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OFFICIAL MINUTES

JULY 14, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **TUESDAY JULY 14, 2009** AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX MIO, MICHIGAN

Members Present: Commissioners Stone, Hunt, Kauffman, Marsh, and Trimmer.

Members Excused:

Others Present: 10 members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman Stone 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 **July 14, 2009 and approved as presented.

Kauffman/Hunt a motion to accept the agenda for **July 14, 2009**, as presented.
2009-209 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

The Minutes of **June 23, 2009 were reviewed and approved as presented by the County Clerk along with the B.O.C Unofficial Report as presented by the Board of Commissioners Executive Secretary.

Marsh/Trimmer a motion to approve the Official Minutes & B.O.C Report from the **June 23,**
2009-210 **2009** B.O.C. Meeting, as presented.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments:

Appointments:

**Ms. Stephanie Ward, Mead & Hunt, Inc. reviewed with the Board the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the years of 2011-2020 for the Oscoda County Airport. The plan included the current development and the Capital Improvement Plan for 2010-2020. Commissioner Stone and Kauffman along with Mr. Dave Kauffman, Airport Manager, met prior to the B.O.C meeting with Ms. Ward to finalize the plan. Commissioner Hunt questioned the Counties financial responsibility and how the Federal & State Budget cuts may affect us? Ms. Ward stated the County's financial responsibility is a State match and is due before a bid is approved and before a project can begin. Also, she felt secure with Federal Funds however the State Funding could be a challenge as the program continues. Commissioner Marsh asked if the County could use some of those funds for general maintenance. Ms. Ward stated that some of the funds are available for major maintenance and operational cost, for example the purchase of a snowplow and some maintenance and replacement expense, however the equipment has to be new and

dedicated to the Airport. General Maintenance is not covered, for example to pay someone to plow or cut the grass. After a lot of discussion, Ms. Ward asked the Board to approve the **10-Year Capital Improvement Plan** for the years of **2011-2020** for the Oscoda County Airport, and to authorize a \$500.00 invoice payment to Mead & Hunt, Inc. for the preparation. Commissioner Kauffman made the motion to accept the 10-Year Plan and to allow Ms. Ward to add the dollar amounts on, plus authorized the payment of \$500.00.

Kauffman/Trimmer 2009-211 a motion to accept the Oscoda County Airports, 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2011-2020, prepared by Mead & Hunt Inc, with the dollar amounts to be added on, and to sign the authorization form for payment in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid out of the Airport Special Fund.

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

**Ms. Karen Sanback, the owner of Karefree Ranch Riding Stable, presented a request to close the east end of Kurtz Road to Schmid Road to ORV Traffic. Ms. Sanback also presented a list with 11 signatures of property owners and/or residents on Kurtz Road that have no objections to her request. Commissioner Stone asked what was the ORV Committee recommendation. Commissioner Marsh stated that Ms. Sanback was at our last ORV Advisory Committee Meeting and the Committee listened to her concerns and asked her to get with her neighbors and she appears to have done that, however the ORV Advisory Committee has not met since to discuss. Commissioner Trimmer asked if the B.O.C could make a motion to honor her request without the ORV Advisory Committee's recommendation. Commissioner Hunt stated yes we can, therefore Commissioner Trimmer made a motion to close E. Kurtz to the end of Schmid Road, contingent on amending the ORV Ordinance, due to the safety concerns; Commissioner Hunt seconded for discussion. After a lot of discussion, Commissioner Trimmer withdrew his motion, therefore no action was taken. It was the consensus of the Board to have the ORV Advisory Committee bring back a recommendation to the next Board meeting and the details on how to amend the ORV Ordinance if necessary.

**Mr. Paul Perry, Planning Commission Chairman, presented documentation in regards to the Counties Capital Improvement Project Plans, and whose responsibility it is. Commissioner Stone stated further research is needed.

**Mr. Bill Kendall, Oscoda County Treasurer, gave a presentation showing the Board how to access, on line, the Counties delinquent tax information through the Treasurer's Department and record search through the Equalization Department through the County Website. Mr. Kendall stated that most of the information is free of charge. Manatron keeps our information up-dated for an annual fee of \$1,000.00 and he has received nothing but positive feedback.

