

April 10, 2018

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 Paul Beachnau, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Missy FitzGerald.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Paul Liss.

OCR 18-06 Resolution to support Michigan Indigent Defense Act was moved from the consent agenda to other business.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the regular minutes of March 29, 2018. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Department Head Report:

Bill Kerr reported on Equalization; increase of values of 1.96(last year was at 6.54) no power plant this year; do not have a stable residential market, need more houses. Will have an influx of people from the wood plant in Grayling, equalized value will go up; we are on the upside to stay on course. Thanked his staff for their hard work.

Melissa FitzGerald reported on the Animal Shelter; 5 years in the new shelter; 4 ½ staff members; 2017-1057 complaints 4% increase, 458 after hour complaints up 20% from 2016; 3 dogs and 5 cats currently up for adoption at the shelter; intake of dogs and cats have been steady; it is a millage year not asking for increase, paid off the building loan in 5 years as opposed to the 10 it was scheduled for; Missy thanked her staff.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to enter into a contract with C2AE for the professional services of engineering, bidding, and construction administration for the new entrance project at the Groen Nature Preserve, totaling an estimated \$19,300. Ayes: Unanimous. Commissioner Paul Liss excused. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reported the Sheriff's department have partnered with Gaylord Community Schools to provide a deputy at the schools full time. The deputy will start ASAP. Looking to hire another deputy to fill this position and will be at the schools(primarily at the high school) for 9 months of the year and the sheriff's department will have the deputy during the summer months. There will be a cost share of 75% to the School and 25% to the County for next year.

As Gaylord Community Schools is paying for this, the deputy will be stationed only at Gaylord Community Schools. Met with Opioid Attorney's Otsego County is part of the Multi-County lawsuit, discovery will be over the next 2-3 months. Groen nature preserve entrance with the approved contract with C2AE; Building securities study which will focus on our structure such as doors, keys locks; Thanked Bill and his staff for their numbers and accuracy; Thanked Missy for her job well done; Tour of the MTECH on 4-12-18 or 4-16-18; Township association meeting 4-17-18.

City Liaison, Township, Village Representative:

Vic Ouellette reported on the City Council meeting; letter from Escanaba regarding big box stores made a donation of \$300.00 to the legal fund; Vanderbilt discussion in regards to medical marijuana; City close streets for Veteran's day.

Michelle Noirot Bagley Township Supervisor reported their meeting time has been moved from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Bagley township clerk stated they need a 3<sup>rd</sup> precinct for voting; possibility of a new hall on the property that they own on Krys Rd.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Ken Glasser received correspondence stating that the Alcona fishing pond will be repaired.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Duane Switalski, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the April 10, 2018 Warrant in the total amount of \$210,678.83. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to postpone Resolution OCR 18-06 to support Michigan Indigent Defense Act until May meeting. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Rob Pallarito reported April 18, 2018 NEMCOG public hearing from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Grayling.

Commissioner Ken Glasser reported on NEMSCA, still has money for people needing help with their heating and utilities; need senior volunteers for the foster grand parent program.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Paul Beachnau had no report.

Commissioner Duane Switalski reported on the health department; 7-19-18 meeting Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance; Dental Clinics North update.

Commissioner Doug Johnson reported on the Parks and Recreation; new truck ready to be picked up; seasonal employees being interviewed; move ranger station at the County Park in October, (contract will still be honored) because of frost laws and will be so late into the season; Groen entrance.

Commissioner Julie Powers toured the library, construction on schedule; Alpine Center 4<sup>th</sup> floor is holding some of the books for the library and the rest is in the front of the library.

Commissioner Ken Borton will be attending a MAC meeting on 4-13-18; lots of talk on septic inspection on a regular basis.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to enter into closed session to discuss collective bargaining and to review an attorney-client communication exempt from disclosure pursuant to section 8 of the Open meetings Act.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Paul Beachnau, Duane Switalski, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown, Julie Powers.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Liss.

Entered into closed session at 10:39 a.m.

Returned to open session at 10:40 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser to amended the closed session motion to remove “discuss collective bargaining and to review” from the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Paul Beachnau, Duane Switalski, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown, Julie Powers.

Nays: None.

Excused: Paul Liss.

Motion carried.

Entered into closed session at 10:45 a.m.

Returned to open session at 11:25 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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Dana Stubli, Deputy Clerk