

February 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at 225 West Main Street, Room 100 Gaylord, Michigan 49735. Due to the novel Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was held remotely for the public as permitted by the Open Meetings Act. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Ken Glasser. Invocation by Commissioner Julie Powers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Rob Pallarito.

Roll Call:

Present: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, Paul Liss, Brett McVannel, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Jason Caverson, Bruce Brown.

Commissioner Henry Mason requested item A) the Regular minutes of January 26, 2021 with attachments to be removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business as item B).

Committee Reports:

Sheriff Matt Nowicki reported on the Sheriff's department; couple of staff members still COVID positive; SANE officer from the Sheriff's department, pleased with the results with SANE. Undersheriff Matt Muladore reported SANE is doing a lot of work in our County, impact over the last year SANE took down an entire meth ring; complaint load, 4548 complaints last year; mental health issues in Otsego County; weekly briefings with Jon Deming, Health Department and Rachel Frisch regarding COVID; discussed the criminal justice complex needs. Captain Brian Webber reported on the jail, approximately 180 charges regarding SANE work in our county; 870 bookings last year, down 27 bookings from 2019; done a great job keeping COVID from the inmates; 35,172 meals served, average length of stay per inmate is 13.8 days.

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reminded the Board of the Chamber's annual awards banquet 2-24-21; press release regarding Otsego County Building's open to the public 2-8-21, public still needs to continue to Zoom for meetings; Health Department vaccination in Otsego County over 16,000 over a 4 County region both doses; Otsego County's portion doses over 3,400; County closed on 2-5-21 on the County's first PACE program with Treetops Resort, press release to come out within the week.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative: None

Correspondence: Chairman Ken Glasser received an email from Janet Willbee.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Jason Caverson, seconded by Commissioner Henry Mason, to approve the January 25, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$196.39. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Julie Powers, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the February 2, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$97,106.53 and 3 void checks. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Brett McVannel, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the February 9, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$194,018.03. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Other Business:

Motion by Commissioner Henry Mason, seconded by Commissioner Jason Caverson, to approve the regular minutes of January 26, 2021 with attachments and to add the statement read by Commissioner Henry Mason to the minutes. Motion by Commissioner Henry Mason to amend the above motion to add the statement to the Board concerning the justice complex was Henry Mason's reason and opinion for opposing this millage. Vote on amendment-Ayes: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, Brett McVannel, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Jason Caverson, Bruce Brown. Nays: Paul Liss, Doug Johnson. Vote on amended motion. Ayes: Julie Powers, Henry Mason, Brett McVannel, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Jason Caverson, Bruce Brown. Nays: Paul Liss, Doug Johnson. Motion carried as amended. (see attached)

Chairman Ken Glasser opened up the meeting for public comment.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Julie Powers reported on the City Council meeting.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Henry Mason looked up regulations and fines for violations for COVID related.

Commissioner Rob Pallarito thanked Stephanie and group for gathering signatures on petitions to open up the businesses in Otsego County.

Commissioner Jason Caverson had no report.

Commissioner Doug Johnson reported on the Parks and Recreation department; new 2021 Chevy truck received; new rangers arrived; fees at the County Park was discussed, going to leave the fees the same; work on the steps in the wall at Wah Wah Soo this spring; bridge at Irontone Springs; improvements to Libke field; Community Center is open; Groen nature averaging 400 people a month.

Commissioner Brett McVannel had no report.

Chairman Ken Glasser discussed millage reductions; MAC Conference in April will be virtual this year; NEMSAS meeting; Bagley Township meeting; Administrative staff has worked endless hours to keep up on COVID.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk