

June 9, 2020

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held remotely by Zoom in compliance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-75. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ken Borton. Invocation by Commissioner Ken Glasser, 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.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to approve the Regular minutes of May 26, 2020 with attachments. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to approve OCR-20-13 Discharge of Mortgage Jeannette K. Jones.

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. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Duane Switalski, to approve the re-appointment of Steven Rollins to the Otsego County Veterans Affairs Board with the term expiring 12-31-2024. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Special Presentations:

Christine Gebhard from North Country Community Mental Health reported on the 2019 annual report; established children's crisis mobile response team; received a 75,000 housing grant to support transitional housing; offers a variety of activities for the May is mental health month; have been providing services by telehealth during COVID pandemic; in office and in person services beginning June 15, 2020.

Lisa McComb reported on the Economic Alliance, thanked the County for contribution and the businesses and private companies; programs in 2019, Accelerate Otsego had 9 small business participants; Initiatives launched were 4:45 Club-held monthly, entrepreneurial networking; Opportunity Zone lunch and learn to be held in 2020; childcare initiative to be launched in 2020.

Department Head Report:

Richard Treusch, Assistant PA, reported on the Prosecutor's office; the prosecutor's office did not have to prosecute anyone violating the Governor's orders during COVID-19; operated on limited capacity, others working remotely; attended court hearings by Zoom; worked on

backlog of cases back to 2012, closed approximately 10,000 cases; going forward pretrial conference and victim interview doing by phone rather than in person.

Committee Reports: None.

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reported the Airport continuing to host the firefighters; terminal section of the wall taken down, carpet installed; Reported on the City Council meeting, the City Committee has proposed an ordinance to allow chickens in the City it will be presented at the 6-22-20 City meeting; Animal adoptions occurring again, suspended during COVID; DDA district is painting 57 street lights black; electric charging stations starting to go in; household hazardous day held was a success; Land Use Service department was able to meet the needs of the citizens during COVID; Firehouse sub plans have been approved; Library open to curbside service; task force created for water levels in Otsego County held a meeting, Chris Churches created a question and answer for the water levels that is still in the draft period; Downtown trail head, DNR dollars were frozen, starting to release them waiting to move forward with the project; Groen Nature trees at the front entrance, Johannesburg Fire Department contracted to water the trees.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative: Michelle Noiro reported on the Bagley Township meeting; Pine 45 development update; Dixon Lake representative asked for a no wake ordinance.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Bruce Brown, seconded by Commissioner Henry Mason, to approve the June 2, 2020 Warrant in the amount of \$99,156.36. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the June 9, 2020 Warrant in the amount of \$179,881.57. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Borton opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Rob Pallarito thanked Matt Nowicki and the sheriff's department; Army artillery increasing May 27<sup>th</sup> through August.

Commissioner Ken Glasser thanked Sheriff's departments and all police departments; attended the Bagley Township meeting, met the 3 candidates running for Township trustee; reported on NEMSCA; Attended Hayes Township meeting, approved the budge and no wake ordinance; attended a library meeting by Zoom.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Julie Powers had no report.

Commissioner Duane Switalski attended the Charlton Township meeting, fireworks still scheduled for 7-4-20 with a rain date 7-5-20; thanked Land Use Services for continued services; Johannesburg-Lewiston school district millage proposal on the ballot for the August 4, 2020 election.

Commissioner Henry Mason had no report.

Commissioner Doug Johnson reported on the Parks and Recreation, Tom Pratt hired as the new director; Park open 6-10-20; boat launch has been fixed; fireworks scheduled 7-3-20; gym floor being replaced, finished up end of next week; purchase a new utility trailer at the Groen Nature; work camp crew cleaned out at the Groen Nature Preserve, did a great job.

Commissioner Ken Borton reported the MAC Conference has been cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Kenneth C. Borton, Chairman

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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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020 beginning at 9:30a.m.

PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_.

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 20-13  
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION  
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners is the owner of a property located at 3280 Nina Road, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 and has a mortgage recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Otsego County Michigan, in Liber 1457, Pages 685-698 in the name Jeannette K. Jones, and

**WHEREAS**, said Mortgage has been paid in full; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Otsego County hereby issues a DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE to Jeannette K. Jones, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Administrator, on behalf of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, be authorized to sign said document.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: \_\_\_\_\_

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NO: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Kenneth Borton, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
§  
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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020, 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 of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

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Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020