

COUNTY OF OSCODA

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2009** AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX MIO, MICHIGAN

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

Members Excused:

Others Present: 12 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 **February 12, 2009 and accepted as presented.

Kauffman/Hunt a motion to accept the agenda for **February 12, 2009** as presented.
2009-052 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

The Minutes of **January 27, 2009 were reviewed and approved as presented. Also, the Closed Session Minutes of **January 27, 2009**, in regards to Real Estate- Perry Lake, (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.

Hunt/Trimmer a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular B.O.C Meeting held on
2009-053 **January 27, 2009** as presented.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Kauffman/Trimmer a motion to approve the **Closed Session Minutes**, from January 27, 2009,
2009-054 B.O.C Meeting.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments:

County Clerk, Ms. Jeri Winton, questioned the ad in the paper, regarding the eligibility of Elective Officials and County Employees not being able to apply to the Planning Commission Board?

Commissioner Stone stated it is due to the new bylaws passed. Ms. Tammy Emig announced a Mediation Class being offered in April, the Community Mediation Services help assist people in resolving their disputes.

Appointments:

**Mr. Lee Schultz asked the Board to consider returning his bond in the amount of \$100.00. Mr. Schultz realizes it has taken him a few years to complete his building project and appreciates the extensions, however he did not realize his bond would be forfeited. Mr. Tim Whiting, Building Inspector, stated that Mr. Schultz was sent a notice stating his bond would be forfeited if he did not pull another extension, Mr. Schultz stated he did not receive that letter. After some discussion, the Board made a motion to return his Bond.

Kauffman/Hunt a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to return Forfeit Building Bond #05-246,
2009-055 in the amount of \$100.00, to Mr. Lee R. Schultz, and so amend the 2009 Budget.

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

**Ms. Courtney Box, Employee Benefit Solutions, Inc. presented the Board with a proposal for Health Insurance. At a previous meeting, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Hunt and Jeri Winton, County Clerk, met with Ms. Box and reviewed different options and price structures. At today's meeting Ms. Box addressed the rest of the Board presenting several different options. Also discussed was the "Smart Card", which could be used to simplify employee reimbursement for prescriptions and/or doctor visits, however Ms. Box stated that she would not recommend it at this time, until some clinches have been worked out. The Board will review all the information provided by Ms. Box, Employee Benefit Solutions, Inc. to compare and consideration, for a future change in County Health Insurance Benefits.

**Ms. Denise Agius, Nature's Best Farmers Market Manager, asked the Board to allow the Nature's Best Farmers Market to use the Courthouse Lawn on Saturdays during the Summer, they would provide their own liability insurance. This will be Nature's Best Farmers Market second year in operation and they intend to provide healthy fresh produce and other assorted nutritional non-commercial food to the residents and visitors of Oscoda County on Tuesday's in Fairview and on Saturday's in Mio. Ms. Agius, also presented a copy of the policies and procedures and the Nature's Best Farmers Market 2009 Membership Agreement. After some discussion the following motion was made.

Kauffman/Hunt a motion to allow "Natures Best Farmers Market" to use the Courthouse Lawn on
2009-056 Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from May 16, 2009 through October 31, 2009.

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

**Mr. Jeff Melloh, Future Com Inc, Telecommunications Consultant, presented the Board with a proposal to change the Counties Annex Building phone service to Michigan Access, who is currently the Counties Internet provider. Mr. Melloh stated the County would be asked to sign a three year contract, however the County could see up to a 30% savings monthly. After some discussion the following motion was made.

Kauffman/Hunt a motion to accept the Contract between Oscoda County and Michigan Access for phone
2009-057 service provided to the County Annex Building; effective date upon Chairman's signature.

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

Old Business:

**Commissioner Kauffman has requested that Motion 2008-354 "to authorize the Oscoda County Prosecutor's Office, as the County Attorney, to begin condemnation procedures against the property owned by Jason & Laura Brown and Catherine Brown, for the easement required to proceed with the Perry Lake Project immediately" be amended, made at the December 23, 2008 Board of Commissioner's Meeting and approved at the January 13,

2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting, to reflect his Roll Call Vote as NO and not YES as it is reflected, after some research it was type in the Minutes incorrectly.

**Kauffman/Hunt
2009-058** a motion to amend Motion 2008-354 to reflect the Roll Call Vote for Commissioner Kauffman as a NO vote, therefore making the vote a 4 yes-1 no, Motion Carried, instead of a 5-0 yes vote, Motion Carried, as reflected in the Minutes of 12/23/08.

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

New Business:

**The Board received the annual letter from Mr. Norman C. Caldwell, P.S., Remonumentation Grant Administrator, requesting the approval for the 2009 Remonumentation Contracts for Mr. Marvin Myers, and Mr. Mark Herman from Wilcox & Associates.

**Hunt/Marsh
2009-059** a motion to approve the 2009 Remonumentation Contracts for Myers, and Herman from Wilcox & Associates for Remonumentation in Oscoda County.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Financial:

** The Board received a letter from the Prosecutor, Kathleen Solomon, requesting the purchase of office equipment, in the amount of \$2,025.00. After review of the documentation presented, Commissioner Marsh made the following motion.

**Marsh/Trimmer
2009-060** a motion to move \$2,025.00 from Contingency to the Prosecutor's Office Expense line 101-229-775.00 (Non-Capital) and so amend the 2009 Budget.

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

**Commissioner Stone was going to request the Board of Commissioners Office have \$100.00 Petty Cash on hand for County Business; for example special postage that has to be purchased or allow the B.O.C Office, who has to use cash out of their own pocket for County Business, be reimbursed for such cash actions by the County Clerk's Office s immediately. County Clerk, Ms. Jeri Winton, stated that the Clerk's Office would make those reimbursements out of petty cash, therefore no action was taken.

Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerk's Office, dated for **February 12, 2009 was approved to include two invoices from Dan Kauffman and to correct the sales tax on one invoice, total Claims & Audit is \$68,454.27.

**Kauffman/Marsh
2009-061** a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **February 12, 2009** presented by the Clerk's Office, to include two invoices from Dan Kauffman and to correct the sales tax on one invoice, total Claims & Audit is \$68,454.27.

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

Correspondence, Reports, Resolutions (acknowledge receipt):

**Letter received from Peggy Ebert-ORV Helmer Lake

**E-mail from Paige Perry – ORV Up-date.

**Letter received from Michael Gammicchia-Resignation.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Stone:

- **Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Kauffman with Michigan Works and Northern Tool Inc.- Discussed the future of Northern Tool staying in Mio.
- **Attended a NEMCSA Meeting- First meeting introduced to Board Members, NEMCSA represents over 42 different programs and has a \$30 Million Dollar Budget.
- **Met with County Attorney, Kathleen Solomon, along with Commissioner Hunt- Perry Lake Discussed.
- **Attended the annual MAC Conference- Topics included; Court Performance, Human Services and Insurance (PA106).
- **Met with the County Clerk, Jeri Winton, along with Commissioner Hunt-Annual wage increase discussed.

Commissioner Hunt:

- **Attended District Health Department#2 Meeting- Union Negotiations regarding Health Insurance.
- **Attended Landfill Meeting-Held in Loud Township regard Gasification; raised a lot of questions and concerns.
- **Attended Road Commission Meeting – County Parking Project discussed for this Spring or Summer. Also discussed was Title I Funds, is the RC eligible to receive some of those funds?
- **Met with County Attorney, Kathleen Solomon, along with Commissioner Stone- Perry Lake Discussed.
- **Attended the annual MAC Conference- Topics included; Sentencing Guidelines, Revenue Sharing, and Insurance (PA106).
- **Met with the County Clerk, Jeri Winton, along with Commissioner Hunt-Annual wage increase discussed. Commissioner Hunt stated no action will be taken for FY2009.

Commissioner Kauffman:

- **Attended Michigan Airport Conference along with David Kauffman, Airport Manager, held in East Lansing. A MDOT-Aeronautics update was given.
- **Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Stone with Michigan Works and Northern Tool Inc.- Discussed the future of Northern Tool staying in Mio.
- **Attended Landfill Meeting-Held in Loud Township regard Gasification.
- **Attended the annual MAC Conference-
- **Met with the Animal Control Officer, Robert Berney, along with Commissioner Marsh-Animal Control future was discussed.

Commissioner Marsh:

- **Attend Park Board Meeting- Selected Committee Members.
- **Attended the annual MAC Conference- Topics included; Home Security and Insurance (PA106).
- **Met with the Animal Control Officer, Robert Berney, along with Commissioner Kauffman-Animal Control future was discussed.
- **Announced a ITC Representative will be at the EDC Board Meeting, scheduled for February 23, 2009.

Commissioner Trimmer:

- **Attended the Housing Commission Meeting- Ten MSDA Projects have been approved, just waiting on Funds to be released.
- **Attended the annual MAC Conference-

Public Comments:

- **County Treasurer, William Kendall, asked the Board to really look into the “Smart Care” before considering, he is concerned with the liability and the possibility of losing control of County Funds. Also, Mr. Kendall, stated in regards to the Road Commission being eligible for Title I Funds, it is his understanding that the Title I Funds are disbursed 75% going to schools and the other 25% going to the

Townships for County Roads based on acreage of National Forest Land. Ms. Peggy Ebert gave an up-date on behalf of the ORV Committee.

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting. [11:50 a.m.]

**Next Meeting Scheduled for
Tuesday February 24, 2009
At 10:00 a.m.**

Joseph L. Stone, Chairman

Jeri Winton, County Clerk