**Mr. Cy Wakeley, Housing Administrator, gave the Board an up-date on Oscoda County Housing Projects and Housing Budget. Also, a contract for a Credit Counselor has been agreed upon by the Housing Board and an offer is on the table. Commissioner Hunt asked about delinquent accounts? Mr. Wakeley stated that unfortunately we do have delinquent accounts; the Housing Commission does everything they can to work with clients using MSDA guidelines. Oscoda County may want to consider using a Credit Bureau in the future.

New Business:

Financial:

**The Board received a letter from Sheriff Grace requesting to fill an open Deputy position. Sheriff Grace approached the Board stating that this is a rehire to fill a position that has been already budgeted for and approved. He also stated that he feels the Sheriff's Department has worked together to assist the Board and has been conservative with their Budget. Earlier this month Commissioner Stone and Commissioner Hunt met with Sheriff Grace to discuss filling that opening, however after a meeting with the County Attorney, Mr. Peter Cohl, it was recommended that the Board not hire at this time. Sheriff Grace questioned the Board's intentions stating that this could affect Public Safety. Commissioner Stone assured Sheriff Grace that the Board does understand the importance of Public Safety and will have an answer for him by the next Board meeting.

Hunt/Kauffman 2009-212 a motion to **deny** the request by Sheriff Grace to rehire an Oscoda County Deputy at this time, based on information received from the County Attorney.

Roll Call Vote: Trimmer, no; Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Marsh, no. **Motion Carried.**

**The Board received two requests from the Treasurer's Department in regards to the 2009 General Fund.

Hunt/Kauffman 2009-213 a motion to amend the 2009 General Fund Budget to show revenues from the RSRF to \$178,725.00, an increase of \$3,081.00, as allowed by the final calculations of spending amounts by the State of Michigan.

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

Hunt/Marsh 2009-214 a motion to transfer \$200,000.00 from the RSRF to the General Fund, for cash flow purposes, and to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer \$21,275.00 back to the RSRF when funds become available.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the Expenditures for **June 2009, as presented by the Clerk's Office.

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
General Fund	\$119,661.74	\$143,105.89	\$262,767.63
Ambulance Equip		\$117.42	\$117.42
Sheriff Equip		\$3,518.45	\$3,518.45
911 Emergency	\$7,828.99	\$3,245.40	\$11,074.39
Officer Training		\$0.00	\$0.00
Park Fund	\$4,762.94	\$7,168.86	\$11,931.80
D.A.R.E.		\$0.00	\$0.00
Ambulance Fund	\$34,296.10	\$18,734.57	\$53,030.67
Friend/Court	\$3,873.80	\$3,294.53	\$7,168.33
Public Guardian	\$843.40	\$140.92	\$984.32
Fairgrounds	\$1,680.00	\$549.75	\$2,229.75
Smith Lake		\$0.00	\$0.00

Hazmat		\$0.00	\$0.00
Historical Comm.	\$791.80	\$154.06	\$945.86
Gypsy Moth		\$4,020.00	\$4,020.00
Public Improvement		\$5,824.00	\$5,824.00
Building Dept.	\$3,278.22	\$3,407.54	\$6,685.76
R.O.D. Automation		\$0.00	\$0.00
Drug Law Enforcement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Law Library		\$213.69	\$213.69
Library	\$3,873.94	\$2,677.74	\$6,551.68
Council/Aging		\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
EDC Revolving Loan		\$0.00	\$0.00
RSRF		\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00
Social Services		\$130,345.61	\$130,345.61
Child Care		\$5,460.00	\$5,460.00
Soldiers & Sailors		\$434.62	\$434.62
Veterans Trust		\$0.00	\$0.00
Airport		\$217.32	\$217.32
Youth Service		\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Tax Revolving		\$2,297.09	\$2,297.09
Summer Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<i>SUB TOTALS</i>	\$180,890.93	\$560,177.46	\$741,068.39
Road Commission			\$194,915.01
<i>Grand Total</i>		\$935,983.40	

**Kauffman/Hunt
2009-215**

a motion to accept Expenditures, for **June 2009**, present by the Clerk's Office, in the amount of **\$741,068.39**.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerk's Office, dated for **July 14, 2009, total Claims & Audit **\$145,006.95**.

**Hunt/Trimmer
2009-216**

a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **July 14, 2009** presented by the Clerk's Office, in the amount of **\$145,006.95**.

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

Correspondence, Reports, Resolutions (acknowledge receipt):

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Stone:

**Attended a meeting at Garland- Discussed the future and the potential purchase of the Garland Resort.

**Participated in a meeting with Commissioner Hunt and Sheriff Grace-Discussed Deputy position.

- **Participated in a meeting with Commissioner Hunt and County Attorney, Peter Cohl- Discussed County concerns.
- **Participated in a meeting along with Commissioner Kauffman, Dave Kauffman, Airport Manager and Stephanie Ward, Mead & Hunt, regarding the 10-Year Oscoda County Airport Capital Improvement Plan.
- **Commissioner Stone announced that the Maintenance Supervisor has received a grievance from the Steelworkers Union in regards to motion 2009-203 changing working hours for Custodian I and II positions.

Commissioner Hunt:

- *Attended the Landfill Meeting and Landfill Claims & Audit- Bids accepted for the Lagoon and Force Main projects; Cordes Excavating was awarded the construction of a new cell also. All three projects will be completed this year thanks to Cordes Excavating offering to defer payments for two of the projects for 1 year. Concerns with air quality regulations, the landfill is taking steps to ensure compliance and the paperwork has been filed. Landfill has advertised the sale of some heavy equipment, bids are being accepted. The Gasification Project Agreement is still pending signatures. Also, the Montmorency Treasurer will be attending the next Landfill Board Meeting to discuss the protection and investments of Landfill funds.
- **Participated in a meeting with Commissioner Stone and County Attorney, Peter Cohl- Discussed County concerns.
- **Attended a meeting at Garland- Discussed the future and the potential purchase of the Garland Resort.
- **Participated in a meeting with Commissioner Stone and Sheriff Grace-Discussed Deputy position.
- **Attended the ORV Advisory Committee Meeting- Discussed ORV Ordinance, signage and mapping. Also owner of the Karefree Ranch approached the committee with her concerns.
- **Phone conversation with Employee Benefit Solutions, Inc. on behalf of the Sheriff's Department and County in regards to an old inmate billing invoice, it has been resolved.
- **N. Michigan Substance Abuse- Adopted a Resolution- objecting to the Senate version of House Bill 4436.

Commissioner Kauffman:

- **Participated in a meeting along with Commissioner Stone, Dave Kauffman, Airport Manager and Stephanie Ward, Mead & Hunt, regarding the 10-Year Oscoda County Airport Capital Improvement Plan.
- **Attended the Landfill Board Meeting- Personnel issue's being worked on. Environmental Attorney Bids to be reviewed in regards to the Gasification Project.

Commissioner Marsh:

- **Attended the Library Board Meeting- Revenue concerns- Penal Fines are down. Linda Wyckoff was recognized by the Board for her years of service.
- **Attended the ORV Advisory Committee Meeting; asked to Chair Meeting. Discussed ORV Ordinance, signage and mapping. Also owner of the Karefree Ranch approached the committee with her concerns.
- **Attended an EDC Finance Meeting- reviewed all EDC Revolving Loans and approved the rewriting of a couple with lower interest rates. Also reviewed some details in regards to the Labor Day Weekend Community Garage Sale.
- **Attended the Citizens Ambulance Board Meeting- Discussed 911 Signs and File for Life Cards.
- **Attended the Park Board Meeting- Reviewed reservations, ongoing projects and looking into designating ORV Campsites.
- **Attended Planning Commission Board Meeting-Reviewed the Master Plan and discussed the County Capital Projects.
- **Attended the Steiner Museum Board Meeting- No quorum present.

Commissioner Trimmer:

**Attended the Housing Commission Meeting in Grayling-

**Attended the Council on Aging Board Meeting- Appointed new officers and wants to increase Board by three.

Public Comments:

**Ms. Tammy Emig announced that the Historical Commission will fill a Board seat, Ken Troyer representing Clinton Township, and there is still one opening. Also, Ms. Emig expressed her concerns with the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan for the Airport, especially with the Budget cuts.

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting. [12:10 p.m.]

**Next Meeting Scheduled for
Tuesday July 28, 2009
at 10:00 a.m.**