

COUNTY OF OSCODA

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009** AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX MIO, MICHIGAN

Members Present: Commissioner Hunt, Kauffman, Marsh, and Trimmer.
Members Excused: Stone
Others Present: 25 members of the public were in attendance.

Vice-Chairman Hunt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Roll Call, followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

The Board reviewed the agenda for today's meeting **February 24, 2009 and accepted with two additions.

**Approval of Minutes- Special Meeting Held on February 20, 2009.
**Correspondence- American Red Cross.

Kauffman/Trimmer 2009-067 a motion to accept the agenda for **February 24, 2009** with noted additions.
4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

The Minutes of **February 12, 2009 & **February 20, 2009** were reviewed and approved as presented. Also, the Closed Session Minutes of **February 20, 2009**, to discuss Real Estate-Perry Lake, in accordance to the Open Meetings Act 176 PA 267, MCL 15.261 et seq. – Section X - #1, were approved and placed in a sealed envelope to be filed at the County Clerk's Office for one-year and one day before destroyed.

Marsh/Kauffman 2009-068 a motion to approve the Official Minutes of **February 12, 2009** and the Official Minutes from the Special Meeting held on **February 20, 2009** as presented.
4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Marsh/Trimmer 2009-069 a motion to approve the **Closed Session Minutes**, from **February 20, 2009**, B.O.C Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Trimmer, yes; Hunt, yes;
Kauffman, yes; Marsh, yes. **Motion Carried**

Public Comments:

A Perry Lake resident voiced his concern with the progress of the “Perry Lake Project”. He stated that it appears the new Prosecutor has not been brought up-to-date and the cost for this project keeps rising and asked the Board’s support and move forward on the condemnation process. Commissioner Hunt stated that the Prosecutor is up-to-date and the Board and the Prosecutor have met with the party who owns the easement in question and progress is being made. A representative for the ORV (Public Act 240) gave an update on the current actions taken regarding PA 240 permitting ORV’s to operate on roadways in other Counties. Also a couple of the volunteers for the Ogemaw Sheriff Department were present, it is their job to patrol and education ORV users and it is their hope to assist Oscoda County residents in the future. A resident questioned how many problems the Ogemaw Sheriff Department has received and accidents in the last year or so? It was stated that they have had minor problems that usually are resolved with educating the ORV users and very few accidents reported; with one to maybe two critical. A couple of local residents voiced their support for ORV’s and stated how important the PA 240 would be for the local business’s, real estate, the entire economy of this County. Also, Mr. Matteson gave an up-date on where the County is on ORV PA 240. It is still in the hands of a couple of Townships, however by late April the ORV Advisory Committee’s goal is to bring a recommendation to the Board.

Appointments:

**Ms. Cesalee Kuffel, MSU Extension, and Mr. Rusty Ebling, presented the Board with a second updated version of the 4-H “Wild Things” Youth Environmental Stewardship Program that now includes more fire prevention, per the new regulations of Title III. Ms. Kuffel included a letter stating that all the representative of the USFS has had an opportunity to review the “Wild Things” program and has approved the list of activities and their budget; therefore we are requesting Title III Funds for the 2009 Program, in the amount of \$4,500.00. Commissioner Hunt questioned the new regulations and the total of Title III Funds that the “Wild Things” program would be eligible for. Ms. Kuffel stated the program starts March 1, 2009 and it was her impression that it was already approved 100%, per her letter. Commissioner Hunt stated that he will call Mr. Ken Arbogast to confirm the total amount of Title III Funds that can be used for the “Wild Things” program. Commissioner Kauffman stated that the County will subsidize the program if necessary. The following motion was made.

**Kauffman/Trimmer
2009-070**

a motion to approve the MSU Extension 4-H “Wild Things” Program; to be funded with approved amount of Title III Funds, following the Title III guidelines, and/or the balance funded out of the General Fund “Civic Projects”, not to exceed the total project amount of \$4,500.00.

Roll Call Vote: Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Marsh, yes; Trimmer, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Ms. Amy Knepp, Secretary of the Literacy Council, invited one of the Commissioners to sit on the Literacy Council Board, as a voting member. They meet the third Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at the Mio Ausable School. The Literacy Council is non-profit and has been in existence for about two years. Commissioner Marsh who serves as the liaison on the Oscoda County Library Board will check his schedule and plan on representing the Commissioners on the Literacy Council Board.

**Mr. Paul Perry, Planning Commission Chair, gave the Board an update. Mr. Perry stated that the Planning Commission Board have changed their agenda, reviewed their by-laws, and is advertising for two new Board Members. The Planning Commission would like to take their 5-Member Board to a 7-Member Board and by doing that they can have two Government Officials sit on the Board, therefore Mr. Perry is asking if the Board would like the Commissioners Liaison considered, making them a voting

member? Also Mr. Perry asked about putting the Master Plan on the County Website and if the Planning Commission would be responsible for the Counties Capital Improvement Plan? Mr. Perry plans on attending a conference in March and will ask these questions and others. Commissioner Kauffman stated let's find out some answers to your questions and have you come back to the next Board Meeting.

Old Business:

New Business:

Financial:

**The Board received notification from the County Treasurer, William Kendall, that a balance of \$115.03 Title III Funds, awarded to Oscoda County for the FY2008, must be awarded or sent back. Therefore after some discussion the following motion was made.

Marsh/Kauffman 2009-071 a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to appropriate the balance of the FY2008 Title III Funds, in the amount of \$115.03, to the Juvenile Enhanced Accountability Program (JEAP), upon the end of the advertised 45-days, as required, and so amend the 2008 Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Marsh, yes; Trimmer, yes. Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; **Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Stone and Commissioner Hunt, Finance Committee, reviewed the 2009 Budget and the following amendments are necessary to reflect true expenditures, per a list provided by the B.O.C Secretary. Commissioner Marsh made the following motion.

Marsh/Kauffman 2009-072 a motion to make the necessary changes and amendments to both the General Fund and Special Fund 2009 Budgets by moving **\$30,640.19** from Contingency to cover expense lines in the General Fund, per list, and so amend the 2009 Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Trimmer, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Marsh, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**The Board received a letter from the Oscoda County Ambulance Service requesting the purchase a copier. The Ambulance Department did budget for a new copier, which was approved in December for over \$2,000.00, however they have an opportunity to purchase a used one for \$1,200.00 plus the cost of an extra drum.

Kauffman/Trimmer 2009-073 a motion to allow the Ambulance Department to purchase a copier, in the amount of \$1,200.00 plus the cost of the drum.

Roll Call Vote: Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Marsh, yes; Trimmer, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Expenditures received from the Clerk's office for the month of **January 2009 were reviewed and approved, as presented.

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
General Fund	\$134,520.40	\$309,872.69	\$444,393.09
Ambulance Equip		\$10.26	\$10.26
Sheriff Equip		\$1,180.00	\$1,180.00
911 Emergency	\$8,796.72	\$2,716.04	\$11,512.76

Officer Training		\$0.00	\$0.00
Park Fund	\$2,902.54	\$4,708.92	\$7,611.46
D.A.R.E.		\$0.00	\$0.00
Ambulance Fund	\$25,746.68	\$33,675.02	\$59,421.70
Friend/Court	\$1,841.84	\$6,735.51	\$8,577.35
Public Guardian	\$685.60	\$98.69	\$784.29
Fairgrounds		\$143.25	\$143.25
Smith Lake		\$511.00	\$511.00
Hazmat		\$0.00	\$0.00
Historical Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gypsy Moth		\$0.00	\$0.00
Public Improvement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Dept.	\$3,399.45	\$1,505.39	\$4,904.84
R.O.D. Automation		\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Drug Law Enforcement		\$13,185.20	\$13,185.20
Law Library		\$725.49	\$725.49
Library	\$3,702.52	\$4,948.51	\$8,651.03
Council/Aging		\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
EDC Revolving Loan		\$0.00	\$0.00
RSRF		\$0.00	\$0.00
Social Services		\$236,231.64	\$236,231.64
Child Care		\$30,003.26	\$30,003.26
Soldiers & Sailors		\$4,565.07	\$4,565.07
Veterans Trust		\$0.00	\$0.00
Airport		\$2,076.22	\$2,076.22
Youth Service		\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Tax Revolving		\$7,611.43	\$7,611.43
Summer Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>SUB TOTALS</i>	\$181,595.75	\$688,803.59	\$870,399.34
Road Commission			\$172,580.83
<i>Grand Total</i>		\$1,042,980.17	

**Kauffman/Trimmer
2009-074**

a motion to accept the Expenditures for the month of **January 2009**, in the amount of **\$870,399.34**, as presented by the Clerk's Office.

Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Marsh, yes; Trimmer, yes; Hunt, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerk's Office, dated for **February 24, 2009, were approved; total Claims & Audit is **\$85,412.64**.

**Kauffman/Marsh
2009-075**

a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **February 24, 2009** presented by the Clerk's Office, in the amount of **\$85,412.64**.

Roll Call Vote: Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Marsh, yes; Trimmer, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence, Reports, Resolutions (acknowledge receipt):

**Letter received from Greenwood Township-ORV (NO ROADS).

**Letter received from the American Red Cross- "March is Red Cross Month".

**Kauffman/Trimmer
2009-076**

a motion to recognize "March as Red Cross Month".

4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Stone:

**Excused.

Commissioner Hunt:

**Attended District Health Department#2 Meeting- One meeting for Union Negotiations and the other for the regular scheduled DHS#2 Meeting, which was held here in Mio; the situation on Popp Road was discussed.

**Attended Landfill Meeting & Claims & Audit-A gasification committee was appointed; a member from each County. Also, the DEQ is asking about purchasing mineral rights from property the Landfill owns.

**Attended Road Commission Meeting – Insurance reimbursement discussed.

**Met with Dan Kauffman, County IT, along with Commissioner Stone- Website discussed.

**Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Stone, Judge Root, County Treasurer, William Kendall, and Robert Nixon, Family Division. -Discussed Child Care Budget.

**Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Stone, Peter Cohl, Attorney, Bruce Kilmer, and Judge Yenior regarding District Court.

Commissioner Kauffman:

**Attended the NE MI Consortium Meeting-Stimulus Package discussed.

**Attended Landfill Personnel Meeting- Maintenance concerns.

**Participated in the selection and interview process along with Commissioner Marsh and Sheriff Grace for a Temporary Animal Control Officer,

Commissioner Marsh:

**Attend Planning Commission Board Meeting- Reviewed by-laws, Board member vacancies, and future goals.

**Attended the Library Board- Review of budget and applications for the Board member vacancy.

**Participated in the selection and interview process along with Commissioner Kauffman and Sheriff Grace for a Temporary Animal Control Officer,

**Attended the EDC Board Meeting – A ITC (International Transmission Company) Representative gave a presentation. The Board scheduled Committee dates; a County Garage Sale, over Memorial Weekend, is being worked on out at the Fairgrounds, with a possible Auction on Sunday.

Commissioner Trimmer:

**Attended the Human Service Council Meeting- Poverty in Michigan and here in Oscoda County discussed.

Public Comments:

**Ms. Tammy Emig stated she would like to see the Board reduce their current per-diem and mileage rates, stating with the economics of our County cuts have to start at the top. A resident of Perry Lake asked if there was anything to report on Perry Lake, in regards to the Boards meeting on Friday, February 20, 2009. Commissioner Hunt assured them that the County is moving forward, progress has been made, and the Board hopes to have an answer for residents at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Bob Matteson, EDA Chairman, announced that in May 2009, Kirtland College will once again bring basic Computer classes to Mio.

Closed Session:

**Vice- Chairman Hunt took a five minute break before going into closed session to discuss land acquisition at the Oscoda County Airport. After returning from close session the Board made a motion to allow Mead & Hunt, Inc. to move forward.

**Kauffman/Trimmer
2009-077** a motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting [11:15 a.m.], and go into closed session to discuss land acquisition, at the Oscoda County Airport.

Roll Call Vote: Marsh, yes; Trimmer, yes.
Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; **Motion Carried.**

**Kauffman/Trimmer
2009-078** a motion to adjourn the closed session [12:00 p.m.] and return to the regular Board meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Marsh, yes; Trimmer, yes.
Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; **Motion Carried.**

**Trimmer/Kauffman
2009-079** a motion to allow Mead & Hunt Inc., and Commonwealth Associates Inc. to move forward and make the offers necessary to acquire Aviation Easements, in the amounts presented in closed session, as part of the Five-Year Development Plan, at the Oscoda County Airport.

Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Marsh, yes;
Trimmer, yes; Hunt, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Marsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Marsh/Trimmer
2009-080** a motion to adjourn the regular Board meeting (12:10 p.m.)
4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Vice-Chairman Hunt adjourned the meeting. [12:10 a.m.]

**Next Meeting Scheduled for
Tuesday March 10, 2009
At 10:00 a.m.**

Michael Hunt, Vice-Chairman

Jeri Winton, County Clerk

