

January 10, 2017

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 Julie Powers-Gehman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Ken Glasser.

Roll Call:

Present: Julie Powers-Gehman, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Duane Switalski, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of December 13, 2016 with attachments and the Regular Minutes of January 3, 2017. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

John Burt reported on the Library expansion planning; Iron Belle Trail agreement approved by Bagley Township and Otsego Lake Township.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman, to approve the Iron Belle Trail Agreement as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative:

Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman reported on the City Council meeting; Aspen Trail cross country ski trails.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Ken Glasser received a flyer from Northeast Michigan Consortium regarding heat and utility assistance.

Chairman Ken Borton received a letter from Tammy LaBouef regarding the Pies and Presidents award ceremony scheduled for 2-21-17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Airport.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman to approve the December 20, 2016 Warrant in the amount of \$113,049.60 Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito to approve the December 27, 2016 Warrant and the December 28, 2016 Special Warrant, in the total amount of \$445,045.20. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the January 3, 2017 Warrant in the total amount of \$31,602.27. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Duane Switalski, seconded by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the January 10, 2017 Warrant in the total amount of \$288,028.80. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to adopt resolution OCR 17-01 Gaylord Gateway Trail.

Ayes: Julie Powers-Gehman, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.

Nays: Duane Switalski.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Public Comment:

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Beachnau reported Business after hours 1-11-17 at the Airport; Chamber of Commerce awards banquet 2-7-17 at 5:30 p.m. at Treetops; Bagley supported the Iron Belle Trail.

Commissioner Julie Powers-Gehman had no report.

Commissioner Duane Switalski had no report.

Commissioner Rob Pallarito reported on the Bagley Township public hearing.

Commissioner Ken Glasser reported on the Bagley Township public hearing.

Commissioner Bruce Brown commented on the trails in our County.

Commissioner Paul Liss commented on the Vanderbilt trail head.

Commissioner Doug Johnson reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting; Community Center has been busy; Groen nature preserve trails groomed and busy, snowshoe event 2-25-17 at the Groen nature preserve; 4-H working with the Community Center for Spring Break activities; working on new cabin pricing and location; 2 positions to be filled on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Chairman Ken Borton welcomed the 2 new Commissioners, Duane Switalski and Rob Pallarito, to the Board; Attended the NACO meeting in Washington D.C.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk

AGREEMENT BETWEEN OTSEGO COUNTY, BAGLEY TOWNSHIP, AND OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PORTION OF THE IRON BELLE TRAIL

December 7, 2016

This Agreement (the "Agreement") is between and among the County of Otsego, Michigan (the "County"), Bagley Township ("Bagley"), and Otsego Lake Township ("Otsego Lake"), all organized and existing under the constitution and law of the State of Michigan.

In consideration of the mutual agreement contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

Purpose of the Agreement

Under the provisions of this Agreement, the County, Bagley Township, and Otsego Lake Township shall jointly fund the construction and later maintenance of a portion of the Iron Belle Trail located from Wisconsin Street in the City of Gaylord to approximately the Otsego Lake Township Hall.

Terms

This Agreement contains the entire understanding and agreement of the parties regarding the subject matter contained herein.

Duration

The terms of this Agreement shall commence and is entered into this 16th day of December, 2016 and will terminate on December 31, 2023.

Amendment

The terms and conditions of this Agreement, as provided herein, may only be amended by the express mutual written consent of the parties who are then bound by the terms hereof.

Other Agreements

This Agreement has no effect on any other agreements between the parties.

Responsibilities

Construction

The parties shall pay the following towards construction costs for a total of \$610,000:

Bagley Township shall pay \$203,000.00.

Otsego Lake Township shall pay \$203,000.00.

Otsego County shall pay \$204,000.00.

Funds shall be paid to the County as the fiduciary upon approval of the final grant award by the State of Michigan. Should the grant match requirements be below \$610,000, the County shall make payment back to each of the participating parties on a pro-rated basis of remaining funds upon completion of the construction of the trail. Should further funds be required, the parties shall meet, and make a decision as to whether to amend this Agreement to increase funding.

Trail Maintenance

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP

Dated: 12/16/2016

By: Margaret E. Black
Margaret Black, Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 17-01
Gaylord Gateway Trail
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 10, 2017

WHEREAS, Otsego County supported the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) submission of an application titled, "Gaylord Gateway Trail" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the development of 1.65 miles of multi-use trail (non-motorized and snowmobile) from Fairview Road to Gaylord Blvd, via resolution OCR 16-11 on March 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the limits of the City of Gaylord; and

WHEREAS, the trail would be utilizing the existing snowmobile trail for the majority of its length; and

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Board has concerns that the use of an asphalt surface would likely reduce the snowmobiling season by up to one month per season, which would have a devastating impact on the local economy; and

WHEREAS, at the time Resolution OCR 16-11 was considered and approved, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources staff present indicated that they would seek local comment on what type of surface should be used for the trail through the City of Gaylord; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Otsego County Board of Commissioners hereby goes on record to request that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources utilize a crushed limestone base similar to that being used north of Gaylord on the North Central State Trail as well as what is planned south of Gaylord on the Iron Belle Trail Otsego County South Project, and be it, further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Stamas, Representative Cole, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.