

October 8, 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 Michelle Noirot.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Doug Johnson.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the Regular minutes of September 24, 2019 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Special Presentations:

Adam Koivisto reported on the MSU Extension office; archery program, PROJECT F.I.S.H is a new program this year. Sandra Westover reported on nutrition, head start program; cooking matters courses were completed in partnership with Patriot Place. Denise Aungst reported on the SNAP-Ed grants, local grocery stores are a part of the cooking matters courses.

Committee Reports: None.

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch is working with our I.T. department and have put together a communication training for the wave of spam emails; Thanked Cathy Landry at the Herald Times for the article on the Parks and Recreation upgrades, Annual Groen Trust Fund meeting 10-9-19; 10-15-19 at 3:30 is the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Vanderbilt Trail Head; MTA meeting 10-15-19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Department Head Reports: None.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative:

Michelle Noirot, Bagley Township Supervisor, commented on the Ironbelle Trail ribbon cutting ceremony.

Commissioner Paul Liss reported on the Village of Vanderbilt meeting, joined the Chamber of Commerce; accepted the resignation of Ryan Cottrell; Backup generator at the Village office so it can be used as a shelter; reported on the trail head.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Ken Glasser received information regarding prison policy initiative.

Commissioner Paul Liss received information regarding prison policy initiative.

Commissioner Ken Borton received a Thank you card from Alba School for attending the 9-11 Ceremony.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to approve the October 1, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$84,137.97. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Henry Mason, to approve the October 8, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$596,704.72. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Board of Canvassers Vote:

Ballots were distributed to the Board, collected and tallied. For the Republican Party the total votes were as follows: Janet Flint received 1 vote; Denise Pallarito received 4 votes and AnnaMarie Deeter received 3 votes.

Denise Pallarito was appointed to the Republican Party member on the Board of Canvassers for a 4-year term expiring 10-20-2023.

For the Democratic Party Vicky Rigney received 8 votes. Vicky Rigney was appointed to the Democratic Party member on the Board of Canvassers for a 4-year term expiring 10-20-2023.

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Rob Pallarito reported on 10-18-19 at 3:00 p.m. there is a celebration at the Pigeon River Discovery Center.

Commissioner Ken Glasser thanked Rachel and Mel for the budget work.

Commissioner Bruce Brown attended the Veterans Coffee, in November it will be 5 years this has been going.

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Duane Switalski received repeated positive feedback regarding the recycling bins.

Commissioner Julie Powers thanked Rachel for her presentation at the Community Breakfast.

Commissioner Henry Mason had no report.

Commissioner Ken Borton reported on the follow-up visit to the white house, great visit.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

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Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk