

September 25, 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 Julie Powers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jim Hilgendorf.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Paul Beachnau.

Commissioner Ken Glasser requested OCR 18-25 Resolution in Opposition to HB 6049 and DB 1025 be removed from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the Regular minutes of September 11, 2018 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the Otsego County Bus System budget for 2019. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the Otsego County Commission on Aging budget for 2019. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

Bill Michaels reported on the Sportsplex 2017 finances; Tennis courts have been added this year, had 2 leagues and 2 tournaments, lesson provided; remodeled the energy outlet-upgraded; 3 pickle ball courts added; Ice rink, youth hockey continues to grow; Pool has growth, gator swimming; 5-year repair and replace millage expires end of 2019 and the operational millage ends 2019.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to award the purchase of a new ground power unit for the Gaylord Regional Airport to the low bidder, Aero Specialties, Inc., for \$35,827.01, funded by the Airport Fund (281). Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to award the demolition and tank removal at the Trading Post building and the demolition of the Information Center building to the low bidder, EF Wilkinson & Sons, at a cost totaling \$39,598.48; of which \$30,127.19 is for the Trading Post project, funded through the Tax Foreclosure Fund (617), and \$9,471.29 is for the Information Center project, funded through the Capital Projects Fund (499). Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commission Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve Otsego Lake Township's purchase of the property (parcel #091-460-000-191-00) by exercising its right of refusal through the foreclosure process, for the amount of back taxes and interest on the property, totaling \$6,798.62. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to award the purchase of a new air conditioning/heating unit in Courtroom 101 of the Alpine Center to the low bidder JP Heating for \$13,073, funds to come from the Courthouse Restoration Fund (497). Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the budget amendment for the 9-1-1 Fund (261) as presented, for 50% of the cost to purchase updated equipment for local fire departments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

#### Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reported on the 2019 budget process, budget's should be submitted to the budget and finance committee by the end of the week, then weekly budget meetings to be scheduled; Otsego Lake drain needs to be replaced, applying for some grants to help with the costs; Thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee for hosting the Library Children's program while the Library is under construction; Annual meeting with the Groen Nature Preserve is today, September 25<sup>th</sup>; Update on the trail projection, no progress on the labor disputes; Attended the LEPC meeting, City Police Department and the Otsego County Sheriff's Department have E-Crash, E-Ticket and E-Report in their cars; 9-1-1 plans to purchase 800 MHz radios for local fire departments to get everyone on the same radios. Partnered with Waters, Elmira and Vanderbilt Fire Departments.

#### City Liaison, Township and Village Representative:

Vic Ouellette reported on the City Council meeting; cleanup of the storm; accepting bids for DPW for a new roof.

#### Correspondence:

Commissioner Ken Glasser received a letter from Ada Heath.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to approve OCR 18-25 Resolution in Opposition to HB 6049 and SB 1025.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None.

Excused: Paul Beachnau.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Tim Hanley presented the August financials.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the September 18, 2018 Warrant in the amount of \$233,815.57. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the September 25, 2018 Warrant in the amount of \$619,043.40. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Rob Pallarito reported the latest draft is out from the Joint Land Use Study meeting, can still make comments; Drug training at Kirtland this week; medical examiner meeting this week; attending MAC transportation meeting on Friday; Thanked Rachel Frisch for attending the Otsego Lake Township meeting.

Commissioner Ken Glasser attended the Road commission meeting; Joint Land Use Study; NEMSCA.

Commissioner Bruce Brown commended Bill Michaels and the Sportsplex Board on their hard work.

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Julie Powers commented the University Center front entrance is completed, looks nice.

Commissioner Duane Switalski reported on getting Flu shots.

Commissioner Doug Johnson had no report.

Commissioner Ken Borton congratulated and thanked first responders for their efforts with the storm cleanup; attending MAC transportation meeting Friday.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held in Room 100 at the County Building, 225 W. Main St., Gaylord, Michigan on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_.

**RESOLUTION NO.OCR 18-25**  
**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HB 6049 AND SB 1025**  
Otsego County Board of Commissioners  
September 25, 2018

**Whereas**, The Michigan Department of Treasury developed a proposal to shift local assessing duties to assessing districts or the county equalization departments and to amend state law sections 211.28 and 211.34, and

**Whereas**, Otsego County has serious concerns of the higher administrative costs, additional financial burdens, increased staffing and office space, and the loss of local control,

**Whereas**, Removing the authority to directly administer the assessment roll with their own employees and resources from local township/city assessing entities would be highly disruptive to township and county governments,

**Whereas**, Requiring all assessing entities to employ an assessor at MAAO (3) or MMAO (4) levels would be a misuse of scarce higher level assessing and if the requirement is not met, the county equalization department would become responsible for the district to be formed,

**Whereas**, Mandating assessing entities to contract with counties or multi-jurisdictional authorities will create monopolies with little or no accountability to township officials who are elected to oversee these services on behalf of the taxpayers,

**Whereas**, Requiring regional boards of review is unnecessary given the ability of commercial and industrial property owners to currently bypass local boards of review and appeal directly to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Local boards of review know their area and are trained to perform accurate review of tax valuations,

**Whereas**, Implementation of the proposed changes will increase assessment administrations costs to the counties and townships that will be extended to the taxpayers, and the 1% property tax administration fee will be diverted to the proposed districts which will erode the township resources,

**Whereas**, Prohibiting elected Supervisors who are certified to perform assessment duties from being allowed to perform assessing duties regardless of certification levels or years of experience,

**Whereas,** Requiring full time assessing office hours would be inefficient and costly to taxpayers and local units have advertised limited office hours and all contact information to ensure accessibility to taxpayers and citizens;

**Therefore Be It Resolved,** that Otsego County is in strong opposition to HB 6049 and SB 1025.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

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NO:

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ABSTAIN:

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THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
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COUNTY OF OTSEGO)

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Otsego, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

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Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018



## OTSEGO COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

FUND/DEPARTMENT: 911 Service

As provided for in the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act of 1978, as amended, and consistent with Otsego County Policy, the Administrator and Finance Director are hereby authorized to record the following adjustments to the budget.

Fund Type:  General  Special Revenue  Debt Service  Capital Project  Business-Type (Enterprise or Internal Svc)

**DESCRIPTION 2018 Spending Increases for 800 Equipment**

**REVENUE**

Account Number	Decrease	Increase
261-050-400.001 Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	\$	\$ 88,773
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$

**EXPENDITURE**

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
261-901-970.435 Property - Machinery & Equipment	\$ 88,773	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$ 88,773	\$ 88,773

Department Head Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Finance Department</b>
Entered: _____
By: _____

Board Approval Date (if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Budget Adjustment # \_\_\_\_\_

Posting Number \_\_\_\_\_

**911 SERVICE  
FUND 261**

<u>ITEMS ALREADY INVOICED</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
MOTOROLA	\$ 8,594.00
TELE-RAD	841.00
TELE-RAD	6,420.00

<u>REMIANING 2018 PURCHASES</u>	
CAMERA FOR COMMAND POST	16,825.00
ELMIRA TOWNSHIP 50%	46,093.00

REQUESTED BUFFER 10,000.00

**TOTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT** \$ 88,773.00