

COUNTY OF OSCODA

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OFFICIAL MINUTES May 26th, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONERS'S ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, MIO, MICHIGAN 48647

Chairman Stone called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: 11 members of the public were in attendance.

Pledge to the Flag

The Board reviewed the agenda with the following amendments:

Remove: Ambulance Department New Position Request

Add: BOC Unofficial Report

Add: Tape Recording of Board Meetings

Marsh/Trimmer a motion to accept the agenda for **May 26, 2009** with noted
2009-170 additions and removals.

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

The minutes for May 12th, 2009 were reviewed.

Marsh/Kauffman a motion to approve the Unofficial Minutes for **May 12th,**
2009-171 **2009** B.O.C. Meeting as presented.

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

Commissioner Hunt presented the BOC Unofficial Report for review.

Hunt/Trimmer a motion to accept Board of Commissioners Unofficial
2009-172 Report for May 12th, 2009

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

Public Comments:

Tammy Emig questioned the Board on what their Unofficial Report was and if it was available to the Public.

Appointments:

NONE

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

RESOLUTION 2009-008

“TO OPPOSE SJR H”

WHEREAS, the Michigan Senate approved SJR H, which would amend the Michigan Constitution to require the taxable value of property to remain the same if that property's value declined, even if the property's assessed value remained higher than its taxable value; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Fiscal Agency report dated March 12, 2009, warned that "The proposed constitutional amendment would reduce both State and local property taxes by approximately \$253.0 million in the first year the amendment was in effect"; and

WHEREAS, SJR H would have a devastating effect on every unit of local government, every public school system, and every County in the State of Michigan, and would require dramatic cuts in public safety and justice, roads, parks, and other services; and

WHEREAS, SJR H would also have a devastating effect on the State budget because, according to the Senate Fiscal Agency's report, the State would be forced to increase funding for the School Aid Fund to compensate for the lost property tax revenue, resulting in further cuts in State funding for other vital state services; and

WHEREAS, SJR H is unnecessary because Proposal A already protects property owners from large increases in their property taxes by limiting annual increases in property's taxable value to 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, empirical studies show that businesses and individuals consider quality of life a higher priority than tax rates when considering to maintain operations or residency in Michigan, and SJR H would therefore hinder our ability to attract and retain businesses and highly skilled workers by reducing funding for basic public services,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners opposes SJR H, and urges our State Representatives to oppose the House version of SJR H, and to urge their colleagues in the House to also oppose the bill; and

THEREFORE IT BE ALSO RESOLVED that the County Clerk send a copy of this resolution to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Lt. Gov. John Cherry, State Senator Liz Brater, and to other counties for their consideration.

**Hunt/Marsh
2009-173**

a motion to adopt **Resolution 2009-008 “To Oppose SJR H”**
Roll Call Vote: Stone **Yes**; Marsh **Yes**; Trimmer **Yes**;
Hunt **Yes**; Kauffman **No**; **Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION 2009-009

"Proclaiming July 12 -18, 2009 as Road Rage Awareness Week"

It is with urgency that we continue to persist on getting the message out that "Road Rage Kills" and Only We can prevent it. We must continue to educate our public through our billboards, brochures, literature as well as presentations to our high school and college students, driver education classes with seminars, conferences, forums, workshops, and by any means necessary.

Whereas, Reaching Out Against Road Rage, Inc. (RO.AR.R), Inc., a nonprofit (SOlc3 tax exempt) organization located in Muskegon County, within the state of Michigan, has a mission, which consists of the three P's: prevention of Road Rage; protection and support of victims against Road Rage; and the promotion of life by saving lives.

Whereas, to achieve this mission R.O.AR.R, Inc. is promoting awareness and education on the prevention of Road Rage; working in an effort to reduce the number of incidents; and advocate support and assistance to victims and their families in their recovery process.

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) defines Road Rage as "an assault with a motor vehicle or other dangerous weapon by the operator or passenger(s) of another motor vehicle or an assault precipitated by an incident that occurred on a roadway"

Whereas, a study done by the AAA Foundation indicates an average of at least 1,500 men, women, and children are injured or killed each year in the United States from the violent acts of Road Rage.

Whereas, RO.ARR, Inc. understands that to solve a problem, we must first be aware of the problem. Road Rage is a growing problem in Michigan as well as in our country.

Whereas, R.O.AR.R., Inc., recognizes that drivers face roads wrought with death due in part to the rage in other drivers and themselves.

Whereas, we must stop the killing, injuries, and mental anguish; we must work together as a community; and reprogram the destructive attitudes and behaviors that cause Road Rage.

Be it Resolved, that the organization RO.ARR, Inc., Board of Directors, Kay Shabazz, President, and other individuals and organizations are partnered in a "Road Rage Awareness Campaign" to bring closure to the escalating Road Rage problem.

Be it Resolved, that we urge support and collaboration to adopt the week of July 12 - 18, 2009, as "Road Rage Awareness Week".

Be it therefore resolved, that the week of July 12 - 18, 2009, be proclaimed as "Road Rage Awareness Week", thus promoting prevention of a dysfunctional act to improve traffic safety.

**Kauffman/Hunt
2009-174**

a motion to adopt **Resolution 2009-009 "Proclaiming July 12-18, 2009 Road Rage Awareness Week:**

Roll Call Vote: Trimmer Yes; Hunt Yes; Kauffman Yes; Stone Yes; Marsh Yes; Motion Carried.

Legal Services of Northern Michigan Inc. sent a letter to Chairman Stone requesting a letter of Support for their efforts; they are a non-profit corporation and law firm that provides free legal assistance and representation to low income residents. They would greatly appreciate a response by June 5, 2009.

**Hunt/Kauffman
2009-175** a motion to support Legal Services of Northern Michigan Inc. in their efforts.

5 ayes; 0 nays; **Motion Carried**

Duane Roddy, EDC Director presented a letter requesting that the board send a letter of support for the new buyers of Garland to Comerica Bank Emie Zarb, Senior Vice President Special Assets Group.

**Kauffman/Marsh
2009-176** a motion to send a letter of support to Comerica Bank, Emie Zarb Senior Vice President Special Assets Group for the new Buyers of Garland.

5 ayes; 0 nays; **Motion Carried**

Commissioner Hunt discussed with the board the BOC Unofficial Report and that he would like to have it be a permanent item on the board's agenda each meeting.

**Hunt/Trimmer
2009-177** a motion to add the BOC Unofficial Report on the agenda for approval at each meeting

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

Commissioner Hunt discussed with the board about tape recording the Commissioners meetings, and how if they decided to tape them that once the board approved the unofficial minutes they could at that time erase the tape.

**Hunt/
2009-** a motion to Tape Record the Board of Commissioners meetings and erasing the tape after the minutes are Official.

Motion Failed due to lack of Support

Financials:

Letter was sent by Judge Root requesting approval of payment of \$300.00 to Robert Nixon as part of the annual benefit under Article XXIII of the 23rd Circuit Court employees union contract.

**Trimmer/Kauffman
2009-178** a motion to move \$300.00 from Contingency to the General Fund 101-132 Family Court Training; to reimburse Robert Nixon and so amend the 2009 Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Marsh Yes; Trimmer Yes; Hunt Yes; Kauffman Yes; Stone Yes; Motion Carried

Total Expenditures for the Month of April 2009 were presented by the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$841,898.42.

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
General Fund	\$124,855.95	\$182,479.23	\$307,335.18
Ambulance Equip		\$192,339.98	\$192,339.98
Sheriff Equip		\$623.66	\$623.66

911 Emergency	\$7,719.08	\$1,982.92	\$9,702.00
Officer Training		\$0.00	\$0.00
Park Fund	\$2,982.54	\$1,765.42	\$4,747.96
D.A.R.E.		\$0.00	\$0.00
Ambulance Fund	\$21,477.35	\$30,578.50	\$52,055.85
Friend/Court	\$1,856.40	\$6,132.19	\$7,988.59
Public Guardian	\$658.20	\$235.62	\$893.82
FairGrounds		\$86.09	\$86.09
Smith Lake		\$0.00	\$0.00
Hazmat		\$433.54	\$433.54
Historical Comm	\$0.00	\$35.61	\$35.61
Gypsy Moth		\$4,846.29	\$4,846.29
Public Improvement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Dept.	\$3,341.40	\$369.78	\$3,711.18
R.O.D. Automation		\$2,867.70	\$2,867.70
Drug Law Enforcement		\$0.00	\$0.00
Law Library		\$270.19	\$270.19
Library	\$3,995.16	\$3,612.70	\$7,607.86
Council/Aging		\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00
EDC Revolving Loan		\$0.00	\$0.00
RSRF		\$0.00	\$0.00
Social Services		\$193,301.42	\$193,301.42
Child Care		\$17,297.43	\$17,297.43
Soldiers & Sailors		\$6,830.21	\$6,830.21
Veterans Trust		\$0.00	\$0.00
Airport		\$30.44	\$30.44
Youth Service		\$0.00	\$0.00
Tax Revolving		\$4,893.42	\$4,893.42
Summer Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

SUB TOTALS	\$166,886.08	\$675,012.34	\$841,898.42
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Road Commission	\$221,152.59
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Grand Total	\$1,063,051.01
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**Hunt/Trimmer
2009-179**

a motion to accept the Total Expenditures for the Month of April
2009 presented by the Clerk's Office in the amount of
\$841,898.42.

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

Claims and Audit Docket was presented by the Clerk's Office dated for May 26, 2009 in the amount of \$61,722.24.

**Hunt/Kauffman
2009-180**

a motion to accept Claims & Audit for May 26th, 2009 presented by the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$61,722.24

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

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Trimmer:

Attended-Housing Commission Board Meeting-New Foreclosure Counselor Hired.

Attended-Human Resource Meeting-Poverty issues discussed.

Attended-MSU Extension Meeting-Voluntary Appreciation Day set for August 27, 2009.

Commissioner Marsh:

Attended-Library Board Meeting-Reviewed upcoming projects.

Attended-Historical Society Meeting-No Quorum.

Attended-Friends of Steiner Museum-Discussed upcoming events.

Attended-Planning Commission Meeting-Current Development in Township and County.

Attended-Ambulance Advisory Meeting-Denise Johnson left sent letter.

Attended-EDC Board Meeting-Reviewed old business and new business, Smith Lake Beach Project, Playground equipment, Garage Sale, Duane Roddy gave report on how it turned out.

Commissioner Hunt:

Attended- Landfill Special Meeting-On the Gasification.

Attended-Greenwood Township Meeting-With EDC on Garland.

Attended-Health Department Meeting-New Interim Medical Director Dr. Carron.

Toured the Ambulance Department.

Attended-Department Head Meeting.

Attended-Landfill Meeting-For Claims.

**Attended-Landfill Meeting-Discussed payment for attending MAC meetings, new hours for landfill.
Discussed having a 3 County Meeting for all Commissioners and the
Public no date set at this time.**

Attended-County Road Commission Meeting-MDOT building vacant, joint venture with the County and the Road Commission, ORV discussed.

Commissioner Stone:

Attended-District Health Meeting.

Attended-Animal Control Meeting.

Attended-Department Head Meeting-Looking to having quarterly meetings.

Public Comments:

Steiner Museum update.

ORV Problems for complaints call 989-826-3214.

Would like to see a committee appointed to work on signage for the ORV trails, Commissioner Hunt and Commissioner Marsh were appointed to the committee.

Memorial Day Service was well attended.

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for
Tuesday, June 9th, 2009
At 10:00 a.m.**

Joseph L. Stone – Chairman

Jeri Winton – County Clerk/Register