

November 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 Julie Powers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Sheriff Matt Nowicki.

Roll Call:

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

Commissioner Henry Mason requested OCR 19-25 Supporting Passage of Legislation to adopt four year terms for County Commissioners be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business as item C).

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the Regular minutes of October 22, 2019 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the reappointments of Willard Brown, Jason Caverson, and Nora Corfis to the Otsego County Planning Commission with all three terms expiring 12-31-2021. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the reappointment of Sherry Huff to the Otsego County DHHS Board with term to expire 10-31-2022. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Special Presentations: None.

Department Head Reports:

Jason Melancon, reported on the Road Commission; reported on the road projects completed this year; purchased a new grader, replaced the old one; purchased 2 new trucks to replace the old ones; salt prices went up 2%.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to approve the budget amendment to add \$2,750 to the jail supplies line item. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reported on the Library, ribbon cutting ceremony 11-19-19 at noon, grand opening celebration 11-24-19 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.; update on opioid lawsuit, cost recovery estimated \$79,000 per billion.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative: None.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Duane Switalski, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the November 5, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$182,117.30 and one void check. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bruce Brown, seconded by Commissioner Henry Mason, to approve the November 12, 2019 Warrant in the amount of \$242,655.55 and ten void checks. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to adopt OCR 19-25 Supporting passage of Legislation to adopt 4-year terms for County Commissioners. Ayes: Julie Powers, Rob Pallarito, Doug Johnson, Ken Borton, Bruce Brown. Nays: Henry Mason, Paul Liss, Duane Switalski, Ken Glasser. Motion carried/ Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Rob Pallarito thanked everyone who attended Veterans program, great program; presented the wreath at the Veterans ceremony.

Commissioner Ken Glasser had no report.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss attended the Veterans coffee on November 6th, great turnout, thanked Matt Barresi and Shari Rivest for organizing this monthly event. Thanked Bruce Brown for donating the caramel apples.

Commissioner Duane Switalski attended the Veterans Day celebrations.

Commissioner Julie Powers attended the City Council meeting.

Commissioner Henry Mason attended the Veterans coffee on November 6th, thanked Bruce Brown for donating the caramel apples.

Commissioner Doug Johnson attended the Veterans coffee on November 6th, thanked Bruce Brown for donating the caramel apples.

Commissioner Ken Borton attended the Veterans Day celebrations.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to enter into closed session at the appropriate time for strategy and negotiations connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement in accordance with the open meeting act, being MCL 15.268 (c).

(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Entered into closed session at 10:10 a.m.

Returned into open session at 10:26 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Ken Glasser, to ratify the Bus union contract. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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 12th day of November, 2019 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Present: _____

Absent: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner: _____.

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 19-25
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
November 12, 2019

**OTSEGO COUNTY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF
LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century — road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS, the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS, legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of House bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that OTSEGO COUNTY supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.
Adopted this 12TH day of November, 2019

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

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 12th day of November, 2019, 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.

Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

DATED: _____, 2019



**OTSEGO COUNTY
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

FUND/DEPARTMENT: GF-Jail

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 Increase budget for jail supplies

REVENUE

Account Number	Decrease	Increase
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

EXPENDITURE

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
101-351-726.006 Range Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$
101-351-726.025 Supplies-Janitorial	\$ 750	\$
101-351-726.030 Regular-Hourly	\$	\$ 2,750
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Total	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,750

Department Head Signature _____ Date _____

Administrator's Signature _____ Date _____

Finance Department
Entered:
By:

Board Approval Date (if necessary) _____

Budget Adjustment # _____

Posting Number _____