

COUNTY OF OSCODA

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2008

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2008** AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER'S ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, MIO, MICHIGAN

Members Present: Commissioner Stone, Emig, Hunt, Cowger, and Kauffman.

Members Excused:

Others Present: 27 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, **November 13, 2008 and approved, as presented.

Cowger/Emig a motion to accept the agenda for **November 13, 2008**, as presented.
2008-297 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

The minutes from the regular B.O.C meeting held on **October 28, 2008 and the minutes from the Public Hearing "ORV Discussion" held on **November 6, 2008**, were reviewed and approved as presented.

Emig/Kauffman a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular B.O.C Meeting held on
2008-298 **October 28, 2008** and the Public Hearing held on **November 6, 2008**, as presented.

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

Public Comments:

**The grant prepared by the Economic Development Alliance, on behalf of Oscoda County, for the proposal to replace the trees on the County Courthouse lawn was denied. Also, as a result of the Nov 6th Public Hearing "ORV Discussion", held at the Community Center, the Board has requested the ORV Committee meet again to determine alternatives to some of the linkages and bring back to the Board a alternative solution to those 3 or 4 linkages in question and asked Ms. Peggy Ebbert to sit on the Committee. Comments were taken in favor of opening all the roads for ORV's stating it maybe safer. However concerns of opening Helmer Road, law enforcement, and damage control were mentioned. One resident stated that Oscoda County has one of the best and largest trail systems it is not necessary to open any more roads. A resident stated that there are still many Oscoda County homes that do not have 911

signs displayed and asked if the Board could do some additional advertising? Commissioner Stone stated in the spring that the Citizens Ambulance Advisory Board will be doing some advertising and hold another give-away.

Appointments:

**Mr. William Raub, President of the Moon Lake Property Owners Association, located in Greenwood Township, addressed the Board with some concerns in regards to code/zoning enforcement, deed restrictions, and the conflicts between Moon Lake's deed restrictions and the Greenwood Township's zoning ordinance. Commissioner Hunt suggested that Mr. Raub approach the Township and get a copy of the Townships zoning ordinance to see if the ordinance supercedes Moon Lake's deed restrictions. Commissioner Stone stated it appears this situation is between the Moon Lake Property Owners Association and Greenwood Township and suggest Mr. Raub get a legal opinion on this matter.

Old Business:

**At the last Board of Commissioner's meeting the Board discussed the B.O.C taking back the responsibility of Smith Lake from the Oscoda County Park Board. The EDC/Fairgrounds Board would take on the responsibility of promotion and future projects at Smith Lake. The County Maintenance Department would oversee required grounds maintenance at Smith Lake and the Budget would be overseen by the B.O.C and eventually be incorporated into the Fairgrounds Budget. Commissioner Kauffman and Commissioner Cowger addressed the Park Board at their last Board Meeting and the Park Board would like for Smith Lake to stay in the their hands. After some discussion the following motions were made.

**Kauffman/Cowger
2008-299**

a motion to table the decision from the Board of Commissioner's to take back the responsibility of Smith Lake until spring of 2009 to allow both the B.O.C and the Park Board to work together.

Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Stone, no; Cowger, yes; Emig, no; Hunt, no. **Motion Failed.**

**Emig/Hunt
2008-300**

a motion for the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner to take back the responsibility of Smith Lake from the Oscoda County Park Board and its Budget, for the FY 2009, effective 01/01/2009.

Roll Call Vote: Stone, yes; Cowger, no; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; no, **Motion Carried.**

**Hunt/Emig
2008-301**

a motion to "FREEZE" all Funds for Smith Lake (Special Fund Budget 218), effective immediately, for the balance of the year. Any Expense request must be approved by the Finance Committee, before honored.

Roll Call Vote: Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; no, Stone, yes. **Motion Carried.**

New Business:

The Board held two Budget Workshops, the first one was held on October 21st and along with the Commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Kauffman who was excused, the County Clerk, Jeri Winton, County Treasurer, Bill Kendall, Sheriff Kevin Grace and Mr. Tom Trimmer were present. The Board review the General Funds and approved the current set salaries for Elective Officials, a 2.5% wage increase for Non-Union Managers, with the exception of the part-time Motor Pool Supervisor and Equalization Director, a 2% wage increase for Non-Union Employees, with the exception of any Employee or Contractors with a locked in wage. The Board acknowledged the wages for the Steelworkers, F.O.P. and the Chemical Worker Unions in accordance to their current or up-coming Union Contracts. Also, the 2009 Counties overall Health Insurance Premiums, for BCBS Medical, RX, & Vision, MetLife (Dental)

increased by 6%. The second Budget Workshop was held on November 4th and along with the Commissioners, the County Clerk, Jeri Winton, County Treasurer, Bill Kendall, and Sheriff Kevin Grace were present. The Board reviewed the General Budget again, addressed three different options for 2009 from Mr. Dan Kauffman, Digital Genesis. Also, reviewed Mr. Tim London, Emergency Management, Mr. Phil Durst, MSU Extension, and District Court Budgets. The Board reviewed Special Funds and addressed the Park Boards request for the County Park and Smith Lake additional funds for projects, discussed Child Care and Ms. Amy Knepp addressed the Board in regards to the Library Budget. A copy will be sent to each department of the B.O.C. approved 2009 Budget and the entire 2009 County Budget will be available at the County Treasurer's Office and at the B.O.C. Office, for the public to review. A **Public Hearing will be scheduled at the December 9th B.O.C. Meeting at 10:00 a.m.** before the 2009 Budget can be adopted. The following motions were made as a result of the Budget meetings.

**Hunt/Emig
2008-302** a motion to approve the **PROPOSED 2009 County Budget**, in the amount of **\$4,470,325.00** as presented, and schedule a Public Hearing to "Adopt the Oscoda County 2009 Budget" at the **December 9, 2008** B.O.C Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Roll Call Vote: Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; yes, Stone, yes; Cowger, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Hunt/Emig
2008-303** a motion **not to** renew Mr. Aaron Singer, S. Design, Web Page Service Contract with Oscoda County for the FY2009, as recommended during the 2009 Budget workshop.
Roll Call Vote: Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Hunt/Emig
2008-304** a motion to hire Daniel Kauffman, as a regular part-time County employee, effective January 1, 2009, as the Oscoda Counties IT person, with a salary of \$36,000.00, 20 hours per week, with no County benefits, and responsible for all County IT and Web Page Services.
Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Hunt/Emig
2008-305** a motion to authorize the County Clerk's Office to pay the balance due for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarter District Court charges for Oscoda County immediately.
Roll Call Vote: Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; yes, **Motion Carried.**

**The Board received an application from Mutual of Omaha Group Term Life to renew.

**Hunt/Cowger
2008-306** a motion to renew the Counties Life & AD & D Insurance with Mutual of Omaha Life & AD & D Insurance, effective 02/01/2009.
Roll Call Vote: Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; yes, Stone, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Hunt made a motion to hire back Ms. Christine Gerber, as the Equalization Director, as a regular part-time employee, with no County benefits. Commissioner Kauffman and Emig did not agree with the hourly rate and hours set for a regular part-time employee. Commissioner Cowger stated with the experience needed for that position the County actually benefits by rehiring Ms. Gerber.

**Hunt/Cowger
2008-307** a motion to hire Ms. Christine Gerber, as the Equalization Director, as a Regular Part-Time County Employee, with no County benefits, annual salary position of \$39,936.00,

with a workweek of a minimum of 24 hours and a maximum of 29.5 hours, in accordance to the Personnel Policy (Article IV-Section 1 (B) & Section 2 (B), effective November 15, 2008.

Roll Call Vote: Emig, no; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; no, Stone, yes; Cowger, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**The Board received a request from the Citizens Ambulance Advisory Board requesting the Board allow them to increase their Board to (7) seven by amending their by-laws and appoint two new members.

**Emig/Hunt
2008-308** a motion to increase the Ambulance Advisory Board Membership to seven by amending the Ambulance Advisory Board by-laws and, as recommended, appoint two new members to the Board; Mr. Andrew J. Welser and Mrs. Renee Rondeau.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Hunt gave the Board an up-date on the meeting Commissioner Kauffman and himself had with the Police Officers Labor Union Representatives on November 5, 2008. The Grievance by Deputy Brian Harris was discussed and the functions and responsibilities of the position of Sergeant as a Union Member.

**Hunt/Kauffman
2008-309** a motion officially denying the grievance received from Deputy Brian Harris and the Police Officer Labor Council, for County reimbursement for loss wages, benefits, and time for Deputy Harris, as indicated in his letter dated 05/18/08 related to a Workman Compensation Claim, based on the signed settlement agreement reached between Deputy Harris and the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth Workers' Compensation Agency/Board of Magistrates.
Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**The Board received a letter of resignation from Ms. Deb Nurse, MSU Extension with an effective date of November 7, 2008.

**Kauffman/Emig
2008-310** a motion to accept the resignation letter from Ms. Deb Nurse, MSU Extension effective November 7, 2008 and send her a letter of appreciation for her service, from the B.O.C and on behalf of Oscoda County.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Financial:

**The Board received one (1) bid for the Airport, Snowplowing Service for 2009 from Precision Excavating at \$225.00 per plow (Bid reflects no increase).

**Kauffman/Emig
2008-311** a motion to accept the 2009 Airport Snowplowing Bid receive from Precision Excavating of Mio, at \$225.00 per plow.
Roll Call Vote: Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; yes, Stone, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**The Treasurer's Office presented a list of Revenue & Expense lines necessary to add to the 2009 Budget.

**Hunt/Emig
2008-312** a motion to approve the new Revenue & Expense lines requested by the County Treasurer's Office.

Roll Call Vote: Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes,
Stone, yes; Cowger, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Expenditures received from the Clerk's office for the month of **October 2008 were reviewed and approved, as presented.

| OCTOBER 2008 | PAYROLL | EXPENSES | TOTAL |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$171,978.88 | \$294,332.92 | \$466,311.80 |
| Ambulance Equip | | \$17,007.51 | \$17,007.51 |
| Sheriff Equip | | \$1,842.77 | \$1,842.77 |
| 911 Emergency | \$9,895.47 | -\$9,583.42 | \$312.05 |
| Officer Training | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Park Fund | \$5,249.40 | \$5,949.32 | \$11,198.72 |
| D.A.R.E. | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Ambulance Fund | \$33,426.71 | \$15,558.24 | \$48,984.95 |
| Friend/Court | \$6,045.90 | \$3,775.55 | \$9,821.45 |
| Public Guardian | \$1,540.60 | \$210.04 | \$1,750.64 |
| Fairgrounds | | \$835.14 | \$835.14 |
| Smith Lake | | \$150.00 | \$150.00 |
| Hazmat | | \$479.21 | \$479.21 |
| Historical Comm. | \$532.80 | \$72.67 | \$605.47 |
| Gypsy Moth | | \$3,964.73 | \$3,964.73 |
| Public Improvement | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Building Dept. | \$5,071.10 | \$6,426.18 | \$11,497.28 |
| R.O.D. Automation | | \$2,729.45 | \$2,729.45 |
| Drug Law Enforcement | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Law Library | | \$149.90 | \$149.90 |
| Library | \$5,910.58 | \$3,922.88 | \$9,833.46 |
| Council/Aging | | \$12,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| EDC Revolving Loan | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| RSRF | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Social Services | | \$146,095.90 | \$146,095.90 |
| Child Care | | \$27,194.75 | \$27,194.75 |
| Soldiers & Sailors | | \$4,853.71 | \$4,853.71 |
| Veterans Trust | | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Airport | | \$152.05 | \$152.05 |
| Youth Service | | \$1,250.00 | \$1,250.00 |
| Tax Revolving | | \$11,637.42 | \$11,637.42 |
| Summer Tax | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

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| SUB TOTALS | \$239,651.44 | \$551,006.92 | \$790,658.36 |
| Road Commission | | | \$351,698.45 |
| Grand Total | | \$1,142,356.81 | |

Emig/Cowger 2008-313 a motion to accept the Expenditures for the month of **October 2008**, in the amount of **\$790,658.36**, as presented by the Clerk’s Office.

Roll Call Vote: Emig, yes; Hunt, yes; Kauffman; yes, Stone, yes; Cowger, yes. **Motion Carried.**

The Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerks Office, dated for **November 13, 2008 was approved, along with a last minute addition from MJW Design, with total Claims & Audit in the amount of **\$73,189.71**.

Emig/Hunt 2008-314 a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **November 13, 2008**, presented by the Clerk’s Office, to include the invoice from MJW Design, total Claims & Audit in the amount of **\$73,189.71**.

Roll Call Vote: Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes; Emig, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence, Reports, Resolutions (acknowledge receipt):

- **Oscoda County Ambulance October 2008 Service Statistics
- **Aflac Correspondence
- **Thank you received from Merianne Tappan, Recreation Center.
- **Thank you from MSU Extension – Donation of Bikes
- **ORV Correspondences

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Stone:

- **Working closely with the Ambulance Department.
- **Ambulance Department Interviews for the Director’s position is scheduled for December 1st, 2008.
- **Attended Scheduled Budget Workshop on November 4, 2008.
- **Attended the Public Hearing on November 6, 2008 “ORV Discussion”.

Commissioner Kauffman:

- **Scheduled next week to meet with Judge Root regarding possible correction programs.
- **Attended Scheduled Budget Workshop on November 4, 2008.
- **Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Hunt with the F.O.P Union on November 5, 2008.
- **Attended the Public Hearing on November 6, 2008 “ORV Discussion”.
- **Attended Park Board Meeting-

Commissioner Hunt:

- **Made a phone call to MAC regarding County Budget- Public Act 555 states Counties need to have Budget in by October. Next year we will have to begin the Budget process in August.
- **Made a phone call to MAC regarding Elective Officials Retirement Benefits, still waiting on a response.
- **Attended a meeting with the B.O.C Secretary to review the 2009 Budget.
- **Attended Scheduled Budget Workshop on November 4, 2008.
- **Attended a meeting along with Commissioner Kauffman with the F.O.P Union on November 5, 2008.
- **Attended the Public Hearing on November 6, 2008 “ORV Discussion”.

**Attended District Health #2 Budget Meeting- Entire Board was present.

Commissioner Cowger:

**Attended Park Board Meeting-

**Attended Scheduled Budget Workshop on November 4, 2008.

**Attended the Public Hearing on November 6, 2008 "ORV Discussion".

**Attended District Health #2 Budget Meeting- Entire Board was present.

**Attended Crawford County Housing Commission Meeting-

Commissioner Emig:

**Attended Scheduled Budget Workshop on November 4, 2008.

**Attended the Public Hearing on November 6, 2008 "ORV Discussion".

**Attended Library Board- 2009 Budget Completed.

**Attended Council on Aging-

Public Comments:

**A resident stated, in his opinion the B.O.C has made a mistake by taking over Smith Lake. Another resident stated that they hope the ORV Committee will be open-minded.

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting. [11:10 a.m.]

**Next Meeting Scheduled for
Tuesday, November 25, 2008
at 10:00 a.m.**