

July 24, 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 Ken Glasser, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Judge George Mertz.

Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Julie Powers requested OCR 18-20 Kirtland/UC Millage Ballot language be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the Regular Minutes of July 10, 2018 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the Livingston Township agreement for a water well as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve OCR 18-21 Housing Committee Grant Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve OCR 18-22 Housing Committee, Fair Housing.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Department Head Reports:

Marlene Hopp reported on the Housing programs and various grants; Veteran affairs assistance, in 2017 \$16,062,00 total benefits paid to Otsego County residents; Remonumentation program, currently surveying in Corwith Township; Motorcycle safety program offers basic training, 54 training motorcycles, 13 instructors and 4 different locations to take the training. The cost is \$50.00 per student.

#### Special Presentations:

Christine Gebhard from North Country Community Mental Health presented the 2017 annual report. Service 6 Counties, Telehealth services has been approved and will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Scott Greenlee of Healthy and Productive Michigan addressed his concerns regarding legalizing Marijuana for general use.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve OCR 18-19 Opposition to Legalization of Marijuana for General Use.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Ken Glasser.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

#### Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the budget amendment for the Groen Nature Preserve. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the one-year contract extension for Rehmann to perform audit services for Otsego County and the Bus System for 2018, at a cost increase of \$1,500 each. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the increase to the work camp fees as proposed, beginning 7-25-18, grandfathering in those participants who currently in the program, only for the period of their existing sentence. Ayes: Julie Powers, Paul Beachnau, Paul Liss, Rob Pallarito, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown. Nays: Duane Switalski, Ken Glasser. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Beachnau, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve Otsego County exercising its right through the tax foreclosure process to acquire the property at 803 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI for \$89,609.47 (the amount of the delinquent back taxes owed), to be paid out of the Capital Projects Fund (fund 499). Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

#### Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reported Budget season has started; Introduced Holly Barresi as the new Administrative Assistant.

City Liaison, Township and Village Representative: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the July 17, 2018 Warrant in the total amount of \$325,329.90. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the July 24, 2018 Warrant in the amount of \$382,288.92. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to approve OCR 18-20 Kirtland/UC Millage Ballot Language.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Julie Powers.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Rob Pallarito received the draft from Joint Land Use Study, meeting August 8<sup>th</sup>; attended the Otsego Lake Township meeting, trail head project positive.

Commissioner Ken Glasser reported the Otsego Lake drain is washing out around the pipes, the County is looking into it to repair it.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Paul Beachnau attended the Pigeon River Advisory meeting last week, chronic waste was discussed; attended the Livingston Township meeting, received a good audit.

Commissioner Julie Powers had no report.

Commissioner Duane Switalski attended the Northern Michigan Public Health Alliance meeting.

Commissioner Doug Johnson had no report.

Commissioner Ken Borton attended the NACO conference in Nashville, great conference.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk