

# COUNTY OF OSCODA

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**MARCH 10, 2009**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **TUESDAY MARCH 10, 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: 15 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 **March 10, 2009** and accepted as presented, with the following additions.

New Business: Underemployment Discussion

New Business: Mental Health Board Appointment

Correspondence: Peggy Ebert- ORV Correspondence.

**Kauffman/Hunt** a motion to accept the agenda for **March 10, 2009** with noted additions.  
**2009-081** 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

\*\*The Minutes of **February 24, 2009** were reviewed and approved as presented. Also, the Closed Session Minutes of **February 24, 2009**, to discuss land acquisition at the Oscoda County Airport, 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.

**Hunt/Marsh** a motion to approve the Official Minutes and Closed Session Minutes of the  
**2009-082** **February 24, 2009** B. O.C. Meeting.

### Public Comments:

\*\*Ms. Cesalee Kuffel, MSU Extension, attended the meeting along with a high school student that was here to observe the Board meeting, as part of the Capital Experience Program through the 4-H Program. Ms. Tammy Emig stated she would like to see the Board reduce their current per-diem and mileage rates.

**Appointments:**

\*\*The Board’s first appointment, Mr. Paul Perry, Planning Commission Chair, had to cancel.

\*\*Mr. Kelly Smith, Fire Chief of the Luzerne Fire Department, submitted a request for Title III Funds, in the amount of \$4,614.00 to help with the purchase of equipment and activity expenses, in fighting wild land fires on forest land. The Luzerne Fire Department would like to purchase firefighter jumpsuits and firefighter water vest-pumps. The Luzerne Fire Department is also working towards plans to enhance the protection and education of people and property from wildfires.

**Hunt/Kauffman  
2009-083** a motion to award \$4,614.00 of Title III Funds to the Luzerne Fire Department and to authorize the County Treasurer to appropriate the \$4,614.00 at the end of the advertised 45-days, as required by Title III.

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

**Old Business:**

\*\*After some research, Commissioner Hunt confirmed that the “Wild Things Program” does address and teach the principles of the fire wise program, however to fund the program 100% with Title III Funds was not recommended. Commissioner Hunt stated that he would recommend that the Board approve \$1,500.00 of Title III Funds and subsidize the rest out of the General Fund (Civic Projects).

**Hunt/Trimmer  
2009-084** a motion to award \$1,500.00 of Title III Funds to the “Wild Things” Program and authorize the County Treasurer to appropriate the \$1,500.00 at the end of the advertised 45-days, as required by Title III. Also to move \$3,000.00 from Expense Line 101-115-807.08 (Civic Projects) to MSUE Expense Line 101-257-880.00(4-H Program), to cover the balance of the program, and so amend the 2009 Budget.

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

\*\*Commissioner Hunt gave a brief up-date on Perry Lake stating that a good faith offer was given and the party has until 5:00 p.m. today (March 10, 2009) to accept or reject. If rejected the Prosecutor, Kathleen Solomon, will proceed with the condemnation, either way the Perry Lake Project will move forward.

**New Business:**

\*\*The Board received a request to adopt, **Resolution 2009-002** “Support for County Remonumentation Program”. The State of Michigan is considering the various uses of proposed economic stimulus monies from the Federal Government. These additional funds will benefit the effectiveness and progress of the Survey and Remonumentation Program.

**RESOLUTION 2009-002**

**“SUPPORT FOR COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PROGRAM”**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan is considering the various uses of proposed economic stimulus monies from the Federal Government; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006, the State of Michigan Legislature removed \$15,000,000 from the State Survey and Remonumentation fund in an effort to balance the state budget for that year; and

**WHEREAS**, in Section 54.271 of Act 345 of 1990, the Legislature cited specific funding levels for the program which have not been met; and

**WHEREAS**, since the removal of these funds in 2006, statewide funding for the program has decreased from \$10,134,000 in 2006 to \$4,000,000 in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of these funds has seriously impaired the effectiveness and progress of this program; and

**WHEREAS**, this program has been extremely beneficial to all residents of the State of Michigan, since original corner positions of the Public Land Survey control the boundaries of every parcel in Oscoda County and the State of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, this program is designed to recover, monument, record and perpetuate these original corner positions; and

**WHEREAS**, the information provided by this program is also designed to be the basis of all municipal GIS within the State; and

**WHEREAS**, these additional funds will benefit the implementation of each County-wide GIS, which is intended to assist in 911 emergency responses.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners is in support of the use of \$15,000,000 of the economic stimulus monies for the State of Michigan Survey and Remonumentation Program for 2009 and an additional \$15,000,000 to supplement the program through fiscal year 2010.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Cameron Brown, Representative Matthew Lori and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

**Motion #2009-085** Moved by Commissioner Kauffman and supported by Commissioner Trimmer to adopt the above Resolution at a Regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **March 10, 2009**.

**Roll Call Vote:** Commissioner Stone yes.  
Commissioner Marsh yes.  
Commissioner Trimmer yes.  
Commissioner Hunt yes.  
Commissioner Kauffman yes.

**RESOLUTION #2009-002 DECLARED ADOPTED**  
“SUPPORT FOR COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PROGRAM”

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**Joseph L. Stone, Chairman**  
**Oscoda County Board of Commissioners**

STATE OF MICHIGAN }  
COUNTY OF OSCODA }

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2009**, and that the said minutes are on file in the office of the Oscoda County Clerk and are available for public inspection.

**Jeri Winton, Oscoda County  
Clerk/Register of Deeds**

**Kauffman/Trimmer 2009-085** a motion to adopt **Resolution 2009-002** “Support for County Remonumentation Program” as presented.

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

\*\*Commissioner Hunt was asked by the District Health Department #2 whether Oscoda County was going to continue to pay 75% of the Food License Fee for non-profit fixed and temporary food licenses. Commissioner Hunt stated that none of the other Counties currently pay towards Food License Fees and recommends that Oscoda County follow suit. Commissioner Marsh asked if the County Budget could handle paying 50% for this year? Also, Commissioner Hunt stated a warrant for the violation of Environmental Health Regulations has been requested, in regards to the Popps Road situation.

**Marsh/Kauffmana 2009-086** motion to pay **50% of the Food License Fee** for Non-Profit fixed and temporary food licenses in Oscoda County, effective May 1, 2009.

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

\*\*Commissioner Marsh presented the Citizen Ambulance Advisory Board Bylaws for the Board to review and approve.

**Kauffman/Trimmer 2009-087** a motion to accept the Citizen Ambulance Advisory Board Bylaws, as presented.

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

\*\*Commissioner Hunt gave a brief update on some claims of Underemployment; the County Clerk’s Office has informed us of at least three different employees who have claimed Underemployment; employees who do not earn enough maybe entitled to unemployment benefits. The Clerk’s Office will keep us informed and take one claim at a time; a future budget amendment may be necessary. Commissioner Stone stated he received a letter in regards to one claim and asked the Board to allow Peter Cohl’s Office to follow-up.

**Kauffman/Marsh 2009-088** a motion to authorize Mr. Timothy Perrone, from Peter Cohl’s Office to following up with the Unemployment Claim, as recommended in the letter dated February 25, 2009.

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

\*\*The Board received a letter requesting the reappointment of Mr. Joe Stone to the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Board.

**Marsh/Hunt 2009-089** a motion to reappoint Mr. Joe Stone to the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Board for another term.

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

**Financial:**

\*\*Commissioner Hunt made a motion to amend the District Court Budget to cover Oscoda Counties share of the District Court Administrator compensation, as agree upon at the February 20, 2009 meeting.

**Hunt/Marsh** a motion to move \$11,600.00 from Contingency to District Court (Expense Line

**2009-090**

101-136-945.00 Pmt to other Counties) and authorize the County Clerk’s Office to pay Oscoda Counties share of the District Court Administrator’s wage, and so amend the 2009 Budget.

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

\*\*Commissioner Marsh made a motion to amend the Smith Lake Park Budget to cover the expected expenses for this summer, not including the projects (playground equipment, pavilion construction, etc.) currently being discussed.

**Marsh/Hunt  
2009-091**

a motion to amend Special Fund (218) Smith Lake Park to reflect estimated expenses, in the amount of \$1,721.00, and so amend the 2009 Budget.

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

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

	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
General Fund	\$120,789.41	\$185,777.08	\$306,566.49
Ambulance Equip		\$5,279.96	\$5,279.96
Sheriff Equip		\$30,527.30	\$30,527.30
911 Emergency	\$7,194.66	\$3,423.90	\$10,618.56
Officer Training		\$0.00	\$0.00
Park Fund	\$3,502.54	\$4,457.98	\$7,960.52
D.A.R.E.		\$0.00	\$0.00
Ambulance Fund	\$22,363.16	\$35,244.53	\$57,607.69
Friend/Court	\$1,856.40	\$4,574.15	\$6,430.55
Public Guardian	\$653.20	\$231.67	\$884.87
Fairgrounds		\$0.00	\$0.00
Smith Lake		\$0.00	\$0.00
Hazmat		\$0.00	\$0.00
Historical Comm.	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Gypsy Moth		\$1,760.00	\$1,760.00
Public Improvement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Dept.	\$3,225.57	\$3,071.22	\$6,296.79
R.O.D. Automation		\$0.00	\$0.00
Drug Law Enforcement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Law Library		\$0.00	\$0.00
Library	\$3,793.65	\$6,683.75	\$10,477.40
Council/Aging		\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
EDC Revolving Loan		\$0.00	\$0.00

RSRF		\$0.00	\$0.00
Social Services		\$158,086.72	\$158,086.72
Child Care		\$23,447.59	\$23,447.59
Soldiers & Sailors		\$1,344.55	\$1,344.55
Veterans Trust		\$0.00	\$0.00
Airport		\$1,081.79	\$1,081.79
Youth Service		\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
Tax Revolving		\$22,636.36	\$22,636.36
Summer Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b><i>SUB TOTALS</i></b>	\$163,378.59	\$503,393.55	<b>\$666,772.14</b>
Road Commission			\$186,116.87
<b><i>Grand Total</i></b>		<b>\$852,889.01</b>	

**Hunt/Kauffman  
2009-092**

a motion to accept the Expenditures for the month of **February 2009**, in the amount of **\$666,772.14**, as presented by the Clerk's Office.

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

\*\*The Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerk's Office, dated for **March 10, 2009** was approved, in the amount of **\$49,370.23**.

**Kauffman/Marsh  
2009-093**

a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **March 10, 2009** presented by the Clerk's Office, in the amount of **\$49,370.23**.

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

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

\*\*Letter received from EDA (Economic Development Alliance) request to appoint a Commissioner to their Board.

\*\*Letter from Perry Lake Associate Board in regards to moving forward on the Condemnation.

\*\*Big Creek Township Minutes- ORV Public Hearing.

\*\*Peggy Ebert- ORV Correspondence.

**Committee Reports:**

**Commissioner Stone:**

\*\*Attended the ORV Advisory Committee Meeting-Mentor Township left to hold a Public Hearing.

\*\*Held a meeting with Prosecutor, Kathleen Solomon, along with Commissioner Hunt, to discuss the Perry Lake Project.

\*\*Held a meeting with Mr. Mike Warren, in regards to the County Mapping Project- The project is on schedule.

\*\*Held a meeting with a MERS Representative, along with Commissioner Hunt, to discuss Health Retirement Savings and Short & Long Term Disability.

\*\*Held a meeting with Sheriff Grace, along with Commissioner Marsh, to discuss Animal Control-

**Commissioner Hunt:**

\*\*Attended District Health Department#2 Meeting-Possible union agreement reached.

\*\*Attended Landfill Meeting- Required to capture the methane gas. Lagoon System discussed.

Gasification Committee to meet regarding Gasification Project.

- \*\*Attended the N. Michigan Substance Abuse Meeting-Board appointment issue resolved.
- \*\*Held a meeting with Prosecutor, Kathleen Solomon, along with Commissioner Stone, to discuss the Perry Lake Project.
- \*\*Held a meeting with a MERS Representative, along with Commissioner Stone, to discuss Health Retirement Savings and Short & Long Term Disability.

**Commissioner Kauffman:**

- \*\*Attended Landfill Meeting-Equipment Repairs and Maintenance Concerns.
- \*\*Recycling Committee to meet soon to discuss the future of the program; Counties will have to make some hard decisions in the future.
- \*\*Attended the MAC Environmental Committee in Lansing-Townships & County to manage storm water discussed.
- \*\*Attended a Risk Management Meeting for the Landfill- Safety & required safety equipment discussed.

**Commissioner Marsh:**

- \*\*Attended Ambulance Advisory Board Meeting-Discussed ways to make the public aware of the 911 Signs (Ordinance) and File for life cards.
- \*\*Attended Committee Meeting from the EDC Board- Discussed the Garage Sale out at the Fairgrounds. Also, Smith Lake Park projects were discussed.
- \*\*Park Board- Discussed reservations for this summer.
- \*\*Held a meeting with Sheriff Grace, along with Commissioner Stone, to discuss Animal Control- It was the census of the Board to not hire a part-time temporary Animal Control Officer at this time and have the Sheriff's Department continue to oversee.

**Commissioner Trimmer:**

- \*\*Attended the MTA Meeting-Discussed Tax Reviews.

**Public Comments:**

- \*\*Ms. Emig thanked the Board for paying 50% towards the Non-profit Food License Fees, it helps.

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting. [10:45 a.m.]

**Next Meeting Scheduled for  
Tuesday, March 24, 2009  
at 10:00 a.m.**

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**Joseph L. Stone, Chairman**

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**Jeri Winton, County Clerk**