

COUNTY OF OSCODA

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OCTOBER 27, 2009

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2009** AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX MIO, MICHIGAN

Members Present: Commissioners Stone, Hunt, Marsh, and Trimmer.
Members Excused: Kauffman.
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 **October 27, 2009 and approved as presented.

Marsh/Trimmer a motion to accept the agenda for **October 27, 2009** as presented.
2009-310 4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

The Minutes of **October 13, 2009 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Hunt/Marsh a motion to approve the Unofficial Minutes from the **October 13, 2009**
2009-311 B.O.C. Meeting as presented.
4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments:

**Ms. Mary Jergenson, from Senator Stamos Office, reported on the State's decision to cut funding for MSU Extension Offices, cancelling all programs, meetings, and activities; a quick override of the veto is their only hope to continue to exist. Ms. Jergenson encourages Counties to contact their State Representative and State Senator immediately.

Appointments:

Old Business:

**Commissioner Stone and Marsh met with the Steelworkers Union Representatives and an agreement was made through mediation to return Custodian I back to 40 hours, effective October 14, 2009.

Marsh/Hunt a motion to settle grievance (6-30-09-01) by returning Custodian I to 40 hours per
2009-312 week, retro back to October 14, 2009, based on the agreement signed on October 13, 2009 between all parties.

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

New Business:

** The Board received a grievance 10-02-09-01, from the Steelworkers Union, against the Ambulance Department in regards to the Secretary taking EMT runs. Commissioner Stone discussed with the Ambulance Director, Casey Pullum an agreement was made for now. Also, another grievance (9-14-09-01) was received, from an EMT from the Ambulance Department and Steelworkers Union in regards to “Unjustified Discharge”. Commissioner Stone stated that Commissioner Marsh and himself met with the USWA Union Representatives and a agreement is still pending. The following motions were made:

**Marsh/Hunt
2009-313** a motion to continue to work with the USWA towards a settlement to grievance (09-14-09-01) and have an agreement by November 10, 2009 or take the grievance to the next step mediation.

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

**Marsh/Hunt
2009-314** a motion to settle grievance (10-02-09-01) by authorizing payment to Sherry Wilson, at the Ambulance EMT Wage, for two hours of service served as an EMT and not allow Sherry Wilson to work as an EMT for the Oscoda County Ambulance Service Department, until further notice.

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

**Marsh/Hunt
2009-315** a motion to allow Sherry Wilson, an Ambulance Department Employee, to fulfill her Education Contract with Oscoda County as an EMT, in another County, until further notice.

4 ayes; 0 nays: **Motion Carried**

Financial:

**The Board received a request from the Treasurer’s Office, on behalf of Judge Root, to create a new Special Fund for the Byrne JAG Grant and the Revenue & Expenses lines necessary to carry out the Grant.

**Hunt/Marsh
2009-316** a motion to add a new “Special Fund (282) Byrne JAG” and authorize the Treasurer’s Office to create the necessary Revenue and Expense lines, and so amend the budget.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerk’s Office, dated for **October 27, 2009, total Claims & Audit **\$34,571.06**.

**Hunt/Trimmer
2009-317** a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **October 27, 2009** presented by the Clerk’s Office, total Claims & Audit **\$34,571.06**.

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

Correspondence, Reports, Resolutions (acknowledge receipt):

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Stone:

- **Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Marsh, Casey Pullum, Ambulance Director and Steelworkers Union Representatives to discuss Grievance No. 10-02-09-01.
- **Attended a meeting with Judge Root to discuss the Byrne JAG Grant.
- **Attended the Mental Health Meeting. Discussed Budget concerns. Presentation on “Gentle Touch” Program.
- **Attended the Landfill Meeting; replaced Commissioner Kauffman. Purchased a new compactor.
- **Attended the District Health Department #2 Board Meeting.
- **Participated in a meeting along with Commissioner Marsh, Sheriff, County Clerk & Treasurer, Maintenance Supervisor and B.O.C Secretary to discuss, review, and up-date the Counties Bidding Policy.
- **The final stage of the “Smith Lake Project” should be completed this week.

Commissioner Hunt:

- **Attended the Landfill Meeting & Claims & Audit Meeting. The groundwater permit is pending; Landfill Board is concern with the Engineering Firm (GZA). Researching concerns from homeowners from “Turtle Lake Hunt Club”. Attended the “Special Informational Meeting” held in Alpena in regards to the Recycling Program. Discussed ways to continue the program in each County; Oscoda Counties concern is with the hauling location and expense.
- **Attended a Gasification Meeting in Howard City, MI. HTI Sietsema Farms converts turkey litter into steam and power.
- **Attended the District Health Department #2 Meeting. Discussed the “Smoking Ban”. The Board is getting a legal opinion in regards to the next step each of the Counties can take. Still waiting on Swine Flu Vaccinations.
- **Attended the MI Northern Counties Meeting; replaced Commissioner Kauffman. Discussed Broad Band Internet Service. State Budget is still 7 ½ billion in the hole.
- **Attended the Northeast Health Plan Meeting- 2010 Budget approved. Oscoda County has 104 enrollee’s that participate in either Part A and/or Part B; programs that help low income families.
- **Attended the Road Commission meeting. Discussed the “Perry Lake Project”. The Perry Lake “Jury Trial” in regards to the Brown’s easement, is scheduled this week October 28th and 29th, 2009. The Road Commission is looking at a 5% decrease in State funding. Road Commission Retiree’s Health Ins. Senior Choice” is looking at over a 19% increase.
- **Worked on the FY 2010 General and Special Fund Budgets.

Commissioner Kauffman: Excused.

Commissioner Marsh:

- **Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Stone, Casey Pullum, Ambulance Director and Steelworkers Union Representatives to discuss Grievance No. 10-02-09-01.
- **Attended the Citizens Ambulance Advisory Board Meeting. Discussed 911 signs & compliance with the Ordinance.
- **Participated in a meeting along with Commissioner Stone, Sheriff, County Clerk & Treasurer, Maintenance Supervisor and B.O.C Secretary to discuss, review, and up-date the Counties Bidding Policy.
- **Attended the Ogemaw B.O.C scheduled “Public Hearing” held on October 22nd to discuss adopting the “Smoking Ban”. The Ogemaw Board voted 6-1 not to participate; leaving the other three Counties unable to move forward. The two main concerns were lawsuits and government control.
- **Attended both “Employee Insurance Meetings” held on October 26th to go over the Counties Health Insurance Change from PPO3 to PPO12 in January; only 12 employees attended. One more Employee Insurance Meeting will be scheduled in January, prior to PPO12 going into effect.
- **As the EDC Interim Director reviewed the EDC Departments e-mails and phone messages.

Commissioner Trimmer:

- **Attending the Housing Commission Board Meeting in Grayling. Reviewing their Bylaws and Budget. The Housing Secretary will be reduced to 30 hours. Credit Counselor position is still on hold.
- **Attended NEMCOG Meeting. Reviewed their Bylaws and Budget. Also, reviewing their Fraud Policy in regards to accepting “gifts”. Employees received a 3% pay raise. NEMCOG applied for a “Energy Grant” on behalf of the Region, which includes Oscoda County.
- **Attended the DHS Board Meeting. Discussed Counties annual administration fee.

Public Comments:

**Commissioner Trimmer asked Commissioner Hunt on the status of the “Gasification Project” at the Landfill. Commissioner Hunt stated that DTE has backed out as a sponsor, however a new sponsor has come forward and the Landfill expects a “Agreement Contract” for the Landfill Board to review next week. Ms. Tammy Emig stated that the Northeast Health Plan assist many of our low income families in the County. Sheriff Grace announced that the 5K run/walk for a cure “American Cancer Society” held Saturday October 24, 2009 had approximately 100 participates and raised approximately \$3,000.00.

**Commissioner Stone took a recess (10:45 a.m.). At 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Stone called the meeting back to order to hold a third 2010 Budget Workshop. The County Treasurer, William Kendall, County Clerk & Register of Deeds, Jeri Winton and Sheriff Kevin Grace were in attendance. The Board discussed many options to reduce the 2010 General Fund Budget with a goal to balance without using the Counties Fund Balance. The General Fund is looking at a \$193,819.36 difference between the expected revenue and the expenses, which still does not include the expected insurance increases, an extra pay-day, and some carryover balances. The topics of discussion ranged from reducing departments supply, travel, training, non-capital and capital expense lines even further to the County considering closing one day a week (4-day work week) to reducing employee hours to 32 per week, to furlough days or employee layoffs. The Board was able to reduce some expense lines, however not enough, therefore additional research is required before they consider approving a “Proposed FY2010 Budget” .

Trimmer/Hunt a motion to adjourn the B.O.C. Board Meeting at 12:10 p.m.
2009-318 4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday,
November 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.