

October 12, 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 Julie Powers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Bruce Brown.

Roll Call:

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

The regular minutes of September 30, 2021 with attachments was removed from the consent agenda and placed under new business as item C.

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Re-appointment of Larry Corell to the Board of Canvassers for a 4 year term to expire 10-20-2025.

Motion to approve the appointment of Mary Beth Wakulat to the Board of Canvassers for a 4 year term to expire 10-20-2025.

Consent agenda approved via unanimous consent.

Chairman Ken Glasser opened the meeting for public comment for agenda items only. No public comment for agenda items.

Special Presentations:

James Vanderveer reported on the Sportsplex; walkers at the Sportsplex is growing; pickle ball team growing, looking at adding another court; gators youth program went down, but is coming back; installing live camera's in the ice rink to allow people to watch the hockey games that cannot attend in person; Silver sneakers program, Medicare insurance program, can use the facility for free and the sportsplex gets reimbursed; had the summer camp this year, the average campers were 75; would like to see Gus Macker come back and have it at the Sportsplex; semi pro hockey team 6<sup>th</sup> in the league home ice is here.

Adam Koivisto reported on the MSU Extension; held a 4H home alone safety program, covered safety, stranger danger, 9-1-1; livestock emergency trailer purchased and stocked with the help of Melissa FitzGerald and Rachel Frisch; gypsy moth, launches a gypsy moth educational site.

Department Head Report:

Jackie Skinner reported on the Library; Major Jon Turnbull has a new book, Zero Percent Chance, he will be at the Library on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.; online registration feature to register themselves to check books out online; subscription to ancestry.com; newspaper archive to be updated this year; new streaming service, Hoopla; story walk opened up in Vanderbilt; 525 activity bags put together for the summer read program; kudos to the staff, wonderful people and are very helpful; Cathy Campbell retired this year; Marge Long did the mural on the wall; Seed library, can come in and trade seeds to plant; mobile hotspots available for checkout, used Cares Act funding; library has their own app; received chrome books and are holding classes; story time and tween time have started.

Committee Reports:

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Doug Johnson, to approve the budget amendment moving \$2,500.00 from planned contributions to fund balance to the supplies line item. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve the budget amendment moving \$6,200 from available payroll dollar within the hospitalization line to services contracts. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried. (see attached)

Motion by Commissioner Paul Liss, seconded by Commissioner Jason Caverson, to approve bid 2021-18 to Berger Chevrolet for a Chevy Tahoe. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report: None.

City Liaison, Township & Village Representative:

Michelle Noirot, Bagley Township Supervisor, reported they received a liquor license request from Gaylord Cinema, Board approved now onto the State; Jail presentation; Redistricting lines; citizen concerned about the flood of signs businesses are using.

Correspondence: Chairman Ken Glasser received an email from Larry Corell to use Facebook to distribute Commissioner meeting minutes.

New Business:

Motion by Commissioner Bruce Brown, seconded by Commissioner Brett McVannel, to approve the October 5, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$122,386.13 and 2 voided check. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Jason Caverson, seconded by Commissioner Julie Powers, to approve the October 12, 2021 Warrant in the amount of \$221,003.70. Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Doug Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, to approve OCR 21-26, Conflict Resolution day.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried/Resolution adopted. (see attached)

Paul Sopsich stated the 9-30-21 minutes were not clear as to what plan the Board of Commissioners are supporting from the School system, it was not mentioned in the minutes. Chairman Ken Glasser stated the original plan of August 9, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Rob Pallarito, seconded by Commissioner Henry Mason, to amend the minutes of 9-30-21 to add under public comment, The Board of Commissioners support the original plan of the School system dated August 9, 2021. Vote on amendment: Ayes: Unanimous. Vote on amended minutes: Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Michelle Noirot reported the Township Association meeting is scheduled for 10-19-21 at 6:00 p.m. at the County Library, the topic is roads.

Paul Sopsich asked the status of the 9-8-21 Bylaw Committee meeting. Chairman Ken Glasser stated we are waiting for our attorney.

Bill Blaker had various questions regarding the jail vote; cost of the new jail, plan B if failed; 1100 outstanding warrants-can be housed elsewhere.

Marcy Beauchesne commended the Board again regarding Lisa Peacock; Jail millage-commissioner did not attend the meeting.

Trisha Adam reminded everyone of the flu shot clinic on 10-15-21 from 1:00 p.m-3:00 p.m. at the County Building.

Board Remarks:

Commissioner Jason Caverson had no report.

Commissioner Doug Johnson reported on the Parks and Recreation, park closed for the season; community center starting to pick up; Groen Nature Preserve, having issues getting the projects completed.

Commissioner Brett McVannel had to report.

Commissioner Julie Powers reminded the Board of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the trailhead, Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Henry Mason had no report.

Commissioner Rob Pallarito reported a special Health Department meeting is scheduled for 10-14-21 at 1:00 p.m. in Antrim County.

Chairman Ken Glasser had no report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

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Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman

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Susan I. DeFeyer, Otsego County Clerk



**OTSEGO COUNTY  
BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**FUND/DEPARTMENT:** Register of Deeds

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** Register of Deeds Supplies

**REVENUE**

Account Number	Decrease	Increase
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$

**EXPENDITURE**

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
256-215-726.000 Supplies	\$ 2,500	\$
256-941-999.990 Contribution to Fund Balance	\$	\$ 2,500
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500

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Department Head Signature Date

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Administrator's Signature Date

<b>Finance Department</b>
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By:

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Board Approval Date (if necessary) Budget Adjustment # Posting Number



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**Fund Type:**  General  Special Revenue  Debt Service  Capital Project  Business-Type (Enterprise or Internal Svc)

**DESCRIPTION** Move funds for fuel tank cleaning

**REVENUE**

Account Number	Decrease	Increase
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$	\$

**EXPENDITURE**

Account Number	Increase	Decrease
281-537-920.410 Service Contracts	\$ 6,200	\$
281-537-704.110 Hospitalization	\$	\$ 6,200
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
<b>Total</b>	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,200

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Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held in the second-floor conference room at the Otsego County Library located at 700 S. Otsego Ave, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 on the 12<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021 beginning at 9:30a.m.

PRESENT:

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ABSENT:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 21-26**  
**CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY**  
OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, conflict resolution is a way of people solving individual disputes, as well as a means toward creating a more peaceful community, and

**WHEREAS**, our citizens possess the moral authority and power to resolve conflicts on their own, and

**WHEREAS**, the conflict resolution process empowers all individuals, families, communities, schools, businesses, and organizations to foster communication and devise solutions that are acceptable to the needs and interests of all the parties involved, and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Public Act 260 of 1988, known as the Community Dispute Resolution Act, authorized the establishment of Community Dispute Resolution Centers throughout the state of Michigan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Office oversees eighteen community resolution centers, which provide trained volunteer mediators to assist in conflict resolution and

**WHEREAS**, Community Mediation Services is a center serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle and

**WHEREAS**, community-based volunteers, trained in conflict resolution, are the backbone of this program. These trained volunteer mediators provide mediation, facilitation, and conciliation when asked by their peers or ordered by the court, and

**WHEREAS**, these volunteers, serving as mediators, provide affordable, quality service that can strengthen and restore relationships by relieving parties and courts of costly litigation, resulting in less time involved to reach a mutually satisfactory solution rather than an order imposed on them by a third party, and

**WHEREAS**, the third Thursday in October is set aside as Conflict Resolution Day in recognition of the mediation process and these volunteers and to increase public awareness of constructive ways to resolve conflicts of any type, and

**THEREFORE**, be it Resolved that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim, **Thursday, October 21, 2021**, as Conflict Resolution Day in Otsego County, Michigan. We encourage all citizens to acknowledge the value of conflict resolution thru mediation, facilitation, and conciliation and encourage use of this form of dispute resolution and to get involved and to support their local Conflict Resolution Center.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman

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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 12<sup>th</sup>, day of October, 2021, 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: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021