding due process, single site equipment, and court-appointed attorney costs as delineated in Implementation Order 2000-10; and that Otsego County as the designated control unit shall bill each of the other two counties monthly for their allocated share of expenses, requiring the Counties to pay their respective share of court expenses monthly; and that percentages of contributions shall be reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted once annually.

Resolution OCR-04-023 proclaiming the week of May 9th to May 15th to be "Police Week" and call upon all our citizens in the community to especially honor and show our sincere appreciation for the Sheriff Deputies of this County by deed, remark and attitude; and that the flags be flown at half-staff on May 15th in honor of Deputy Carl L. Darling, Jr., who gave his life in the line of duty on May 3rd, 1986 and Sergeant Larry C. Washburn, who died while on duty May 15th, 1994.

Special Presentation:

Doty Latuszek, MTECH representative, introduced Instructor Alan Mabarak and Student Patrick O'Rourke. Mr. Mabarak showed a slide presentation on the carpentry program.

Deb Allen and Thomas Lemon, Otsego Memorial Hospital representatives, presented a slide presentation and video tape on the three phase hospital expansion. A letter of support was

requested.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, reported the Village Council had given support to a banking facility .

LaVern Harden updated the board on the University Center.

Sheriff McBride announced the Police Week program scheduled for May 14th, at 10:00 a.m. The Department of Natural Resources will host the program. He also reported on the Dive team.

New Business:

Motion by Garfield to approve April revenues in the amount of \$774,166.73 and expenses in the amount of \$667,191.81 Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to approve pending claims 2004-0006 in the amount of \$308,701.87. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to approve paid claims 2004-0006 in the amount of \$66,369.23. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to approve the General Maintenance Worker job description. Motion carried with Commissioner Beachnau voting nay.

Motion by Garfield to reconsider bid received from Brock. Motion defeated.

Motion by Glasser to approve two General Maintenance positions, for 25 hours per week at \$8.00 per hour. Motion carried with Commissioner Beachnau voting nay.

Commissioner Hyde discussed the Commissioners take part in the Memorial Day program.

Correspondence:

Letter from the Otsego Lake Association concerning water and septic problems.

Public Comment:

Cle Leask announced the Grand Opening at the new bus facility scheduled for June 7th.

Abe Cruz reported on the EMS demo for the area student's.

Ron Chavey reported on activities with the Salvation Army.

Jack Thompson reported on the Growth Management sessions.

Board Remarks:

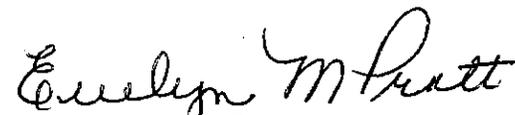
Bates: Reported on the City Council meeting.

- Garfield: Suggested an Electrical consumption study.
Reported on the County Dive team.
- Bentz: Reported on District Health.
Attended the Growth Management session at Elmira.
- Beachnau: Reported on the Department of Public Works.
Reported on the Long Range Planning Committee.
- Johnson: Reported on the Bagley Township meeting.
- Glasser: Attended the North East Consortium meeting.
Attended the Bagley Township meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

May 25, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Liss.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Beachnau.

Others Present: Peter Cumings, James McBride, Bill Less, Elizabeth Haus, Abe Cruz, Doty Latuszek, Erma Backenstose, Jack Thompson, Mike Anthony, Diann Axford, Matt Nowicki, Brian Webber, Phil Alexander, Kevin Hesselink, Richard Edmonds, James Root, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

The County Administrator introduced the Director of Planning and Zoning , Richard Edmonds, to the Board.

Minutes of the May 11th meeting were approved.

Motion by Bates to correct Resolution O4-023 to read 04-024 and Resolution 04-025 to read \$210,552. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution OCR-04-024 approving the amended ballot language for a millage proposition to provide operating funds for the Otsego County Animal Shelter and Animal Control Officers and to submit the proposition to the electorate at the August 3rd, 2004 Primary Election..

Resolution OCR-04-025 authorizing Marlene K. Hopp, Director of The Otsego County Housing Committee to prepare and submit the Application to MSHDA's Housing Resource Fund (HRF) program for funding in the amount of \$210,552.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, reported on the Sixth Grade Village Project. The Clerk and Treasurer appointments have been made.

New Business:

Motion by Bates to approve paid claims 2004-0007 in the amount of \$67,151.11 Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve pending claims 2004-0007 in the amount of \$409,413.70. Motion carried,

Motion by Hyde to increase the Assistant Prosecutor's hourly rate to \$20.00 based on a 56 hour pay period and to increase the Chief Assistant Prosecutor's hourly rate to \$25.00 based on a 75 hour pay period. Motion carried with Glasser voting nay.

Motion by Glasser to postpone discussion of the Jail Administrator, additional Corrections Officer and the Tether program until the June 8th meeting, to allow the Sheriff to provide a written proposal. Motion carried.

The County Administrator reviewed the Otsego County Strategic Plan and Mission Statement. Motion by Glasser to adopt the Otsego County Strategic Plan dated May 4, 2004 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson to approve the Otsego County Government Mission Statement as presented by the Long Range Planning Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to allow the Otsego Conservation District to change the Youth Garden Program to the Family Garden Program and allow a \$20.00 fee be charged. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to approve an easement for a road through County property at the Sportsplex. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

A letter was received from the MAC Board of Directors concerning Court funding.

Public Comment:

Doty Latuszek reported on the University Center Roof.

Sheriff McBride reported on repairs be made on the Jail roof.

Board Remarks:

Glasser: Reported on the Livingston Township Water Project.
 Attended the Bagley Township meeting.

Hyde: Reported on the Memorial day program.
 Reported on the Homeland Security Grant.
 Reported on EMS.

Bates: Reported on City Council.

Motion by Bentz to enter into closed session to meet with Counsel to discuss pending legislation under the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Excused: Beachnau.

Motion carried.

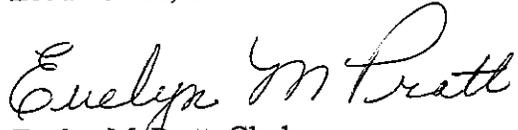
Commissioner Bentz excused at 11:30 a.m.

Motion by Glasser to return to open session. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Lee F. Olsen, Chair

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Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

June 8, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Beachnau.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Bentz.
Excused: Hyde.

Others Present: James McBride, Bill Less, Elizabeth Haus, Doty Latuszek, Erma Backenstose, Mike Anthony, Diann Axford, Matt Nowicki, Brian Webber, Richard Edmonds, Cle Leask, Mary Sanders, Mike Turnbull, Darlene McNealy, Marie Frick, LaVern Harden, Rudi Edel, Tom Haskel, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the May 25th, 2004 meeting were approved.

The agenda was amended to include the Parks/Rec Bid under new business.

Elizabeth Haus, Village President, updated the Board on Commercial property improvements.

LaVern Harden updated the Board on the University Center.

New Business:

Motion by Garfield to accept May revenues of \$873,702.13 and expenditures of \$1,508,775.93.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to approve the paid claims in the amount of \$2,425,965.89. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve the pending claims in the amount of \$ 46,365.78. Motion carried.

Brian Webber presented the Tether proposal.

Motion by Liss to hire a Corrections Officer to monitor the Tether Program, program to be reviewed in six months, and to increase the tether fee to \$20.00 per pay. Motion carried.

Motion by Liss to hire a Corrections Officer for the Jail system at full time rate and benefits. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to increase Lt. Webber's salary from \$29,640.00 to \$37,960.00 annually, an increase of \$8,320.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to adopt Resolution OCR-04-025 recommending that the Michigan Association of Counties, the Governor and the State Legislature support the proposed constitutional amendment HJRY which will ensure the citizens of Michigan receive stable funding of state mandated and state constitutional services appropriate to their needs.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Excused: Hyde.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Chris Cook from the Traverse City office of Cummings McClory will be invited to the June 22nd meeting.

Motion by Johnson to approve the bid from Hoyle athletic Supply in the amount of \$11,940.00 for wall pads at the Community Center as recommended by the Parks & Rec Commission.

Motion carried.

Correspondence:

MAC dues for 2003/2004 were received. A letter will accompany the payment.

Public Comment:

Michael Anthony, Sheriff's Department, announced the time and date of Ruth Riddle's funeral.

Sheriff McBride announced the Posse Express program to take place June 12th and 13th.

Board Remarks:

Glasser: Reported on the County Blue Cross

Johnson: Announced the Bus Open House.
Reported on Parks/Rec.

Beachnau: Reported on the Children's Museum.
Announced an Employee's Golf Outing.

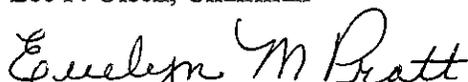
Bentz: Reported on District Health.

Liss: Reported on the Jail Utilization Committee.

Meeting adjourned at the call of the Chair at 11:17 p.m.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

June 22, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bentz.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Bill Less, Elizabeth Haus, Doty Latuszek, Erma Backenstose, Mike Anthony, Diann Axford, Brian Webber, Richard Edmonds, Cle Leask, LaVern Harden, Rudi Edel, Abe Cruz, Don Tober, Mary Jorgenson, Cameron Sharp, Amy Neubecker, James Root, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the June 8th, 2004 meeting were approved with corrections.

The minutes were corrected to read: to increase the Tether fee to \$20.00 a day.

Elizabeth Haus, Village President, updated the Board on the Village Planning Commission.

Special Presentations:

County Administrator, Denise Koning, presented the State of the County Address.

The 2003 year end fund balance is \$293,144.00.

New Business:

Motion by Bates to approve pending claims 2004-0009 in the amount of \$71,595.84. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz to approve paid claims 2004-0009 in the amount of \$968,781.63. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to approve a transfer of \$300,000.00 from the Delinquent Tax Fund to the Insurance Fund. Motion carried with Commissioner Bentz voting nay.

Motion by Hyde to send all Michigan Counties a letter (Draft 2) concerning the 46th Circuit Trial Court Dispute. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to adopt the letterhead presented in the June 22nd presentation as official County letterhead. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

A letter of thanks was received from Commissioner Hyde.

Public Comment:

Rudi Edel updated the Board on the 46th circuit trial case.

Cameron Sharp questioned why tickets were down 40%.

Board remarks:

Johnson: Reported on the Northern Michigan Counties Association meeting.
Reported on the Airport.

Beachnau: Reported on the Library.
Reported on the Sportsplex.

Bentz: Reported on the District Health.

Garfield: Attended the Otsego Lake Township meeting

Hyde: Reported on the EMS equipment grant.

Liss: Updated the Board on the Goodwill Housing project.

Bates: Reported on City Council.

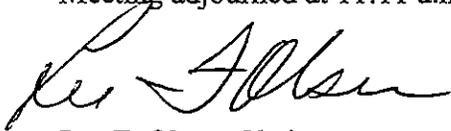
Glasser: Reported on the MAC meeting.
Attended the Bagley Township meeting.
Reported on the Planning Commission.
Reported on the Straits Regional Ride.

Olsen: Announced the Chamber Forum to be held July 7th for the 105th Representative
Candidates. The forum will take place at the Otsego Club.
Announced a forum for Sheriff and Prosecutor Candidates to be held July 27th
at the Livingston Township hall.

Public Comment:

Michael Anthony reported on the Michigan Sheriff's Posse Association.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

July 13, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Garfield.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Bill Less, Elizabeth Haus, Erma Backenstose, Mike Anthony, LaVern Harden, Abe Cruz, Mary Jorgenson, Jerry Campbell, James McBride, Alexis Kaczynski, Jean Nowicki, Linda Gall, Mike Solomon, Charles Rorie, Linda Martin, Mary Sanders, Chris Cooke, James Root, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the June 22nd, 2004 meeting were approved.

The agenda was amended to include a closed session.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Liss to adopt Resolution OCR-04- 026 supporting the Michigan Legislature fully fund exiting positions in the Department of Transportation's Multi-Mode Bureau and the State's transportation services and to expand state funding of these services. Resolution adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion by Glasser to adopt Resolution OCR-04-027 requesting the Michigan Association of Counties circulate petitions for a Constitutional amendment for State Funding of Michigan's Trial Courts. Resolution adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion by Johnson to adopt Resolution OCR-04-028 approving the 2005 Annual Implementation Plan for the Area Agency on Aging. Resolution adopted by unanimous vote.

Special Presentation:

Alexis Kaczynski presented the 2003 Annual Report for the North Country Community Mental Health.

Chris Cooke, Attorney from the Traverse City office of Cummings McClory, appeared before the Board to discuss the Tri-County Court Case.

Motion by Glasser to allow MMRMA to refer cases to Cummings, McClory, et al from this date forward. Motion carried with Commissioner Garfield voting nay.

City Liaison, Jerry Campbell, stated all city projects are on schedule.

Mary Sanders, Hayes Township Supervisor, announced the July 20th OCTOA meeting to be held at Charlton Township Hall.

Elizabeth Haus, Village President, announced the public hearing for Village Zoning and Special Use permits.

