

August 10, 2021

The regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners was held at the Otsego County Library located at 700 S. Otsego Ave, second floor conference room, 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 Rob Pallarito, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Brett McVannel.

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Regular minutes of July 27, 2021 with attachments. Motion by Commissioner Ken Glasser, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to amend the Regular minutes of July 27, 2021 to correct the 4-year terms Legislation introduced to SB 242 and SB 245 and to correct the Legislation introduced regarding the 3% room tax to HB 5172. Ayes: Julie Powers, Paul Liss, Brett McVannel, Rob Pallarito, Ken Glasser, Doug Johnson, Jason Caverson, Bruce Brown. Nays: Henry Mason. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Glasser opened the meeting for public comment for agenda items only. Stephanie Jacobson commented on her concerns on the new ballot language for the new jail, would like to see data, proposal needs work before going on the ballot. Ray Scola commented on the research on population to determine the number of beds, not in favor of 96 beds. Amy Corell agrees with the 74 bed jail not 96 bed jail. Bill Blaker has questions regarding the new jail proposal, was the new jail response to the survey; cost of the new jail; how do we pay for after 20 years end; what are the operational costs; what happens to the current jail; how did you come up with the square footage; is there a website to see who is in jail; what is the size of the future drawings in the site plan.

Special Presentations: None.

Department Head Report:

Suzy DeFeyter reported on the County Clerk/Register of Deed's office; been holding court hearing by zoom, starting to hold some hearings in person; started jury trial's again, held our first 2 end of July. In the Register of Deeds, the volume of documents have not slowed down.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve OCR 21-22 A proposal to levy a new millage of 1.15 mills to construct, operate, furnish and equip the new Otsego County Jail/Sheriff's office facility.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: Henry Mason.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Administrator's Report:

Rachel Frisch reported there is a Gypsy moth seminar at the MSU extension office it will be held by zoom and in person; Household hazardous day 8-28-21 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Otsego County Road Commission.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative:

Michelle Noirot reported on the Bagley Township meeting, Board approved the RV Park annexation conditionally, missing surveys and will received those by Thursday; total reconstruction of Krys road from Johnson road to Charles Brink road.

Commissioner Julie Powers reported on the City Council meeting, approved 9 Marijuana sites.

Correspondence: None.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Henry Mason, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the August 3, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$49,377.08. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Bruce Brown, seconded by Commissioner Brett McVannel, to approve the August 10, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$111,665.90. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairman Ken Glasser opened up the meeting for public comment. Stephanie Jacobson doesn't agree with the Board of Commissioners allowing all of the millages requested go on the ballot; produce data. Paul Sopsich commented the data on visitors is flawed. Bill Blaker commented on the Commission on Aging building lease approved at the previous meeting, would like to revisit. Marcy Beauchesne asked when does the Committee meet to change the bylaws limiting public comment. Amy Corell asked why have the emails been removed from the County's website; who is the liaison between the County Commissioner's and the Commission on Aging. Becky Cope asked who is leasing to the Commission on aging. Larry Corell commented the email addresses are not found on the County website. Mary Sanders commented the Commission on aging has been working on finding a bigger facility for 2 years.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Paul Liss had no report.

Commissioner Julie Powers had no report.

Commissioner Bruce Brown had no report.

Commissioner Henry Mason commented on the Commission on aging lease, look at it again; new jail millage.

Commissioner Rob Pallarito reported on the Health Department.

Commissioner Jason Caverson had no report.

Commissioner Doug Johnson had no report.

Commissioner Brett McVannel had no report.

Chairman Ken Glasser attended the Bagley Township meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyter, Otsego County Clerk

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held at the Otsego County Library, second-floor conference room on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_.

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 21-22**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE  
CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
SUBMITTING TO THE OTSEGO COUNTY ELECTORS  
A QUESTION OF WHETHER THE COUNTY MAY LEVY  
1.15 MILLS FOR TWENTY YEARS BEGINNING  
WITH THE DECEMBER 1, 2021 TAX LEVY TO  
PROVIDE FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, FURNISH,  
AND EQUIP A NEW OTSEGO COUNTY JAIL/SHERIFF'S OFFICE FACILITY AND  
TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSITION TO THE ELECTORATE  
IN A SPECIAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021**

**OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**August 10, 2021**

**Recitals**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Otsego, Michigan (the "County") has deemed it necessary to construct, operate, furnish and equip a new Otsego County Jail/Sheriff's Office Facility (the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, to finance such Project it will be necessary to levy a millage of 1.15 mills for 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, based on estimates and projections, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners has determined that it will be necessary to call a special election to submit a millage proposition to County electors for approval of a millage to cover the costs of constructing, furnishing, equipping and operating the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners finds it appropriate to submit this millage proposition to the County electors at a special election to be held on November 2, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners desires to approve the language of such millage proposition and authorize the Clerk to proceed with the necessary Notices for such Special Election.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF OTSEGO, STATE OF MICHIGAN, as follows:**

1. The County shall submit to the electors residing within the boundaries of the County of Otsego the millage proposition set forth in paragraph 3 below at the Special Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.
2. The Board of Commissioners certifies to the County Clerk the following proposition which shall be submitted to the electors of the County of Otsego at the Special Election on Tuesday, November 2, 2021:

**A PROPOSAL TO LEVY A NEW MILLAGE OF 1.15  
MILLS TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, FURNISH AND EQUIP  
THE NEW OTSEGO COUNTY JAIL/SHERIFF'S OFFICE FACILITY**

For the purpose of providing funds to construct, operate, furnish and equip the Otsego County Jail/Sheriff's Office Facility, shall the constitutional tax rate limitation on general ad valorem taxes upon all property within the County of Otsego, Michigan, be increased by up to 1.15 Mills (\$1.15 per \$1,000 of taxable value), for a period of twenty (20) years, 2021 through 2040, both inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$1,570,764 in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. By law, the City of Gaylord Downtown Development Authority (DDA) may capture and retain only that portion of the millage which is collected from the properties located within the defined DDA District boundaries.

3. The Otsego County Clerk shall take all actions required by law to call the Special Election on November 2, 2021.
4. The Special Election shall be held in accordance with the Special Election Laws of the State of Michigan.
5. The proposition to be voted in the ballot to be used in the Special Election for the purpose of submitting the foregoing proposition to electors shall be substantially in the form set forth in Appendix A.
6. The County Clerk is authorized to take whatever action is necessary under the Election Laws of the State of Michigan to notify electors of the County of Otsego of the proposition being submitted at the November 2, 2021 Special Election and of the last day of registration therefore.
7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict with the foregoing are hereby rescinded.



**APPENDIX A**

**MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

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THE NEW OTSEGO COUNTY JAIL/SHERIFF'S OFFICE FACILITY**

*This millage proposal will allow Otsego County to levy 1.15 mills to provide funds for the construction, operation, furnishing and equipping of a new Otsego County Jail/Sheriff's Office Facility.*

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YES [  ]

NO [  ]