

July 9, 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 Julie Powers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mel Maier.

Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Ken Glasser requests item B), Contract Extension be removed from the consent agenda and placed under New Business.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the Regular minutes of June 25, 2019 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the Board of Commissioners meeting date change from July 23, 2019 to July 30, 2019. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to adopt OCR 19-13, Alpenfest Honored Industry-Gaylord Regional Airport.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, 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 Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to adopt OCR 19-14 Alpenfest der Buergermeister-Paul Gunderson.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, 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 Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to adopt OCR 19-15 Alpenfest Parade Marshal-Ed Tholl.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, 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 Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to adopt OCR 19-16 Alpenfest Dar Mongeau Award-Barb Switalski.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, 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 Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to adopt OCR 19-17 Alpenfest Pam Duczowski/Unsung Hero Award-Sandy Glasby.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, 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 Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to adopt OCR 19-18 Alpenfest Patti Dobrzelewski/Pontresina Award- Pat Lynch Goebel.

19-17 Alpenfest Pam Duczowski/Unsung Hero Award-Sandy Glasby.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Special Presentations:

Christine Gebhard, CEO reported on North Country Community Mental Health annual report; in 2018 served just over 4,000 residents; May is mental Health month.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Paul Liss, to adopt OCR 19-19 North Country Community Mental Health Funding.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reported the County is a big supporter of the Alpenfest; use of the County parking lot; county lawn; allow dog park for parade set up; fair grounds for the carnival trailers; county park offers free admission on Wednesday; County bus to provide free shuttle services to the Alpenfest events; attended DDA meeting, approved to put out for bid the painting of the pavilion; July 23, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting has been moved to July 30, 2019; Community Mental Health transports with the Sheriff; 2018 Audit completed and filed, auditor's will be here at the July 30th meeting; energy study to come in the fall and do an assessment then prepare a report; indigent defense requirement compliance, new requirements coming out, hosted a regional meeting to decide; Library update, Keith Wells has volunteered to build the children's portal; City road projects, county takes an opportunity to extend fiber when the streets are tore up, fiber has been extended down court street; Trail is open, ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in September.

Department Head Reports: None.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative: Michelle Noirot reported on the Bagley Township meeting; honored Ken Arndt for his 30+ years of service with Bagley Township and Otsego County Planning Commissions.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Henry Mason, to approve the June 28, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$472,434.19. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to approve the July 2, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$150,282.12. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the July 9, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$252,347.81. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to extend the three-year employment agreement with Rachel Frisch until 2022. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Doug Johnson attended the Parks and Recreation meeting; fireworks went well; 2020 camping around the 4th of July is already almost full; day passed sold are up; ranger station move completed; meet with the Lake Association to renew the agreement for fireworks; updating the community center flooring; bids received for electrical upgrade-Chucks Electric lowest bid; Kelly Parker resigned from the board.

Commissioner Rob Pallarito had no report.

Commissioner Ken Glasser had no report.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss reported the Trail head in Vanderbilt is progressing.

Commissioner Duane Switalski attending Elmira Township meeting 7-9-19 at 6:00 p.m.; Camp Grayling schedule.

Commissioner Julie Powers had no report.

Commissioner Henry Mason had no report.

Commissioner Ken Borton attending the NACO Conference in Clark County, Nevada.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

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PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

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**OCR 19-13
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2019 ALPENFEST HONORED INDUSTRY –
THE GAYLORD REGIONAL AIRPORT**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Gaylord Regional Airport provides a location for all emergency medical flights, corporate, business, recreational, and cargo aircraft while providing excellent service to all of their customers;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Regional Airport had 8,030 Air Operations which accommodated 16,720 people as of the 2016 Michigan Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics' Community Benefits Assessment, solidifying the Gaylord Regional Airport as the "Aviation Gateway" to Otsego County and the region;

WHEREAS, the Alpenfest Honors Committee has named Gaylord Regional Airport as the 2019 Alpenfest Honored Industry;

WHEREAS, Gaylord Regional Airport is a department of Otsego County; as such, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners is especially proud of this honor and thankful to the Alpenfest Committee for this recognition. The Board of Commissioners and the County Transportation Committee support the airport by keeping the staffing, facilities, and grounds at the highest level possible. This is also made possible through the strong leadership, dedication, and talents of the Airport staff, under the direction of Airport Director Matt Barresi. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County of Otsego recognizes the importance of having a successful airport and resource for emergency medical flights, just-in-time cargo and all-weather fast access for a variety of travel missions supporting local business and enhancing tourism in our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby congratulates Gaylord Regional Airport as the recipient of the 2019 Alpenfest Honored Industry.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

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PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

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**OCR 19-14
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2019 ALPENFEST DER BUERGERMEISTER –
PAUL GUNDERSON**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Paul Gunderson is an active community member in the County of Otsego. He lives near Otsego Lake and has three children and seven grandchildren, all of whom also live in Gaylord.

WHEREAS, Paul worked at the Herald Times for a decade as general manager before leaving this past February. He plans to continue working elsewhere and maintaining his active participation within the community.

WHEREAS, Paul's current and former involvement in the community has landed him a list of titles: past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, past president of Gaylord Jaycees, past president and current public relations for Gaylord Rotary, past chair of the Muscular Dystrophy Marathon, past chair of the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce, past board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters, and member of the Gaylord Eagles Club.

WHEREAS, Paul has most recently joined the committee organizing Wings over Northern Michigan air show, in addition to having served four years on the Airport Advisory Committee.

WHEREAS, the Gaylord Herald Times has named Paul Gunderson as the 2019 Alpenfest der Buergermeister; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Paul Gunderson continues to make in our community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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ABSENT: _____

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**OCR 19-15
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2019 ALPENFEST PARADE MARSHALL –
ED THOLL**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Ed Tholl is a dedicated member of our community. He is very dedicated to the work he does for the community for the City of Gaylord Department of Public Works.

WHEREAS, Ed is very family oriented. He has four children total, three sons and one daughter. He also enjoys having lunch with his parents nearly every day.

WHEREAS, Ed is especially fond of the elk and Elk Park here in Gaylord.

WHEREAS, the Alpenfest Board of Directors and the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce has named Ed Tholl the 2019 Alpenfest Parade Marshal; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Ed Tholl has made to our community and to Alpenfest.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

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**OCR 19-16
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2019 ALPENFEST DAR MONGEAU RECIPIENT –
BARB SWITALSKI**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Barb Switalski is a resident of Gaylord. She and her husband have four children and four grandchildren.

WHEREAS, Barb served the community as a school teacher for Gaylord Schools for several decades. She was also a coach for the Gaylord High girls' varsity swim team.

WHEREAS, now that Barb is retired, she serves as a volunteer at the Otsego County Historical Museum.

WHEREAS, in addition to volunteering, Barb enjoys spending her time picking berries to make and can jams during the summer months.

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Barb Switalski has made in our community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

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**OCR 19-17
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2019 ALPENFEST UNSUNG HERO AWARD RECIPIENT (IN
HONOR OF THE LATE PAM DUCZKOWSKI) – SANDY GLASBY AND THE RETIRED
SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP) OF OTSEGO COUNTY**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Sandy Glasby and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Otsego County are recognized with the “Unsung Hero Award, in honor of the late Pam Duczowski.

WHEREAS, Sandy has been an active member of the community for years. Significantly, Sandy is very active in Gaylord Community Productions, which dates back to 1995.

WHEREAS, Sandy also serves the community as a pen-pal with children from North Ohio and South Maple schools and enjoys participating in holiday donation programs such as Toys for Tots and Coats for Kids.

WHEREAS, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Otsego County, which Sandy is a member of, was formed in Otsego County in 1981 and links the skills and interests of volunteers with volunteering opportunities in our community. The organization has about 325 volunteers that are placed at 57 different non-profit agencies and local events like Alpenfest.

WHEREAS, the Alpenfest Board has named Sandy Glasby and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program the 2019 recipients for the Unsung Hero Award (in honor of the late Pam Duczowski); and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Sandy Glasby has made in our community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

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**OCR 19-18
RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING THE 2019 ALPENFEST PONTRESINA AWARD RECIPIENT (IN HONOR
OF THE LATE PATTI DOBRZELEWSKI) – PAT LYNCH GOEBEL**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, Pat Lynch Goebel has lived in Gaylord since the early 1990's. She is deeply committed to the Gaylord area. Pat sits on the Bagley Township board of review to assist home owners with tax issues and questions.

WHEREAS, Pat enjoys organizing children's games and activities for Alpenfest each July. She also enjoys dogs and real estate.

WHEREAS, Pat has volunteered for the Otsego County United Way, Gaylord JayCee's, and Boy Scouts.

WHEREAS, the Alpenfest Board has named Pat Lynch Goebel the 2019 recipient for the Pontresina Award (in honor of the late Patti Dobrzelewski); and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego recognizes that one of its greatest assets is the strength, diversity, and commitment of its community members; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the outstanding contributions that Pat Lynch Goebel has made in our community.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: _____

NO: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner:

**OCR 19-19
RESOLUTION
OPPOSING USING LOCAL FUNDS AS A MATCH FOR
MEDICAID FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL
NORTH COUNTRY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY**

Otsego County Board of Commissioners
July 9, 2019

WHEREAS, the Otsego County Commission having entered into an enabling resolution to create the North Country Community Mental Health Authority pursuant to Section 100 et seq. and Section 205 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended (MCL330.1100 et seq; MCL330.1205) with Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet and Kalkaska Counties; and

WHEREAS, North Country Community Mental Health (NCCMH) is a community mental health authority of the counties of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Kalkaska and Otsego, organized under the terms of Section 204(a) of the Michigan Mental Health Code (the Code), (MCL330.1204[a]); and

WHEREAS, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health services program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area; and

WHEREAS, NCCMH has demonstrated such willingness and capacity to provide community mental health services for over the past 40 years and is properly certified as a community mental health services program under the terms of Section 232(a) of the Code (MCL330.1232[a]); and

WHEREAS, Section 202(1) of the Code (MCL330.1202[1]) requires that the state shall financially support, in accordance with chapter 3, community mental health

services programs that have been established and that are administered according to the provisions of this chapter; and

WHEREAS, there are also established in the state entities known as Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which receive Medicaid funds and distribute them to Community Mental Health Services Programs and other Medicaid providers; and

WHEREAS, Appropriations Bill Public Act 207 of 2018, Article X, Part 2 Provisions Concerning Appropriations, General Sections, Behavioral Health Services, Section 928 (1) states, "Each PIHP shall provide, from internal resources, local funds to be used as a bona fide part of the state match required under the Medicaid program in order to increase capitation rates for PIHPs. These funds shall not include either state funds received by a CMHSP for services provided to non-Medicaid recipients or the state matching portion of the Medicaid capitation payments made to a PIHP."; and;

WHEREAS, NCCMH and the counties that it represents are not a state designated PIHP; and

WHEREAS, the county of Otsego having a strong desire to keep local funding at the local level to meet the financial liability of the county pursuant to Section 302(1) of the Code (MCL330.1301[1]) and to respond to the behavioral health needs in this county; and so,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Commissioners strongly supports the withholding of local Otsego County funding from the PIHP for the purposes of increasing the Medicaid capitation rate of the PIHP and strongly supports the use of local county funds for local community mental health services as provided for under the Michigan Constitution and Michigan Mental Health Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives members to eliminate similar language mentioned above in future State funding appropriations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives members to ensure that the current level of Medicaid funding is no negatively impacted by the removal of section 928; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jim Stamas, Representative Tristan Cole, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director Robert Gordon, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration Deputy Director Dr. George Mellos, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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