New Business:

Motion by Hyde to approve June Revenues in the amount of \$642,983.22 and expenses in the amount of \$783,208.33. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to approved paid claims #2004-0010 in the amount of \$324,057.78. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve pending claims #2004-0010 in the amount of \$44,579.09. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve warrant number B2004-28 in the amount of \$16,203.19. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve the 2005 Budget calendar. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to change the salary of Otsego County Road Commissioners as follows:

1. All Road Commissioners newly elected and taking office January 1, 2005 shall follow the same benefit package as the Otsego County Board of Commissioners.
2. All Road Commissioners currently in office will continue with the 2004 salary and benefit structure upon future re-elections.

Motion carried with Commissioner Glasser voting nay.

Motion by Liss to accept the bid of Northern Sealant Systems of Gaylord to replace the jail roof for a total of \$43,180.00, with Otsego County's share being \$36,271.20; funds for replacement to come from the Capital improvement fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson to enact ordinance No 1 of 2004 to prohibit the use of alcohol and tobacco at the Otsego County Community Center Park. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to send copies of Resolution OCR-04-027 to all other counties. Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Glasser: Commended Administration on the County Line.
Reported on NE Michigan Consortium.
Reported on the Bagley Township meeting.

Motion by Johnson to enter closed session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, to discuss the lease or purchase of real property. (Section 8D)

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

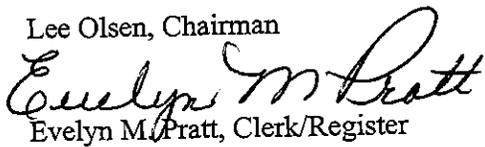
Regular meeting called back to order at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Bentz will do the next radio program.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Lee Olsen, Chairman

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Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk/Register

July 27, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hyde.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Bill Less, Elizabeth Haus, Erma Backenstose, Mike Anthony, LaVern Harden, Mary Jorgenson, Jerry Campbell, Charles Rorie, Mary Sanders, Doty Latuszek, Carol Apol, Jack Apol, Matt Nowicki, Sarah Green, Richard Edmonds, Walter Noa, Keith Huff, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the July 13th, 2004 meeting were approved.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Building /Grounds Committee to recommend the County Board and City Council

1. Hire a county employee to replace the retiring JBA employee.
2. Authorize the Administrator and Manager to negotiate an inter-local governmental agreement regarding shared and individual expenses of the County-City Building.
3. Eliminate the JBA upon successful completion and adoption of the inter-local governmental agreement.

Motion carried.

Jerry Campbell, City Liaison, reported on the new industrial park.

Mary Sanders reminded the Board and audience to attend the candidate forum at Livingston Township Hall.

Elizabeth Haus, Village President, reported on the village zoning ordinance and amendments.

Correspondence:

A letter concerning the Animal Control was received.

The tentative draft reported was received from the Economic Alliance.

New Business:

Motion by Bates to approve warrant B2004-29A in the amount of \$151,073.72. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to approve warrant B2004-29B in the amount of \$411.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve warrant B2004-30 in the amount of \$170,511.26. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve the 2005 MTEC preliminary budget. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates that all building and electrical permit fees for the Fair Board be waived for the

construction of a pavilion near the Grandstand, and further that any fees paid for this project be refunded. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Jack Apol, candidate for the 105th House seat, introduced himself.

Nick Zavala reported on the Otsego lake fireworks.

Board Remarks:

Bentz: Reported on District Heath.

Hyde: Reported on the Road Commission.

Johnson: Reported on Parks & Rec.

Beachnau: Reported on the Livingston Township meeting.

Motion by Bates to enter into closed session, pursuant to Section (8A) of the Open Meetings Act, as requested by Animal Control Director Keith Huff.

Roll Call Vote:

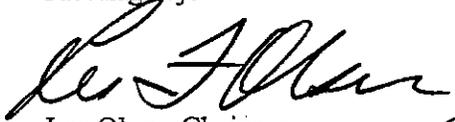
Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz..

Nays: None.

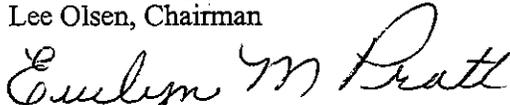
Motion carried.

Returned to full session at 11:20.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

August 10, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Johnson.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Bill Less, Elizabeth Haus, Erma Backenstose, LaVern Harden, Mary Jorgenson, Jerry Campbell, Mary Sanders, Richard Edmonds, Keith Huff, James McBride, Diann Axford, Jean Nowicki, Dorothy Layman, Wayne Tyler, Russ Soffredine, Don Tober, James Root, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the July 27th, 2004 meeting were approved.

Richard Edmonds introduced the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Dorothy Layman.

City Liaison, Jerry Campbell, announced the city is in good shape.

Correspondence:

A letter concerning tax collections was received from MAC.

A letter requesting an appointment to the planning commission was received from Chester Township.

Motion by Bentz to appoint Russell Soffredine to the planning commission to fulfill the term vacated by Melissa Szymanski. Motion carried.

The Administrator reported on the Payroll Audit.

New Business:

Motion by Beachnau to approve year to date revenues in the amount of \$6,490,362.64 and expenses in the amount of \$5,690,894.71. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to approve warrant B2004-31 in the amount of \$235,048.61. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve warrant B2004-32 in the amount of \$217,102.45. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz to enact Ordinance 2004-02. Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to approve the Director of Grants and Special Programs job description. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser to approve the 2004 pay rate for the Director of Grants and Special Programs. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Don Tober thanked everyone for the support of the Animal Control millage.

Wayne Tyler questioned appointments to Boards and length of terms.

Board Remarks:

Hyde: Reported on the Bagley Township meeting.
Questioned the Sheriff about Ticket Status Report.

Liss: Reported on the Jail Committee.

Johnson: Reported on the Airport.

Beachnau: Reported on the County Golf Outing.

Olsen: Budget workshops are scheduled for September 7th and 21st.

Motion by Glasser to enter into closed session to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with the AFSCME Local 1534 unit, pursuant to Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL15.268(c).

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

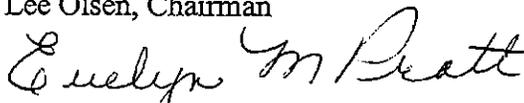
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Motion by Beachnau to approve the memorandum of understanding between County of Otsego and AFSCME, Local 1534 dated August 6th, 2004 regarding the issue of Darrol Miller. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

August 24, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bates.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Elizabeth Haus, Erma Backenstose, Mary Sanders, Richard Edmonds, Doty Latuszek, Don Tober, Patricia Osburn, Patrick Cotant, Marian Walker, Willis Walker, Matt Nowak, Marilyn Cole, Phil Alexander, Ben Barlett, Shirley Jenkins, Denise Koning.

Minutes of the August 10th, 2004 meeting were approved.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR-04-29 designating the Otsego County Conservation District as the County Enforcing Agency responsible for administering and enforcing Part 91 and the rules promulgated under part 91.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR-04-30 supporting the Otsego County Road Commission's application for Michigan Department of Transportation grant funding to rebuild South Townline Road.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR-04-31 requesting a Deferred Compensation Program from Northern Michigan Financial Services (Daniel Emmendorfer) be adopted as a Deferred Compensation Option for our employees and allow employee contributions to be payroll deducted. All Administrative Services, 457 Compliance, and investment options will be provided through Northern Michigan Financial Services (NMFS) and subsequently by FTJ Fundchoice 457 Program. Representation will be provided by Daniel Emmendorfer.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Phil Alexander, MSU Extension Director, introduced Ben Barlett. Mr. Bartlett is the Otsego County Agricultural and Natural Resource Agent.

Special Presentation:

Patricia Osburn, Otsego Conservation District Administrator, presented an update on the Soil Erosion project. Patrick Cotant, Conservation District Forester, was introduced to the Board.

Correspondence:

The August 2nd letter from FIA will be part of the Budget work shop.

New Business:

The agenda was amended to add items e and f:

- E. Animal Control Budget Adjustments.
- F. Bids for Bus System.

Motion by Beachnau to approve Warrant B2004-33 in the amount of \$282,732.20. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve Warrant B2004-034 in the amount of \$55,949.36. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau that the Otsego County Equalization Department maintain and offer full service agreements with Townships at \$1.60 per parcel and to provide Township Assessors at no cost copies of building permits and deed changes pertinent to their Townships.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau.

Nays: Garfield, Johnson.

Motion carried.

Revenue sharing and early tax collection legislation was discussed.

Motion by Bentz to re-appoint the following individuals to the Building Authority:

Frank Wilkinson for a term expiring June 30, 2005.

Lester Howard for a term expiring June 30, 2006.

LaVern Harden for a term expiring June 30, 2007.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to transfer \$9,973.13 from Veterans Affairs to Animal Control to continue funding the third animal control officer position at 40 hours per week from September 1 through December 31, 2004. Motion carried.

Motion by Liss to accept the tractor bid from Zaremba's equipment in the amount of \$23,500.00.

Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Hyde: Reported on the MAC Conference.

Liss: Reported on MAC Conference.

Bates: Announced the County Fair.

Glasser: Reported on the Bagley Township meeting.

Johnson: Bagley Township public hearing on the sewer project is August 27th.
Distributed the MSU Extension newsletter.
Attended the MAC Conference.
Reported non Parks & Rec.

Beachnau: Announced the County Picnic scheduled for September 8th.

Bentz: Reported on District Health.
Attended MAC Conference.
Announced the retirement of Bruce Scott, the Building Director.

Administrator:

Animal Control meeting August 26th.

Jail Utilization meeting September 1st.

Budget work shops September 1st and 7th.

Motion by Glasser to enter into closed session to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Johnson, Hyde, Glasser.

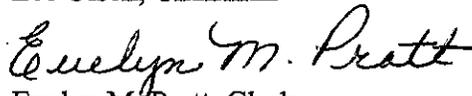
Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 at the call of the Chair.



Lee Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

September 14, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hyde.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Elizabeth Haus, Erma Backenstose, Doty Latuszek, Charles Rorie, Tom Haskel, LaVern Harden, Johns Milbocker, Rudi Edel, Mary Jorgensen, Jerry Campbell, Bill Less, Matt Nowicki, Brian Webber, Julie Delaney, James Root, James McBride, Matt Pearson, Stacy Couch, Christina Porzondek, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the August 24th, 2004 meeting were approved with corrections.

Minutes were corrected to read: Johnson reported on Parks and Rec and Budget work shops scheduled for September 7th and 21st.

Agenda was approved with Animal Control Minutes being moved to new business.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR-04-32 authorizing a discharge of mortgage to Ellen L. and Craig Coddington a/k/a/ Craig R. Coddington, with the Administrator authorized to sign said document.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR-04-33 authorizing a discharge of mortgage to Julie A. O'Dell, with the Administrator authorized to sign said document.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Special Presentations:

Matt Pearson, Vista Volunteer, introduced Christina Porzondek and Stacy Couch to the Board. The ladies represent the Americorp Vista Mentor program.

Tom Haskel updated the Board on the Child Care fund and the Top program.

John Milbocker, Otsego Conservation Director, announced the Annual Fall Tour. The tour is scheduled for September 27th.

City Liaison, Jerry Campbell, reported on the council meeting and gave an update on the new

industrial park.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, gave an updated on the village park projects.

Correspondence:

A letter regarding the designation of Old 27 as a Historic Route was received.

Motion by Hyde to send a letter in support of the 27 Historical Designation to State Representative, District 67. Motion carried.

A thank you was received from Ron Chavey.

A letter from Mac announcing the regional six meeting was received.

New Business:

Motion by Beachnau to approve Warrant B2004-35 in the amount of \$103,392.32. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve Warrant B2004-36 in the amount of \$63,636.11. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz to approve Warrant B2004-37 in the amount of \$77,835.22. Motion carried.

Motion by Animal Control Committee to adopt the Procedures for Otsego County No Kill of Adoptable Pets Policy as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Motion by Bates authorizing the Chair to send a letter to the Mayor congratulating her on her appointment to the M.M.L. Board of Directors. Motion carried.

Commissioner Liss questioned the Governor's property tax collect plan.

Motion by Glasser to enter into closed session to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL15.268(c).

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates

Nays: None.

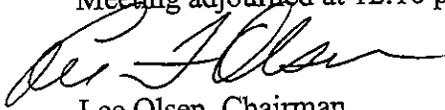
Motion carried.

Entered closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Commissioner Beachnau excused at 11:10 a.m.

Returned to open session at 12:08 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Lee Olsen, Chairman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Evelyn M. Pratt".

Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

September 28, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the J. Richard Yuill Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bentz.

Roll call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others present: Phil Curtiss, Maureen Derenzy, Richard Edmonds, Jerry Campbell, Bill Less, Diann Axford, Mary Jergenson, Tammy Phillips, Sheriff James McBride, Bob Harden, Elizabeth Haus, Doty Latuszek, Jay Gliwa, Erma Backenstose, Denise Koning, Susan DeFeyter.

Minutes of the September 14, 2004 meeting were approved with corrections.

Minutes were corrected to read: Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hyde and Village President, Elizabeth Haus, gave an update on the village park projects.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR-04-034 authorizing a discharge of mortgage to Karen Sanders, with the Administrator authorized to sign said document.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion to adopt Resolution OCR-04-035 authorizing a discharge of mortgage to Albert J. Heneka, with the Administrator authorized to sign said document.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Special Presentations:

Jay Gliwa and Tammy Phillips reported to the Board about helping with the Florida Hurricane relief.

Warren Baumann and Myles Weitzman from Bauman Resources and Weitzman Resources presented to the Board a request for an Oil and Gas lease.

Motion by Johnson to enter into an Oil and Gas lease with Weitzman Resources and Baumann resources as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission. Terms of lease to be decided after review by legal counsel. Lease to be signed by the Chairman of the Board and the County Administrator. Motion carried.

City Liaison, Jerry Campbell, reported on the City-Counsel meeting.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, updated on Village Planning Commission upcoming meetings.

Maureen Derenzy presented to the Board a request for the Library Millage Levy.

Correspondence:

A letter from the State requesting reimbursement for the 2003 Survey and remoumentation funds was received.

A letter from the Department of Natural Resources was received, matter to be put on the October agenda.

A letter from Michael Summers was received.

New Business:

Motion by Beachnau to approve Warrant B2004-38 in the amount of \$131,508.58, as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve Warrant B2004-39 in the amount of \$164,726.77, as presented.
Motion carried.

Richard Edmonds addresses the Board regarding the Rezone request 2004-10BY.

Motion by Glasser to approve rezone request B2004-10BY from R-2 to B-2.

Ayes: None.

Nays: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Motion defeated.

Public Comment:

Bob Harden commented on the rezone request.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Hyde: Attended the Annual Fall Tour on September 27th.

Commissioner Bates: Attended the Annual Fall Tour on September 27th.

Commissioner Glasser: Reported on the Veterans Hospital.

Commissioner Johnson: Attended the Parks and Recreation meeting.

Commented on the rezoning request 2004-10BY.

Commissioner Beachnau: Attended the Livingston Township meeting.

Reported on the Sportsplex roof.

Sportsplex is having an open house October 9th or 10th.

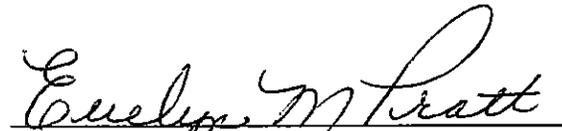
Commissioner Bentz: Reported on the Health Department.

Commissioner Garfield: Reported on the Parade of Home.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

October 12, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Beachnau.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Others Present: Elizabeth Haus, Erma Backenstose, Doty Latuszek, LaVern Harden, John Milbocker, Mary Jorgensen, Jerry Campbell, Bill Less, Matt Nowicki, Brian Webber, James Root, James McBride, Diann Axford, Curt A. Reppuhn, Mary Sanders, Jennifer Barr, Ron Chavey, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the September 28th, 2004 meeting were approved.

Agenda was approved with a closed session added.

Special Presentation:

John Milbocker, Otsego Conservation Director, announced the annual meeting scheduled for October 27th. The meeting will be held at the University Center at 7:00 p.m.

City Liaison, Jerry Campbell, announced the appointment of Ester Nelson to replace Tom Nelson. Gus Macker has extended their contract. Doumas and Freeland parks will be renovated.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, reported the Council is working with the school on a citizenship program. The Council is sponsoring a Christmas Carol Sing.

The OCTOA will have a recognition dinner on November 30th at Corwith Township hall.

Chairman Olsen announced the 105th candidate debate scheduled for October 25th at the school auditorium.

Correspondence:

A letter regarding the Prosecutor's wages was received.

Motion by Beachnau to establish the 2005 Prosecutor's salary at \$82,405.00. Motion carried with one nay vote.

New Business:

Motion by Bates to approve Warrant B2004-40 in the amount of \$115,306.74. Motion carried.

Motion by Garfield to approve warrant B2004-41 in the amount of \$206,092.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve September revenues in the amount of \$281,299.69 and expenses in the amount of \$336,347.12. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to adopt Resolution OCR-040-36 authorizing the transfer of \$85,000.00 from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the General Fund to cover 2004 jail expenses and that should Otsego County end 2004 with a surplus the monies will be transferred back to the stabilization fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

A budget work shop will be held October 13th at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's room.

Cindy Pushman updated the Board on the Child Care Fund.

Chairman Olsen appointed Mike Hyde and Richard Edmonds to the Upper Manistee Zoning Review Board. Alternates are Clark Bates and Ken Glasser.

Public Comment:

Mary Sanders commented on the Prosecutors salary.

Board Remarks:

Liss: Reported on the Jail Committee meeting.

Bates: Attended the City Council meeting.

Glasser: Reported on the Sheriffs Department.
Reported on the Bagley Township meeting.

Johnson: Reported on the Airport.
Attended the Jail Committee meeting.

Bentz: Reported on the District Health Department.

Hyde: Attended the Jail Committee meeting.

Motion by Glasser to enter into closed session to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with the POLC, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268(c).

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

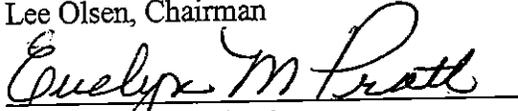
Closed session called to order at 11:03 a.m.

Returned to open session at 12:10 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m. at the call of the chair.

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Lee Olsen, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Evelyn M. Pratt in cursive script.

Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

October 26, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bentz.

Roll Call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.
Commissioner Garfield arrived at 9:50 a.m.

Others Present: Elizabeth Haus, Erma Backenstose, Doty Latuszek, LaVern Harden, Mary Jorgensen, Jerry Campbell, Bill Less, Matt Nowicki, Brian Webber, James Root, James McBride, Diann Axford, Curt A. Reppuhn, Jennifer Barr, Andrew Nobliski, Trevor Winkel, Dave Schuster, Charles Rorie, Sherie McWhirter, Phil Alexander, Linda Cronk, James Miller, Trish Adams, Ron Chavey, Donna Cavanaugh, Nick Cavanaugh, Bob DeLong, Bill Kerr, Amy Klepadlo, Matthew Lorence, Heidi Shattuck, Kevin Hesselink, Regan Quaal, Mike Anthony, Rudi Edel, Shirley Samkowiak, Richard Edmonds, Denise Koning, Evelyn M. Pratt.

Minutes of the October 14th, 2004 meeting were approved.

Agenda was approved.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Bates per rule 6.6.1: that Otsego County serve as the fiduciary organization for Community Mediation for the year 2005, and that the County Administrator be authorized and directed to sign such documents as are necessary for Community Mediation to apply for their operating grant(s).

Special Presentation:

Phil Alexander, MSU Extension Director, introduced Linda Cronk to the Board. Ms Cronk is the Family and Consumer Sciences Manager for the County.

Regan Quall, Otsego County Economic Alliance Chairman, reviewed the 2004 major initiatives.

City Liaison, Jerry Campbell, reported on the city council meeting.

Village President, Elizabeth Haus, reported the Council will conduct all village elections.

Correspondence:

A letter regarding the placement of radio towers was received from Kent Smith.

A letter regarding ambulances sitting at the Sportsplex was received with no signature.

An article written by the Kalkaska County Prosecutor concerning the Court Law suit was read.

New Business:

Motion by Johnson to approve Warrant B2004-42 in the amount \$145,007.17. Motion carried.

Motion by Bentz to approve Warrant B2004-43 in the amount of \$86,701.28. Motion carried.

Human Resource Director, Trish Adams, presented the 2005 Benefit Recommendations.

The Deputy Equalization Director job description was presented.

Motion by Glasser to adopt only the language of the job description. Motion carried.

Equalization Director, William Kerr, presented the 2004 Millage and Apportionment Report. Motion by Beachnau to approve the Otsego County 2004 Millage and Apportionment report as presented. Motion carried.

Board Remarks:

Bates: Thanked the Board for supporting Community Mediation.

Glasser: Reported on the Bus Committee.

Johnson: Reported on Parks & Rec Commission.

Beachnau: Reported on the Sportsplex.
Attended the Livingston Township meeting.

Bentz: Reported on District Health.

Garfield: Announced the Otsego Conservation Annual meeting.

Hyde: Reported on the Road Commission.

Liss: Reported on the Bus Committee.
Attended Dover Township meeting.

Public Comment:

Record Eagle Reporter, Sherrie McWhirter, introduced herself to the Board.

Ron Chavey announced the Business Expo, the November 4th Christmas program, and the December 1st Chamber Holiday program.

Matt Nowicki invited the Board to the Taser demonstration.

Richard Edmonds commented on the Building Department State Audit.

Meeting recessed at 11:15 a.m. and to reconvene at 1:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court Room.

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Johnson to suspend the rules. Motion carried.

Motion by Hyde to adopt Resolution OCR-04-37 approving MDOT block grant for the Otsego County Airport layout plan update.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

The proposed 2005 Budget was presented.

Motion by Beachnau to discontinue the Civil Attorney Contract, reduce S.A.N.E. by \$5450.00, the Land Use Director's Salary be split 50/50 with Zoning and Building Inspection, 1.5% increase to non-union and non elected, and a 2% cut across the board for all general fund departments excluding personnel.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Johnson, Glasser, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to approve the 2005 Benefit recommendations as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Johnson, Hyde.

Nays: Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Bentz.

Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau to eliminate the Civil Division.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Olsen, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: Bates, Liss, Garfield, Glasser.

Motion by Beachnau to reduce Soil Conservation to \$4,000.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde.

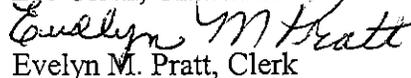
Nays: Bentz.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

November 5, 2004

A Special meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at 225 W. Main St., Room 212. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bates.

Roll call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Olsen, Glasser, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Liss, Garfield, Johnson.

Others present: Mary Jergenson, Sheriff James McBride, Erma Backenstose, Bryan Graham, Trevor Winkel, Nick Cavanaugh, Bill Kerr, Kyle Legel, Ron Chavey, Denise Koning, Susan DeFeyter.

Bryan Graham, from the office of Young, Graham & Elsenheimer, P.C. addressed the board.

The Board discussed various ways to reduce the budget.

Motion by Glasser, to reconsider the Attorney contract with Young, Graham, & Elsenheimer, P.C. Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau, to continue the Attorney contract with Young, Graham & Elsenheimer, but reduce the contract to \$2,500.00 per month with funds to be taken from the legal defense fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Glasser, to direct the administrator to amend the budget to eliminate commissioner retirement of \$1,549.44, eliminate Commissioner training, eliminate MTA dues of \$345.00, eliminate NACO dues of \$400.00, eliminate Huron Pines Association dues of \$300.00; eliminate No Counties' Association dues of \$90.00 and general membership/dues of \$8396.00, eliminate contribution to SANE of \$10,000.00, eliminate OCEA appropriation by \$10,000.00, eliminate the contribution to the Chamber of \$1,000.00, eliminate the contribution to the Fairboard of \$500.00, and cut hourly employees wages 6% for a savings of \$25,000.00.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Glasser, Hyde, Bentz.

Nayes: Olsen.

Excused: Liss, Garfield, Johnson.

Motion carried.

Motion by Beachnau, to amend motion to direct administrator to amend the budget by leaving \$1,500.00 in the Commissioner's training. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 10:30 a.m. and to reconvene at 10:50 a.m. to conduct the agenda for the meeting set on Tuesday November 9, 2004.

Meeting reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Minutes of the October 26, 2004 meeting were approved with corrections.

Minutes were corrected to read: Motion by Bates per rule 6.6.1: that Otsego County serve as the fiduciary organization for Community Mediation for the year 2005, and that the County Administrator be authorized and directed to sign such documents as are necessary for Community Mediation to apply for their operating grant(s). Adopted by unanimous consent.

New Business:

Motion by Beachnau to approve Warrant B2004-44 in the amount of \$107,315.12 as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to approve Warrant B2004-45 in the amount of \$64,671.98, as presented.
Motion carried.

Motion by Bates to postpone the MERS-Benefit Program E-cost analysis to the November 23, 2004 meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ron Chavey commented on health care costs.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Hyde: Attended the Taser demonstration.
Concerned about the deputies being paid to attend budget meetings.

Commissioner Bates: Commented on the Consent Agenda and sighting rules in the minutes.
Commented on the budget and his concerns of certain cuts.

Commissioner Glasser: Commented on SANE.

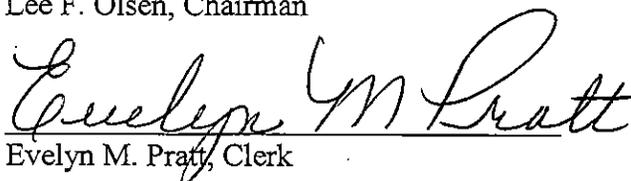
Commissioner Beachnau: Commented on the budget.

Commissioner Olsen announced the MTA meeting is November 30, 2004 at the Corwith Township Hall at 6:00 p.m. There will be a special dinner to honor retirees, at a cost of \$10.00.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

November 23, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Bates, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Johnson.

Roll call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Glasser.

Others present: Mary Jergenson, Sheriff James McBride, Erma Backenstose, Jerry Campbell, Jan Cotant, Wendy Forman, Shawn Huston, Brenda Soderquist, Lesa Jarski, Jay Gliwa, Elizabeth Haus, James Berigan, Bill Martella, Doty Latuszek, Sheri McWhirter, Carl Lord, Matt Nowicki, Brian Webber, Brian Moore, Bill Blaker, Jean Nowicki, Brendan Curran, Jon Deming, Mason Buckingham, John Dennany, Denise Koning, Susan DeFeyer.

The minutes of the Special Meeting of November 5, 2004 were approved.

Agenda was amended to add Water Wonderland Board of Realtors under scheduled presentation. To add a letter from the Chamber and a letter from Tim McGuire under correspondence. Also to add under new business a bill from Clark Hill, and a bill for John Bengel, a Resolution for the use of the DNR property, Appointment on Parks and Recreation, Planning Commission member, Library board appointment and the grant for the video arraignment. A closed session was also added after board remarks.

Scheduled Presentation:

Carl Lord updated the Board on the Big Rock restoration project.

Shawn Huston from the Winter Wonderland Board of Realtors addressed the Board regarding Equalization department fees.

City Liaison Jerry Campbell reported on the City-Council meeting.

Mary Sanders reminded the Board of the special Michigan Township Association meeting on November 30, 2004 at 6:00 p.m at the Corwith Township Hall honoring the long time Township Officials. The cost is \$10.00.

Elizabeth Haus announced that the Village tree lighting is December 3rd at the Park on Old 27. Also commented that the milege for the Fire Department did pass.

Correspondence:

The letter from Prosecutor Kevin Hesselink is moved to the December 14th meeting.

The letter from the Chamber of Commerce was received requesting reinstating the member fee paid by the County.

Letter from Tim McGuire is moved to the December 14th meeting.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, to approve Warrant B2004-46 in the amount of \$153,774.19, as presented. Motion carried

Motion by Commissioner Hyde, to approve Warrant B2004-47 in the amount of \$69,399.87, as presented.

Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Liss, to approve the invoice from Clark Hill for the Sheriff's Department investigation in the amount of \$3,806.50, to be paid from the Legal Defense fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bentz, to approve the invoice from John A. Bengel for the fraud examination in the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$5,427.50, to be paid from the Legal Defense Fund. Motion carried.

Jay Gliwa addressed the Board regarding the consolidation of the dispatch centers and his concerns.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to direct the Chariman to send a letter opposing the closure of the Gaylord Dispatch Center to Col. Sturlivant, Senator Stamas and Representative Bradstreet and Representative elect Elsenheimer as soon as possible. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, to approve an additional 4% telephone surcharge for 9-1-1 and place in a separate contingency fund in the event that the State Police move out of our 9-1-1 Center.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, to call a question. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Liss, Olsen, Johnson.

Nays: Beachnau, Garfield, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Glasser.

Motion tied.

This matter be placed on the December 14th meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Bentz, to increase the MERS Program E this year.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: None.

Nays: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Glasser.
Motion defeated.

2005 Otsego County Directories are going out to bid to area printers. Placed on December 14th agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to suspend the rules for the consideration of Resolution OCR-04-038 and various appointments to boards. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to approve Resolution 04-038 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: Bates.

Excused: Glasser

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, to appoint Tom Johnson and Butch Fleming to the Parks & Rec. Commission for 3 year terms 2005-2007. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to appoint Richard Wojtkowiak to the Otsego County Planning Commission Board for a 3 year term. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to appoint Robert Diesing to the Otsego County Library Board of Trustees for the balance of Jeff Ratcliffe's term. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bentz, to accept grant from MMRMA for up to \$10,000.00 for video arraignment system as proposed by JAVS. The match money will come from the capital improvement fund to be repaid by the courthouse restoration fund at the 4% rate. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Sheriff McBride commented on the DNR property.

Board remarks:

Commissioner Bates: Attended the City-County meeting.

Commissioner Johnson: Attended the Parks & Rec. Commission meeting.

Attended the Bagley Township meeting.

Commissioner Olsen: Reminded everyone about Evelyn Pratt's retirement potluck on December 1st.

Holiday business after hours is on December 1st at the Otsego Club.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to enter into closed session to consult legal counsel

regarding settlement strategy with regard to pending litigation, pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268(e).

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Garfield, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

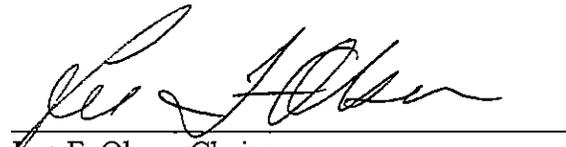
Nays: None.

Excused: Glasser.

Motion carried.

Regular meeting called back to order at 12:55 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Evelyn M. Pratt, Clerk

December 14, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Liss.

Roll call:

Present: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Garfield.

Others present: Mary Jergenson, Sheriff James McBride, Erma Backenstose, Jay Gliwa, Elizabeth Haus, Doty Latuszek, Sheri McWhirter, Matt Nowicki, Jean Nowicki, Jeff Ratcliffe, Virginia Christiansen, Cle Leask, Bob Harden, Jean Baker, Mary Sanders, Rosemary Smith, Darla Edwards, Leah Cygan, Kevin Hesselink, Mary King, Carol Paxton, Gerald Chase, Maureen Derenzy, Denise Koning, Susan DeFeyer.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 23, 2004 were approved as corrected. Motion by Commissioner Johnson, to call a question was correctly placed under the agenda item regarding the 4% telephone surcharge for 9-1-1.

Consent Agenda was amended to move letter D under new business as letter L. Also to add OCR-04-46 Resolution honoring Evelyn Pratt and to add resolution OCR-04-51 Opposing the closure of the Gaylord Area Regional Dispatch Center.

Motion to approve OCR-04-47 Mortgage Discharge of Elizabeth Marshall.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/ Resolution adopted.

Motion to approve OCR-04-48 Mortgage Discharge of Pamela L. Hart.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion to approve Resolution OCR-04-051 Opposing the Closure of the Gaylord Area Regional Dispatch Center.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion to approve Resolution OCR-04-46 Honoring Evelyn Pratt.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Olsen, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/ Resolution adopted.

Mary Sanders commented to the Board on the special Michigan Township Association meeting that was held on November 30, 2004 at 6:00 p.m at the Corwith Township Hall honoring the retiring Township Officials.

Elizabeth Haus commented to the Board that the Village tree lighting that was held on December 3rd at the Park on Old 27 was successful. The Village is having a party for the preschools at the Village Hall.

Correspondence:

A letter from Chief Jenkins was received regarding S.A.N.E.

A letter from the DNR was received.

A letter from NEMCOG is moved to the December 28, 2004 meeting.

A letter from the Michigan Supreme Court was received.

Public Hearing:

Virginia Christian addressed the board.

