

September 10, 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 Dona Wishart.

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the Regular minutes of August 27, 2019 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Special Presentations:

Lisa Peacock reported on the Northwest Michigan Health Department; public health services, issues in recreational Marijuana, substance abuse mis-use, water and air contamination, vaccine preventable diseases, flu; Various services the department provides; Community Health Division, grant programming division; Home, Health and Hospice, services discontinued this year; Family Health Program, traditional programs; Environmental health, focused this year on safe beaches; Partnerships, community support, community connections program making sure people have resources to help with utilities, transportation and food; Dental Clinics North, self-sufficient, no county dollars used; Financials, community support for funding.

Frances Whitney reported on NEMSCA, created in 1968; 2018 annual report, ½ funded Federally, 41% Stated funded, 8% funded locally. Bridges of Poverty training; Elders Abuse Prevention Conference 9-13-19 in Grayling; Head start program, partnership with school system to help with transition, help with medical and dental needs.

Committee Reports: None.

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch received the proposed MOA report; Building Security measures, different options to be discussed to enhance building security; Gypsy moth concerns from citizens, working with MSU Extension; Update the County's mitigation plan; working with our IT department and Economic Alliance to improve connectivity options for rural areas in Otsego County; State of the Community breakfast 9-18-19 at 7:00 a.m.; ribbon cutting for the Ironbelle Trail 9-26-19, 4:00 p.m. at the Tourism Bureau office; met with DNR and Snowmobile club, concerns with snowmobiles on the Ironbelle Trail. Snowmobile club to put up signage to stay on the groomed trail; 2020 Budget development, meeting with Department heads; Thanked Jon Deming and staff and first responders for their hard work and public safety; Otsego strong group parade 9-11-19 at 5:00 p.m. on Main Street.

Department Head Reports:

Jon Deming reported on EMS and Emergency Management; 7 ambulances, heavy rescue, ALS Paramedic Service; Hazmat/Homeland Security team; public education; CPR First Aid and AED'S; State of the art equipment; water/ice rescue; rope rescue; MCI and active shooter training. Emergency management, lockdowns scheduled for the schools; South Maple and North Ohio office upgrades funded by a grant, more secure at the school.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative:

Michelle Noirot, Bagley Township Supervisor, Thanked Rachel Frisch regarding MOA, Bagley Township meeting, hazard mitigation plan to be discussed at the MTA meeting in October.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Ken Glasser received a letter from Consumer's energy and Oscoda County Road Commission; Letter from Tristan Cole.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the September 3, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$274,915.46. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bruce Brown, seconded by Commissioner Henry Mason, to approve the September 10, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$154,476.09. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Duane Switalski reported on September 14, 2019, some local Pharmacies are providing Naloxone (Narcan) free of charge to the public.

Commissioner Julie Powers attended the City Council meeting.

Commissioner Henry Mason commented on Narcan.

Commissioner Rob Pallarito had no report.

Commissioner Ken Glasser had no report.

Commissioner Bruce Brown commended Jon Deming and staff.

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Doug Johnson had no report.

Commissioner Ken Borton will be attending the MAC Environmental and Regulatory affairs meeting in Lansing on 9-13-19.

Meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk