

# COUNTY OF OSCODA

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **TUESDAY AUGUST 11, 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: 8 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 **August 11, 2009** and approved with one addition.

New Business: Building Department

**Kauffman/Marsh** a motion to accept the agenda for **August 11, 2009**, with one noted addition.  
**2009-235** 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

\*\*The Minutes of **August 4, 2009** were reviewed and approved as presented.

**Marsh/Trimmer** a motion to approve the Unofficial Minutes from the **August 4, 2009**  
**2009-236** B.O.C. Meeting, as presented.  
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

### Public Comments:

\*\*Audra Slayton was introduced. Ms. Slayton has been assigned to the Board of Commissioner's Office, through the COOR Intermediate School District Summer Employment Program, as a Clerical Trainee, until the end of September.

### Appointment:

\*\*Commissioner Trimmer stepped in for Ms. Amy Knepp to represent the MSU Extension Advisory Board with a request for the Board to adopt Resolution 2009-017 "Proclaiming August 27, 2009 as Oscoda County Volunteer Appreciation Day". This event will be held on the Courthouse lawn at 6 p.m. to honor all the volunteers who continue to give their time and effort to make this County a better place. Also, Commissioner Trimmer asked the Board if they would approve \$250.00 to help subsidize expenses; to be paid out of the Civic Project Fund.

**Resolution 2009-017**

“Proclaiming August 27, 2009 as  
Oscoda County Volunteer Appreciation Day”.

**WHEREAS**, many organizations in Oscoda County, including churches, service clubs, social service organizations, agencies, units of government and youth development programs depend on volunteers in order to be able to extend their services; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of citizens throughout all segments of Oscoda County give of their time to volunteer for causes that they believe in; and

**WHEREAS**, the benefit of those volunteers is felt by all of the people of the county through improved communities, reduced costs, needs met and citizenship development of residents; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the annual value of volunteer time in Oscoda County is over a quarter of a million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, appreciation for volunteers and the impact they have is generally less than what they deserve,

**THEREFORE**, the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners do hereby thank the many, many people who selflessly give their time and effort to make this county a better place and in recognition of their importance, do hereby proclaim August 27, 2009 as Oscoda County Volunteer Appreciation Day.

**Trimmer/Kauffman 2009-237** a motion to adopt **Resolution 2009-017** “Proclaiming August 27, 2009 as Oscoda County Volunteer Appreciation Day”, as presented.

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

**Trimmer/Kauffman 2009-238** a motion to approve \$250.00 to MSU Extension to subsidize the expenses for the “Volunteer Appreciation Day” to be paid out of the General Fund (115) Civic Projects.

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

\*\*Mrs. Tammy Emig, EDC & Fairgrounds & Smith Lake Chairperson, and Mr. Duane Roddy, EDC Director & Fairgrounds Coordinator presented an up-date. Mrs. Emig touched on the Board members, Revolving Loan Funds, Fairgrounds Events, Smith Lake Beach Project along with two proposals for future projects, for the Board to consider. Mr. Roddy touched on the different responsibilities of the EDC Director’s position that included working with different current business owners and assisting new business prospects. Commissioner Stone asked what is being done to promote the Fairgrounds. Mr. Roddy stated that information is on our County Website and he has several contacts he consistently works with.

\*\*Ms. Amy Hess, Great Start Collaborative Administrator, representing Crawford-Oscoda-Ogemaw- and Roscommon Counties gave a presentation to the Board. The presentation included how the Collaborative partners with existing resources create a comprehensive early childhood system to develop a foundation for language, social behavior, problem solving ability, and physical, social and emotional health offered to pre-school aged children. To help support the program and the County, Ms. Hess is requesting a Board member sit on their committee. The committee meets six times a year at the Kirtland House; Commissioner Marsh will represent Oscoda County.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

\*\*The Board received a Grievance from the Steelworkers Union in regards to Motion 2009-203 Custodian I & Custodian II hours. Commissioner Stone stated that Commissioner Marsh and he met to discuss and review the facts in regards to the grievance; they also met with the Maintenance Supervisor. The Board also received a letter from Custodian I. After some discussion Commissioner Marsh made the following motion:

**Marsh/Hunt 2009-239** a motion to settle the grievance by returning Custodian II to 40 hours per week, effective immediately, based on the nature of the grievance and union contract language. To deny the grievance for Custodian I based on "No Merit" to the nature of the grievance or union contract language.

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

\*\*The Board received the Oscoda County Investment 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report from the County Treasurer, Mr. Bill Kendall.

\*\*Commissioner Stone asked to table the approval of the Oscoda County Park & Recreation Commission Bylaws and Rules & Procedures until some questions could be answered.

\*\*The Board received a letter from AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Services, requesting the Board adopt Resolution 2009-018 "Opposing the Mental Health Budget Bill for 2010 (HB4436)" if passed, would reduce the number of Community Mental Health Services Programs.

**Resolution 2009-018**

"Opposing the Mental Health Budget Bill for 2010 (HB4436)"

**WHEREAS**, the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority (AuSable) is a community mental health authority of the counties of Iosco, Ogemaw, and Oscoda, organized under the terms of Section 205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code (the Code), (MCL330.1205), and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health services program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area, and,

**WHEREAS**, AuSable has demonstrated such willingness and capacity over the past 32 years, and is properly certified as a community mental health services program under the terms of Section 232a of the Code (MCL330.1232a), and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 308 of the Code (MCL330.1308) requires that the state shall pay 90% of the "annual net cost of a community mental health services program that is established and administered in accordance with chapter 2," and,

**WHEREAS**, there are also established in the state entities known as Prepaid Inpatient Hospital Plans (PIHPs), which receive Medicaid funds and distribute them to Community Mental Health Services Programs and other Medicaid providers, but which have no legal authority to receive or distribute state General Fund dollars, except for those received by the Community Mental Health Services Program of which they are legally a part, and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 470 of the S-1 version of HB4436, the 2010 budget bill for the Department of Community Health, presently under consideration, calls for distribution of state General Fund dollars to the PIHPs, rather than to the Community Mental Health Services Programs, without any accompanying changes in the Code language cited above, and,

**WHEREAS**, such a distribution is a major change in the relationship of the Department of Community Health to Community Mental Health Services Programs, including AuSable, in a manner which is not contemplated by the Code, and

**WHEREAS**, this change substantially undermines the ability of AuSable and a number of other Community Mental Health Services Programs to function as autonomous and/or county entities, as is anticipated under the terms of the Code, and,

**WHEREAS**, the operation of Community Mental Health Services Programs as local entities, with substantial responsibility to local county government, has been a basic principle of the strong success that Community Mental Health Services Programs have had in serving the people of Michigan,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners strongly opposes the language proposed in Section 470 of the S-1 version of the Department of Community Health Budget bill which would allocate state General Fund allocations for Community Mental Health services through PIHPs instead of directly to Community Mental Health Services Programs, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we request that members of the Senate and House review these concerns, and remove this language from Section 470 of this budget bill, replacing it with the allocation process which has been used for several years, and which is in compliance with the Code, and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Sen. Tony Stamas, Rep. Andy Neumann, DCH Director Janet Olszewski, Iosco County Board of Commissioners, Ogemaw County Board of Commissioners, Oscoda County Board of Commissioners, DCH Deputy Director Michael Head, Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, and all Michigan CMH Boards.

**Hunt/Marsh** a motion to adopt **Resolution 2009-018** "Opposing the Mental Health Budget  
**2009-240** Bill for 2010 (HB4436)", as presented.

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

\*\*The Board received notice of the 2009 63<sup>rd</sup> MERS Annual Meeting scheduled for September 15-17, 2009 held at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Commissioner Hunt usually attends, however he has other commitments this year, a representative from Oscoda County will not attend this year.

\*\*The Board received a letter from the Building Inspector, with a request to lay-off the Building Department Secretary, due to lack of work and budget.

**Trimmer/Hunt  
2009-241**

a motion to lay-off the Building Department Secretary, effective September 4, 2009 due to lack of work and to send notification to the Steelworkers Union, Building Inspector, Building Department Secretary and the Clerk's Office.

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

**Financial:**

\*\*The Board received a request from Mr. Robert Nixon, Juvenile Officer, for a budget amendment to the Child Care Fund.

**Hunt/Marsh  
2009-242**

a motion to make a budget amendment to the Child Care Fund (292) moving \$2,000.00 from Expense Line 292-662-801.00 to 292-662-801.01, and so amend the 2009 Budget.

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

\*\*The Board reviewed and approved the Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerk's Office, dated for **August 11, 2009**, total Claims & Audit **\$19,899.41**.

**Hunt/Marsh  
2009-243**

a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **August 11, 2009** presented by the Clerk's Office, in the amount of **\$19,899.41**.

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

**Correspondence, Reports, Resolutions (acknowledge receipt):**

**Committee Reports:**

**Commissioner Stone:**

\*\*Met with Mr. Casey Pullum, Ambulance Director, to discuss scheduling concerns (Paramedic staff).

Overtime maybe required to fill shifts.

\*\*Attended a meeting with Commissioner Marsh to review the Grievance received from Custodian I & II. Also, the Maintenance Supervisor was asked to participate in a portion of the meeting.

**Commissioner Hunt:**

\*\*Attended the Emergency Landfill Meeting, to discuss the concerns with a new cell and the Budget.

GZA Geo Environmental Firm will be at the next Landfill meeting for a question and answer session.

The future of recycling is also on the next Landfill agenda.

\*\*Attended the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Financial Meeting. House Bill 4436 discussed.

**Commissioner Kauffman:**

\*\*Attended the Emergency Landfill Meeting. The Landfill is working on repairs and some personnel issues.

\*\*Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Marsh and Rex Schanck, Animal Control, for a 30-Day review. Mr. Schanck is working on obtaining his required licenses and certifications for the Position; he continues to receive several calls.

**Commissioner Marsh:**

\*\*Attended a meeting with Commissioner Stone to review the Grievance received from Custodian I & II. Also, the Maintenance Supervisor was asked to participate in a portion of the meeting.

\*\*Attended the NEMSCA Meeting. Financial up-date.

\*\*Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Kauffman and Rex Schanck, Animal Control, for a 30-Day review. Mr. Schanck is working on obtaining his required licenses and certifications for the Position; he continues to receive several calls. Mr. Schanck is researching the current ticket charges to see if our County is in line with others.

**Commissioner Trimmer:**

\*\*Attended the Council on Aging Board Meeting- Skip Bollinger was elected as President of the Board of Directors.

**Public Comments:**

\*\*Mrs. Tammy Emig announced that the Steiner Museum is hosting a “Step Back in Time” event on September 17-19<sup>th</sup> and the Annual “Gun Show is on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Emig also commented on the Landfill situation.

\*\*Commissioner Stone took a recess (11:45 a.m.). At 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Stone called the meeting back to order to hold the 2010 Budget Workshop. The County Clerk & Register of Deeds, Jeri Winton, and Sheriff Kevin Grace also were attendance. The Board reviewed the General Fund and will review the Special Funds at the next Budget Workshop on August 25, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Kauffman was excused at 1:55 pm.

**Trimmer/Marsh** a motion to adjourn today’s meeting (2:55 p.m.).  
**2009-244** 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting Scheduled for  
Tuesday August 25, 2009  
at 10:00 a.m.