

March 8, 2016

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the County Building at 225 West Main Street, Room 100, Gaylord, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ken Borton. Invocation by Commissioner Ken Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheila Simpson.

Roll Call:

Present: Julie Powers-Gehman, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Robert Harkness, Erma Backenstose, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to approve the Regular minutes of February 23, 2016 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The public hearing on Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant application for the Sportsplex Tennis Courts was opened at 9:31 a.m.

Special Presentations:

Sheila Simpson reported the Alpine Regional Tennis Association is working with the Otsego County Sportsplex to build a 4 court tennis complex at the Sportsplex.

The public hearing was closed at 9:41 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, to adopt OCR 16-05 Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Julie Powers-Gehman, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Robert Harkness, Erma Backenstose, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton.

Nays: None.

Absent: Bruce Brown.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Administrator's Report:

John Burt Attended the MAC Conference; Awarded \$30,000 grant for Trail project.

Department Head Report:

Melissa FitzGerald reported on the Animal Control; Dog count low; Safety is goal, sending officers to training.

Commissioner Bruce Brown arrived at 9:50 a.m.

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the February 19, 2016 Special Warrant and the March 1, 2016 Warrant for a total amount of \$276,276.08 Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman, to approve the March 8, 2016 Warrant for a total amount of \$384,314.88. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Erma Backenstose attended the Otsego Lake Township meeting; working on budget; remodeling Township Hall; fire hall; bike path.

Commissioner Paul Liss reported there is no change on the Bay Mills Casino, still in litigation.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Ken Glasser attended the MAC Conference, detailed discussions on heroin problems.

Commissioner Paul Beachnau reported the Taste of Gaylord on 3-9-16 at Treetops, tickets available at the Chamber.

Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman attended the MAC conference; Health department meeting, immunization numbers down; attended the substance abuse meeting, discussion on administrating the overdose anecdote.

Commissioner Robert Harkness attended the health department meeting, immunizations in schools, overdose anecdote.

Commissioner Doug Johnson attended MAC Conference, getting children and grandchildren involved in the Government process; MAC is starting a, My County Matters, website.

Commissioner Ken Borton attended the MAC Conference, Bluewater economy Federal Government has great lakes restoration initiative, money available every year to apply for; Attended NACO conference had good meetings with senators and representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 16-05
Alpine Regional Tennis Association Tennis Courts
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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WHEREAS, Otsego County supports the submission of an application titled, "The Otsego County Sportsplex Tennis Courts" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the construction of a four court tennis complex; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the Community's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Otsego County and the Alpine Regional Tennis Association has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$62,500 matching funds in cash; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Otsego County hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$217,500, and further resolves to make its financial obligation amount of \$82,500 (\$62,500 cash; \$20,000 in-kind) (together 27.5%), for a total project cost of \$300,000, during the 2016-2017 fiscal years.