March 12, 2019

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

Roll Call:
Present: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, Paul Liss, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown.
Excused: Duane Switalski

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the Regular minutes of February 26, 2019 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Committee Report: None.

Administrator's Report:
Rachel Frisch reported a Domino's pizza is going in by Starbucks; A tropical smoothie is going in by Five guys; clothing store going in where Dress barn was located; a 20,000 square foot VA clinic is going in south of town.

Department Head Reports:
Matt Barresi report on the Airport; the airport has 17 county owned hangars, 15 of the 17 hangars are rented; 2018 flight statistics for the airport, 34 emergency medical related transports; 46 DNR or Homeland Security operations; advertise on airnav.com; fuel prices are competitive; 2018 highest profit on fuel sales; last inspection of the airport was in 2017, good report; newsletter sent out every 3 months; introduced Brian Abel and David Diemert part of the crew that keeps the runway cleared; introduced Shari Rivest the customer service representative at the Airport; bought a new 2018 Ground Power Unit; in 2017 the airport was operating financially self-sufficient; next 2 years the airport will design and build box aircraft hangar for overnight aircraft; military operations area (MOA); FAA part 77 Compliance; Veterans coffee held every month on Wednesday; received 3rd chamber award in the past 10 years; 10th anniversary of the airshow this year, June 15-16 2019 dates for the airshow.

Commissioner Duane Switalski arrived at 9:58 a.m.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative:
Commissioner Julie Powers attended the City Council meeting, the Airport was discussed.

Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:
Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to rebid the recycling services and to have an updated request for proposal (rfp)released by the County no later than March 31, 2019. Ayes: Julie Powers, Paul Liss, Duane Switalski, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown. Nays: Henry Mason. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to authorize the Administrator to negotiate an extension to our current recycling contract with Emmet County for a period not to exceed two months, ending May 31, 2019. Ayes: Julie Powers, Paul Liss, Duane Switalski, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown. Nays: Henry Mason. Motion carried.

New Business:
Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Paul Liss, to approve the March 5, 2019 Warrant in the amount of $84,791.75. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the March 7, 2019 Warrant in the amount of $152.00. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the March 12, 2019 Warrant in the amount of $310,975.49. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Rob Pallarito had no report.

Commissioner Ken Glasser attended the military operations area (MOA) meeting; NEMSCA annual audit, no findings, high remarks.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss reported the Corwith Township clerk received the appropriate number of signatures for a ballot proposal to be on the ballot for the Village of Vanderbilt regarding recreational marijuana dispensaries.

Commissioner Duane Switalski reported the Northern Michigan Regional Entity has moved to Gaylord on Walden Drive; received Heath Department audit, no issues.

Commissioner Julie Powers reported on the Health Department, measles outbreak; City Council meeting approved the job posting for a new Chief of Police.

Commissioner Henry Mason had no report.

Commissioner Doug Johnson attended the Parks and Recreational meeting, received 12 applications for the summer help; want to start a men's volleyball league; indoor pickle ball leagues; mid-april starting the ranger station at the Groen Nature Preserve; new hand dryers at the Community center; Groen visioning committee to meet with the Parks and Rec sometime in May.

Commissioner Ken Borton attended the NACO conference, great speakers and workshops.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk