

# COUNTY OF OSCODA

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2009**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 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: 7 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 **September 22, 2009** and approved with one addition.

Correspondence – Letter received from Sandra Suchland.

**Hunt/Marsh** a motion to accept the agenda for **September 22, 2009**, with one noted addition.  
**2009-274** 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

\*\*The Minutes of **September 8, 2009** were reviewed and approved, with one noted correction to Motion 2009-270. The August Expenditure Report approved was 2008 and not 2009, it was sent accidentally. The correct August 2009 Expenditure was inserted with a total of \$575,137.22, correcting the 09/08/09 Minutes.

**Hunt/Marsh** a motion to approve the Unofficial Minutes from the **September 8, 2009**  
**2009-275** B.O.C. Meeting, with noted correction (Motion 2009-270).  
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

### Public Comments:

Mrs. Sandra Suchland addressed the Board regarding the Counties EDC Departments Director's position and the future of the EDC Board. Sheriff Grace presented information on the "Running Toward a Cure" 5k Run/Walk for the American Cancer Society held on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

### Appointments:

**Old Business:**

\*\*At the B.O.C Meeting on 08/25/09 the Board made a motion to appropriate \$10,239.00 towards the “Smith Lake Project” proposed by the EDC & Fairgrounds Board, contingent upon receipt of the 2009 Landfill \$30,000.00 Reimbursement. On Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Landfill Claims & Audit Meeting a check was signed and approved for the \$30,000.00 however the full Landfill Board will not approve the Claims & Audit until their next meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. The Board and the Maintenance Supervisor are eager to move forward on this project; therefore a motion to supersede the previous motion was made to authorize the Treasurer to release those funds.

**Hunt/Marsh  
2009-276** a motion to supersede motion 2009-247 and authorize the County Treasurer to appropriate \$10,239.00 from the General Fund to Special Fund (218) Smith Lake, immediately, for the “Smith Lake Project”.

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

\*\*The Board received a copy of the Oscoda County Park and Recreation Commission Bylaws and Rules Procedures to review. At the B.O.C. Meeting on 08/11/09 Commissioner Stone asked to table the approval of the Oscoda County Park & Recreation Commission Bylaws and Rules & Procedures until some questions could be answered. Commissioner Kauffman stated that the Boards concerns were addressed with the Park Board, therefore he made a motion to accept the Oscoda County Park and Recreation Commission Bylaws and Rules Procedures as they were presented, however he could not get a second; Commissioner Hunt stated the hiring & firing of employee’s is still a concern. After some discussion, Commissioner Hunt made a motion to adopt as presented with one amendment to XII Employees: The Park Manager may in accordance with the authority delegated by the Commission, employ or discharge any employee or make other special provisions thereto **“with the approval of the Board of Commissioners”**.

**Hunt/Marsh  
2009-277** a motion to approve the Oscoda County Park and Recreation Commission Bylaws and Rules Procedures, as presented with one noted amendment to XII, for the FY2009- FY2013.

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

\*\*Commissioner Stone and Commissioner Hunt met with Jennifer Huebel, District Court Administrator, in regards to hiring a part-time clerk. This position is a re-hire that was already in their 2009 budget. After some discussion, Commissioner Hunt made the following motion.

**Hunt/Trimmer  
2009-278** a motion to make an exemption to the “Hiring Freeze” and allow District Court to hire a part-time employee, in accordance to County hiring practices, 28 hours per week, at \$10.35 per hour, effective 09-22-09-12-31-09 (subject for review).

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

**New Business:**

\*\*The Board received a request to consider a resolution that “Supports House Bills 4785 & 4786- Expansion of Unemployment Benefits and acceptance of \$138 Million in Federal Stimulus Funds”.

**RESOLUTION 2009-020**  
“OSCODA COUNTY SUPPORTS HOUSE BILLS 4785 AND 4786 - EXPANSION OF  
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND ACCEPTANCE OF \$138 MILLION  
IN FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS”

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's unemployment rate has reached staggering levels due to the national recession; and

**WHEREAS**, the bankruptcy of General Motors and Chrysler Corporation has further added to the economic hardship of Michigan's working families; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 makes additional unemployment benefits available to individual states; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's share of these federal dollars would total \$138 million that would go directly to unemployed workers and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the bulk of these funds would help pay for necessities such as food and shelter which in turn will bolster local merchants and help to stabilize the housing market; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan House has passed legislation that would expand unemployment benefits for workers in training programs and those seeking part-time employment; and

**WHEREAS**, enactment of this legislation is necessary to become eligible for the \$138 million in federal stimulus aid.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners strongly encourages the Michigan Senate to pass and Governor Jennifer Granholm to sign into law House Bills 4785 and 4786 as soon as possible so that these federal dollars can rapidly be brought into our communities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Tony Stamas, House Representative Andy Neumann, Governor Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan counties.

**Kauffman/Trimmer 2009-279** a motion to adopt **Resolution 2009-020** "Oscoda County Supports House Bills 4785 & 4786- Expansion of Unemployment Benefits and acceptance of \$138 Million in Federal Stimulus Funds", as presented.

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

\*\*The Board received a copy of the contract for the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Title V Planning Grant along with a request to create the revenue & expense lines needed, from Judge Root. Commissioner Hunt stated that under the 1) General Terms that the language in section C-1 needs to state annually not monthly in regards to the reimbursement basis.

**Trimmer/Kauffman 2009-280** a motion to approve the contract, for the performance of services for the completion of a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Plan, between the Independent Contractor, Oscoda County, and Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement as presented with one noted amendment to General Terms (1-C-1).

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

**Hunt/Marsh  
2009-281**

a motion to authorize the County Treasurer's Office to create revenue line 101-000-557.00 Bryne Jag & Title V Grant and expense line 101-132-903.00 (Family Division) Title V Grant & 101-132-903.01 Bryne Jag Grant as requested by Judge Root and to reflect the approved \$32,000.00 for the Title V Grant in the 2009 Budget and so amend the Budget.

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

**Financial:**

\*\*The Sheriff's Department on their 2010 Budget 911 worksheets requested a new line for wages. In 2010 the Sheriff has split wages for County Dispatchers with the 911 Budget.

**Kauffman/Hunt  
2009-282**

a motion to authorize the County Treasurer's Office to created a new wage line 104-301-704.05 for Stenzel under Special Fund Budget 911, as recommended by the Sheriff.

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

\*\*The MAACO Fall Conference is scheduled for Oct.6- Oct. 8 in Lansing. This is training our Animal Control Officer needs in order to write citations and to carry out his duties.

**Marsh/Hunt  
2009-283**

a motion to approve the Animal Control Officer, Rex Schanck, to attend the 3-day MAACO 2009 Fall Conference held in Lansing, total cost \$490.44, to be paid out of General Fund (430) expense line 101-430-960.00 Animal Control Training, and to reimburse Mr. Schanck for his expenses accrued, immediately upon his return.

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

\*\*The Board received a request from Amy Knepp, Library Director, with a list of 2009 Budget Amendments.

271-790-708.00 Per Diems Decrease \$ 500.00  
271-790-745.00 Books Decrease \$ 3,000.00  
271-790-745.01 Periodical Decrease \$ 356.00  
271-790-745.02 Audio Visual Decrease \$ 221.00  
271-790-912.00 Insurance Decrease \$ 175.00  
271-790-933.00 Bldg. Equip. Decrease \$200.00  
271-790-977.00 New Equip. Cap. Decrease \$ 205.00

**Marsh/Hunt  
2009-284**

a motion to make the necessary budget amendments, as requested by the Library Director and approved by the Library Board at their 08/12/09 Meeting, per list, and so amend the 2009 Library Budget.

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

\*\*The Board reviewed and approved the Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerk's Office, dated for **September 22, 2009**, total Claims & Audit **\$42,927.88**.

**Hunt/Trimmer** a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **September 22, 2009** presented by  
**2009-285** the Clerk's Office, total Claims & Audit **\$42,927.88**.

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

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

\*\*Letter received from Sandra Suchland interested in the position of EDC Director.

**Committee Reports:**

**Commissioner Stone:**

- \*\*Met with Jennifer Huebel, along with Commissioner Hunt to discuss the part-time District Court Clerk's position.
- \*\*Met with the Animal Control Officer, Rex Schanck, to discuss obtaining his Animal Control license and followed up with a residents concern.
- \*\*Received an e-mail from the Road Commission with an up-date on the MDOT Building. It is looking Like in October or the 1<sup>st</sup> of November area before the MDOT Building will be available.

**Commissioner Hunt:**

- \*\*Attended the Landfill Claims & Audit. Approved the \$30,000.00 "Financial Assurance". Reviewed Construction Project, GTZ has discounted some of their services.
- \*\*Met with Jennifer Huebel, along with Commissioner Stone to discuss the part-time District Court Clerk's position.
- \*\*Met with Casey Pullum, Ambulance Director, along with Commissioner Marsh to discuss the Counties Personnel, Ambulance Departments, and the Steelworkers Union Policies in regards to employee discipline.
- \*\*Attended the MTA Annual Picnic.
- \*\*Attended the Road Commission meeting. Discussed the Road Commission Policy for County Roads and Street Specifications; due to a misunderstanding in regards to roads at Garland.
- \*\*Working on the FY 2010 General and Special Fund Budgets. At this time the County expenses is more than our revenues, a short fall of \$76,751.3, this does not include an expected 16%-18% insurance increase or any employee wage increases. Each Department will receive a copy of their FY2010 Budget to review.

**Commissioner Kauffman:**

- \*\*Attended the MI Northern Counties Meeting. Discussed County Revenue Sharing Bills up for vote.
- \*\*Attending the Northeast Michigan Consortium. Michigan Works received funding (\$10,000.00) to assist the unemployed.
- \*\*Attended the NEMCOG Meeting-Reviewed By-laws & FY2010 Budget.

**Commissioner Marsh:**

- \*\*Attended the EDC & Fairgrounds Board Meeting. Discussed the Fairgrounds and Smith Lake Project and responsibilities and the EDA taking over the Counties EDC & Revolving Loans responsibilities. Approved a new business loan.
- \*\*Participated in a meeting with the Executive EDC Board Members and Joe Breugh, Maintenance Supervisor, to review and hand over the Fairgrounds and Smith Lake Project and their responsibilities.
- \*\*Met with Casey Pullum, Ambulance Director, along with Commissioner Hunt to discuss the Counties Personnel, Ambulance Departments, and the Steelworkers Union Policies in regards to employee discipline.

\*\*Attended the MTA Annual Picnic.

\*\*Attended NEMSCA Meeting. Elected Officers and reviewed projects.

\*\*Attended Park Board Meeting. Review the 2009 season. Approved an increase in camping fees for 2010.

\*\*Attended the Library Board Meeting- Reviewed Budget and reduced Library hours.

\*\*As the EDC Interim Director, I reviewed the EDC Departments e-mails and phone messages.

**Commissioner Trimmer:**

\*\*Attended the Housing Commission Board Meeting. Discussed Budget and an employee personnel manual.

\*\*Attending the Council on Aging Meeting. Received 2010 Grant. Audit completed and now has a monthly news letter.

\*\*Attended the MTA Annual Picnic.

\*\*Attended the D.H.S Board Meeting- Child Support Contract approved.

\*\*Attended the Human Service Council Meeting. Judge Root gave a presentation on the Title V Grant.

**Public Comments:**

\*\*Ms. Tammy Emig, EDC Board Chair, thanked the Board for moving forward on the Smith Lake Project. Also, Ms. Emig stated a draft of an EDA Contract has been distributed for everyone to review and hope the Board keeps an open mind before making any decisions. Ms. Suchland asked if anyone had any question for her.

\*\*Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday,  
**October 13, 2009** at 10:00 a.m.