

COUNTY OF OSCODA

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

DECEMBER 9, 2008

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **TUESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2008** AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, MIO, MICHIGAN

Members Present: Commissioner Stone, Emig, Hunt, Cowger, and Kauffman.

Members Excused:

Others Present: 18 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, **December 9, 2008 and approved with one addition.

New Business- Committee Board Terms Discussion

Emig/Cowger a motion to accept the agenda for **December 9, 2008** with one addition.
2008-335 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

The minutes from the regular B.O.C meeting held on **November 25, 2008, were reviewed and approved as presented.

Emig/Cowger a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular B.O.C Meeting held on
2008-336 **November 25, 2008** as presented.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments:

Appointments:

Chairman Stone called for a Public Hearing, as advertised, on the **Proposed 2009 Budget. The maximum authorized millage rate (5.8717) that was levied supports the proposed 2009 Budget. It is the intent of the County to annually levy the maximum authorized rate for Budgetary purpose. Copies of the entire General Budget and Special Fund Budgets were available for review at the County Treasurer's Office and at the Commissioners Office. Also, the 2009 Budget reflects the current approved salaries for Elective Officials, a 2.5% wage increase for Non-Union Managers, with the exception of the part-time Motor Pool Supervisor and Equalization Director, a 2% wage

increase for Non-Union Employees, with the exception of any Employee or Contractors with a locked in wage. The wages for the Steelworkers, F.O.P., and the Chemical Worker Unions are in accordance to their current or up-coming Union Contracts, plus the Library Boards approved wage increases, all effective 01/01/09 (list provided to the Clerk's Office). Commissioner Stone asked if there were any questions regarding the Budget, and with none the following motions were made:

- Kauffman/Emig 2008-337** to hold a Public Hearing [10:09 a.m.] on the **2009 County Proposed Budget**, as advertised.
Roll Call Vote: Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes. **Motion Carried.**
- Kauffman/Emig 2008-338** to adjourn the Public Hearing [10:11 a.m.] and return to the Regular Board Meeting.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried**
- Hunt/Emig 2008-339** a motion to adopt the **2009 General Budget**, in the amount of **\$4,470,325.00**, as it was presented; with the approved 2009 Appropriations and the 2009 Special Fund Budgets.
Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes. **Motion Carried.**
- Hunt/Emig 2008-340** a motion to authorize the Finance Committee and the County Treasurer to balance the **2008 Budget** with the necessary funds from the Tax Revolving Fund.
Roll Call Vote: Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Paul Perry, Planning Commission Board Member, presented the Board with the recommended Planning Commission Ordinance and the up-dated bylaws pursuant to PA 33 of 2008. The Planning Commission is still waiting on Mr. Barry Shantz, Counties Attorney, to review PA 33 and advise before the Board can adopt.

**Ms. Courtney Box, from Employee Benefit Solutions, Inc. presented information on a new third party administrator, Professional Business Services (PBS), for Oscoda Counties Health Insurance. Each employee will receive an additional card to present at time of health services, this should resolve some of the problems some employee's have experienced. After some discussion the Board made the following motion:

- Hunt/Kauffman 2008-341** a motion to change the Counties Third Party Administrator to Professional Benefit Services (PBS) through the Counties Health Agent, Employee Benefit Solutions, Inc., effective January 1, 2009.
Roll Call Vote: Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Phil Durst, MSU Extension Director, addressed the Board in regards to the position of Program Associate III and Mentoring Coordinator assigned to Oscoda County on a 100% basis. The DHS Grant and the HSCC Grant would cover the salary and fringe benefits of this position with a County contribution of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Emig stated it was a good idea and supports the position, but the current language in the Memorandum of Agreement presented is not acceptable. After some discussion Commissioner Hunt made the following motion.

**Hunt/Emig
2008-342**

a motion to accept the agreement with the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners and Michigan State University Extension in regards to the position of Program Associate III and Mentoring Coordinator assigned to Oscoda County on a 100% basis, contingent upon the language, in the Memorandum of Agreement, approved by all parties.

5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried**

Old Business:

**At the B.O.C Meeting held in August, the Board addressed Mr. Barry Shantz request to receive County contributions towards the purchase of health insurance after he leaves office. At that time, Commissioner Hunt stated that the Personnel Policy did not apply to those holding Elected County positions and that the County contribution towards the purchase of health insurance, based on years of service, is not a benefit offered to elected officials. Mr. Shantz has asked for the Board to reconsider. Commissioner Hunt called upon the assistance of Michigan Associations of Counties (MAC) to advise. Commissioner Emig stated as the County Budget tightens, the Board should be looking at ways to cut not adding more benefits. Commissioner Kauffman agree especially in today's economy. The following motion was made:

**Hunt/Cowger
2008-343**

a motion to allow Elective Officials to receive County contributions toward the purchase of Health Insurance, for years of service, upon leaving office by amending the Personnel Policy Manual Article X- Wages & Benefits, Section 4 Health Insurance, Subsection F - to include Elective Officials, effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote: Emig, no; Hunt, yes; Kauffman, no; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes. **Motion Carried**

New Business:

**A Committee of five (5) consisting of Commissioner Hunt, Sheriff Grace, Jim McViegh, Assistant Fire Chief, Rosie Ross, Nurse Practitioner out of Primary Care in Fairview, and Patty Walker, Med Control Director, from Mercy Hospital, Graying. The Board received 16 applicants for the new Ambulance Director position three-(3) were selected for interviews, which the committee conducted on December 1, 2008. After much discussion and reference checks the Committee is recommending Mr. Casey Pullum. The Committee also suggest the Board look into hiring a Assistance Director. Commissioner Hunt recommended the Board allow Ms. Susan Avery to continue working her additional 20 hours per week to assist Mr. Pullum during this transition and/or until a Assistant Director is hired; the Board all agreed.

**Hunt/Cowger
2008-344**

a motion to hire Mr. Casey Pullum as the Regular part-time Oscoda County Ambulance Director, effective 12-15-08 with scheduled office hours at 24hrs/week (Minimum) & 29.5hrs.week (Maximum) & 24hrs/7day "on-call" status, for \$25,000.00 annual salary (No benefits), accountable to the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners, contingent upon approved "background-checks" & will be subject to a "performance evaluation" & "mentored" by a neighboring County/Municipality Ambulance Director for 90 days with possibility of "full-time" employment with County Benefits & Salary increase.

Roll Call Vote: Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Emig asked the Board to consider staggered term limits for Oscoda County Committee Boards. The County has several Committee's that have had the same Board members on for many years and when their terms are up they are just reappointed without advertising or even considering new members. It is time to appoint new members if we have interested applicants.

Financial:

**The Board received requests from the Ambulance Department to increase run fees and to turn over several Ambulance Accounts to collections. Commissioner Stone asked to table the decision to increase run fees until he had the opportunity to discuss with the new Ambulance Director.

Emig/Kauffman 2008-345 a motion to turn over several Ambulance Service Accounts, totaling \$18,321.51, to the Counties Collection Agency and write-off Ambulance Service Accounts in the amount of \$1,424.87, as recommended by the Ambulance Department.

Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**The Treasurer's Office request a motion to allow them to move funds from the Revenue Sharing Fund to the General Fund.

Hunt/Emig 2008-346 a motion to move \$171,193.00 from the Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund to the General Fund, as requested by the County Treasurer.

Roll Call Vote: Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; yes, **Motion Carried.**

**In regards to the 2008 Budget; Judge Root submitted a written request for a Budget Adjustment to the Law Library. Commissioner Hunt and myself (B.O.C Secretary, Brenda Moore) reviewed the 2008 Budget plus after doing some research on the MSU Extension 2008 Budget, it appears that the DHS Mentoring and the DHS/HSCC Coordinator Expense Lines did not reflect the true matching Grant amounts. The DHS Mentoring Grant was short \$2,000.00 plus over \$7,000.00 was billed in Jan. of 08 for 07 services but taken out of the 08 Budget. The DHS Coordinator Grant was short \$2,350.00 and over 3,500 was billed in Jan. of 08 for 07 services but taken out to the 08 Budget. The following amendments are suggested.

Hunt/Emig 2008-347 a motion to move \$291.06 from Contingency to Appropriations (101-965-999.02) and authorize the Treasurer's Office to transfer \$291.06 to Special Funds 269-000-699.00 (Law Library) and so amend the Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; yes, Stone, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Hunt/Emig 2008-348 a motion to move around the necessary funds to amend the Revenue & Expense lines, per list provided, for the 2008 General Budget, and so amend the Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes. **Motion Carried**

Hunt/Emig 2008-349 a motion to move \$10,500.00 from Contingency and move around the necessary funds, per list provided, in the MSU Extension (257) 2008 Budget to reflect true expenditures, and so amend the 2008 Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Expenditures received from the Clerk's office for the month of **November 2008 were reviewed and approved, as presented.

NOVEMBER 2008	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
General Fund	\$117,023.99	\$158,417.77	\$275,441.76
Ambulance Equip		-\$1,574.73	-\$1,574.73
Sheriff Equip		\$1,535.00	\$1,535.00
911 Emergency	\$6,181.29	\$1,780.38	\$7,961.67
Officer Training		\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
Park Fund	\$2,936.80	\$8,290.20	\$11,227.00
D.A.R.E.		\$0.00	\$0.00
Ambulance Fund	\$21,574.15	\$42,867.74	\$64,441.89
Friend/Court	\$4,041.42	\$5,083.80	\$9,125.22
Public Guardian	\$577.00	\$118.84	\$695.84
FairGrounds		\$102.47	\$102.47
Smith Lake		\$0.00	\$0.00
Hazmat		\$0.00	\$0.00
Historical Comm	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gypsy Moth		\$1,119.39	\$1,119.39
Public Improvement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Dept.	\$3,515.28	\$4,495.00	\$8,010.28
R.O.D. Automation		\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00
Drug Law Enforcement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Law Library		\$360.49	\$360.49
Library	\$3,753.67	\$1,824.05	\$5,577.72
Council/Aging		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
EDC Revolving Loan		\$0.00	\$0.00
RSRF		\$0.00	\$0.00
Social Services		\$141,954.86	\$141,954.86
Child Care		\$32,980.80	\$32,980.80
Soldiers & Sailors		\$1,228.37	\$1,228.37
Veterans Trust		\$0.00	\$0.00
Airport		\$3,906.13	\$3,906.13
Youth Service		\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Revolving		\$2,423.63	\$2,423.63
Summer Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUB TOTALS	\$159,603.60	\$428,414.19	\$588,017.79
Road Commission			\$174,582.34
Grand Total		\$762,600.13	

Cowger/Emig 2008-350 a motion to accept the Expenditures for the month of **November 2008**, in the amount of **\$588,017.79**, as presented by the Clerk's Office.
Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Emig/Hunt 2008-351 a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **December 9, 2008**, presented by the Clerk's Office, in the amount of **\$63,034.11**.
Roll Call Vote: Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes, **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence, Reports, Resolutions (acknowledge receipt):

- **F.Y.I Citizens Bank
- **District Health Department No#2- New Health Officer Announced.
- **Perry Lake Culvert

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Stone:

- **Working closely with the Ambulance Department.
- **Attended the MTA Meeting- Discussed the ORV Links
- **Tentative meeting with Northern Tool, Mio after the New Year.

Commissioner Kauffman:

- **Attended a Community Caring Meeting- Discussed an extension on HUD Funds.
- **Attended Landfill Meeting- Discussed Recycling- How long can the Landfill subsidize?
- **Northern MI Counties Meeting-CXL
- **NE MI Consortium Meeting-

Commissioner Hunt:

- **Participated in interviews on December 1, 2008 for the new Ambulance Director & checked references.
- **Phone conference with Courtney Box, Employee Benefit Solutions, Inc. –regarding changing HRA Third Party Administrator.
- **Phone conference with Lynn Harvey, AFLAC, - Flex plan
- **Attended Budget Meeting- reviewed 2008 Budget.
- **Attended N. Michigan Substance Abuse

Commissioner Cowger:

- **Park Board- Chairman would like a written response from B.O.C on request submitted during Budget.
- **NEMSCA- Mr. Cowger announced he will remain on the NEMSCA, Planning, and EDC Boards after leaving office.

Commissioner Emig:

- **Attended Road Commission Meeting- Seasonal Roads Discussed. DEQ Permit for Perry Lake could be waived if progress is shown.
- **Attended the MTA Meeting- Discussed the ORV Links; all Townships were represented. Suggest a letter to editor why opening all roads is not the solution.
- **Council on Aging- Discussed Community Caring

Public Comments:

- **A resident from Perry Lake stated that there is a sense of urgency with the Perry Lake Project, it has been going on for too long. All the Agencies are finally working together, but we are still waiting on

Mr. Shantz, there is no excuse. Another residents stated maybe we should look at another alternative to the easement in questioned however the Perry Lake Residents would have to start all over again with another design; this would be very costly. The 911 Ordinance was discussed with the possibility of a pamphlet for Townships to insert in Residents Tax Receipts. The County Clerk and the Election Committee held the recount for Mr. Chris Martin, running for 23rd Circuit Judge, at the Community Center on Monday December 8, 2008, the end results remained the same; costing the County \$1,200.00.

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting. [11:55 a.m.]

**Next Meeting Scheduled for
Tuesday, December 23, 2008
at 10:00 a.m.**

Joseph L. Stone, Chairman

Jeri Winton, County Clerk