New Business:

Motion by Beachnau, to approve Resolution OCR-04-40 Fiscal Year 2005 budget resolution and general appropriations act.

Kevin Hesselink addresses the Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Johnson, Hyde, Betnz.

Nays: Olsen, Glasser.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Liss, to approve Resolution OCR-04-41 Intent to apply for Financial Assistance for Fiscal year 2006 under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to approve Resolution OCR-04-49 Library MERS Group.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to approve Resolution OCR-04-050 Library MERS Group.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Jay Gliwa addresses the Board regarding 9-1-1 funding.

Motion by Commissioner Liss, to approve an additional 4% telephone surcharge for 9-1-1 and place in a separate contingency fund in the event that the State Police move out of our 9-1-1 center.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: None.

Nays: Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Olsen.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion defeated.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to approve Resolution OCR 04-42 Election to rescind Otsego County Resolution 1999-62 having the State of Michigan foreclose property.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to approve Resolution OCR-04-43 Election to have County Treasurer foreclose property.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, to approve OCR-04-44 Resolution of intent to create and provide for the operation of a Brownsfield Redevelopment authority for the County of Otsego pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 381 of the public acts of the State Of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

Jeff Ratcliffe addresses the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to amend Resolution OCR-04-44 to add January 25, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. on page 2 and administration to fill in other blanks. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hyde, Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Johnson, Olsen.

Nays: Glasser.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted as amended.

Motion by Commissioner Bentz, to approve Resolution OCR-04-45 Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation to apply to this County.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bentz, Bates, Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Beachnau, to approve the bid from Gaylord Ford in the amount of \$21,277.84 to purchase a 2004 Crown Victoria Police vehicle with funds to come from the equipment fund and Contingency Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bates, Beachnau, Olsen, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: Liss, Glasser.

Excused: Garfield.

Motion carried.

Warrant #B2004-48 to be presented next meeting under new business.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to approve Warrant B2004-49 in the amount of \$199,015.44. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hyde, to approve Warrant B2004-50 in the amount of \$98,231.48, as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Glasser, to approve November revenues in the amount of \$933,764.45

and expenses in the amount of \$455,933.28. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bates, to accept the recommendation by Administrator Koning to delete Board rule 17.2 effective December 31, 2004. Motion carried.

Board remarks:

Commissioner Glasser: Reported on the Northeast Michigan Consortium.

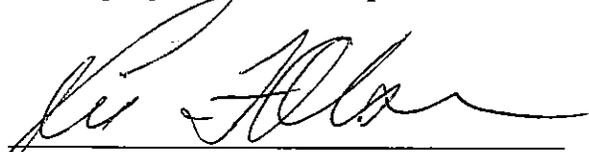
Commissioner Johnson: Reported on the Airport.

Commissioner Bates- Attended the City-Council mtg.

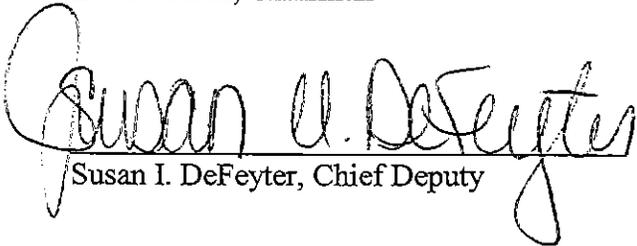
Commissioner Olsen- Reminded the Board about the County-wide swearing in ceremony on December 22, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the Circuit Courtroom.

Also reminded the Board about the Christmas potluck on December 17, 2004 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Susan I. DeFeyter, Chief Deputy

December 28, 2004

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairman Olsen. Invocation by Commissioner Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bentz.

Roll call:

Present: Beachnau, Liss, Olsen, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Excused: Bates.

Absent: Garfield.

Others present: Mary Jergenson, Sheriff James McBride, Erma Backenstose, Elizabeth Haus, Sheri McWhirter, Matt Nowicki, Jean Baker, Rudi Edel, Jim Root, Susan DeFeyer.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2004 were approved as corrected. Resolution 04-051 was listed twice on the minutes; Virginia Christian's names was mis-spelled; Commissioner Glasser attended the Northeast Michigan Consortium.

Motion to approve OCR-04-052 Discharge of mortgage to Ronald A. Slivinski.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bates.

Absent: Garfield.

Motion carried/ Resolution adopted.

Motion to approve OCR-04-053 Proof of Authority for entering into upcoming grant agreements to purchase an optical scan voting system.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bates.

Absent: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion to approve Resolution OCR-04-054 Submission of survey and monumentation grant and authority.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz, Olsen.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bates

Absent: Garfield.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted.

Motion to approve Resolution OCR-04-055 The 2004/2005 Northeast Michigan Comprehensive Economic Development strategy(CEDS)

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Beachnau, Liss, Glasser, Olsen, Johnson, Hyde, Bentz.

Nays: None.

Excused: Bates.

Absent: Garfield.

Motion carried/ Resolution adopted.

Sheriff Jim McBride congratulated Commissioner Olsen on his service as Chairman to the Board for 2 years.

Elizabeth Haus reported to the Board that the Council is working on the budget. The Village has elected to do their own elections.

Correspondence:

An email was received from Jay Gliwa regarding the dispatch center.

Jean Baker addressed the Board.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Glasser, to approve Warrant B2004-48 in the amount of \$108,025.07 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bentz, to approve Warrant B2004-51 in the amount of \$179,259.69 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Hyde, to approve Warrant B2004-52 in the amount of \$93,940.95 as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Rudi gave the Board a disk with pictures from the swearing in ceremony on it.

Board remarks:

Commissioner Beachnau: Attended the Livingston Township meeting.

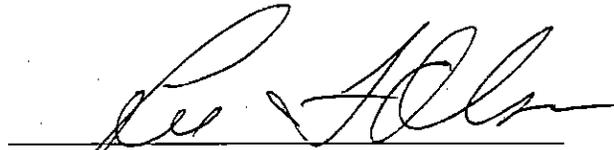
Commissioner Hyde: Attended the Road Commission's public hearing.

Commissioner Liss- Attended NEMCOG.

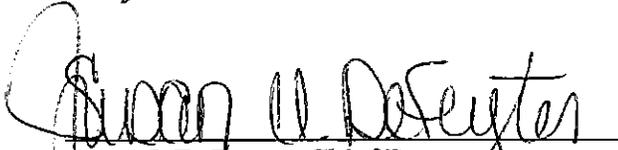
Commissioner Olsen- Thanked the Board for supporting him as Chairman.

Organizational meeting is set for January 4, 2005 at 9:30 a.m
in the multi-purpose room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. at the call of the Chair.



Lee F. Olsen, Chairman



Susan I. DeFeyter, Chief Deputy