

COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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OFFICIAL MINUTES

of
DECEMBER 23, 2008

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE OSCODA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WAS HELD ON **TUESDAY DECEMBER 23, 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: 13 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, **December 23, 2008 and approved with one addition.
Financial- Child Care Budget (292) Appropriations

Emig/Kauffman a motion to accept the agenda for **December 23 2008** with one addition.
2008-352 5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

The minutes from the regular B.O.C meeting held on **December 09, 2008, were reviewed and approved as presented.

Emig/Cowger a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular B.O.C Meeting held on
2008-353 **December 9, 2008** as presented.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Public Comments:

Appointments:

Old Business:

**At a previous B.O.C. Meeting a motion to reject a offer, present in a letter dated September 29, 2008, from Keith E. Moir, PLC on behalf of Jason and Laura Brown and Catherine Brown, was made, where the Board authorize the County Attorney Mr. Barry Shantz, to negotiate a settlement, but not to exceed the estimated market value. Mr. Shantz has received a letter rejecting the offer presented, for the market value of the property; therefore the following motion was made to begin condemnation procedures immediately.

Hunt/Emig a motion to authorized the Oscoda County Prosecutor's Office, as the County

2008-354 Attorney, to begin condemnation procedures, immediately, against the property owned by Jason & Laura Brown and Catherine Brown, for the easement required in order for the Perry Lake Project to proceed.

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

**Commissioner Stone and Commissioner Hunt met with Mr. Casey Pullum, the new Ambulance Director, on Tuesday December 16, 2008 to discuss Oscoda Counties Ambulance Service goals. Mr. Pullum asked if the Board could change his start date to January 1, 2009, due to prior commitments. The following motion was made.

Hunt/Emig a motion to amend **Motion 2008-344**, made at the December 9, 2008 Board of
2008-355 Commissioners Meeting, by changing the effective date to January 1, 2009.

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

New Business:

**It was brought to the attention of the Board that some County offices were going to close an extra day after the Counties scheduled holidays. After some discussion both pro and con, the following motion was made:

Emig/Kauffman a motion for all County Offices to remain open on both Friday December 26,
2008-356 2008 and January 2, 2009.

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

**The Board received the annual "Memorandum of Understanding" for Mr. Dan Money, Park Manager, for the Board to approve. Also, the Park Board submitted their recommendations for new Park Board Members and asked the B.O.C to approve appointments. The Commissioners were questioned by a couple of residents, in regards to the previous notices and time allotment placed in the Herald for new Park Board Members, they stated that they felt not welcome and did not have the proper opportunity to apply. After discussion the Board of Commissioners will place another ad in the Herald for two weeks and Commissioner Stone will meet with the Chairman of the Park Board to discuss prior to the B. O. C approving any new Park Board Members.

Hunt/Emig a motion to accept the Oscoda County Parks & Recreation Commission and
2008-357 Park Manager "Memorandum of Understanding" with one correction to remove "Smith Lake Park" from the agreement.

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

Hunt/Emig a motion to reject the recommendations received from the Park Board, on the
2008-358 appointments of new Park Board Members and to re-advertise for Park Board Members, at the expense of the Board of Commissioners.

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

**The Board received a letter from Mr. Tim Whiting, Building Inspector, with a request to split the hours of the Building Department Secretary position between two Secretaries. After some discussion, the Secretary position is a Union position and splitting up a Regular Part-Time position into two Irregular Part-time Position is being questioned. Mr. Whiting will contact the Steelworkers Union and Ms. Nicole Yoder to discuss other options. In the meantime, the Board has extended Motion 2008-250 from January 1, 2009 to February 15, 2009 to allow the Temporary Secretary to continue to work.

Emig/Cowger a motion to extend the end date on **Motion 2008-250**, made at the September 23, **2008-359**
2008 B.O.C Meeting, to February 15, 2009.

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

**The Board received the final approved Chemical Workers Union Agreement for Oscoda County, between “Chief Judge of the 23rd Judicial Circuit Court and Chief Judge of the Iosco County Probate Court and The International Chemical Workers Union Council/United Food and Commercial Union AFL-CIO-CLC, and its Local 1044-C, effective January 1, 2008-expires December 31, 2009. Commissioner Hunt made the following motion:

Hunt/Emig a motion to authorize the County Clerk to honor the Chemical Workers Union
2008-360 Contract retro back to 01/01/08 and here after, effective immediately.
Roll Call Vote: Cowger, yes; Emig, yes; Hunt, yes;
Kauffman; yes, Stone, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Cowger asked the Board to allow Chairman Stone to serve as Chairman until the Board Organizational Meeting in 2009.

Cowger/Hunt a motion to allow Joe Stone to continue to serve as Chairman until the Boards
2008-361 Annual Organizational Meeting, scheduled for January 13, 2008.
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

Financial:

The Claims & Audit Docket, presented by the Clerks Office, dated for **December 23, 2008 was approved in the amount of **\$58,757.38.**

Emig/Hunt a motion to accept Claims & Audit Docket, for **December 23, 2008**, presented by
2008-362 the Clerk’s Office, in the amount of **\$58,757.38.**
Roll Call Vote: Hunt, yes; Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes;
Cowger, yes; Emig, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**After review of the Child Care Budget (292) the current Revenue does not cover the expected Expenses still due for 2008, therefore the Treasurer is requesting the Board appropriated another \$10,000.00 to avoid a deficient.

Hunt/Emig a motion to move \$10,000.00 from the General Fund 101-890-965.00
2008-363 (Contingency) to Appropriations 101-965-999.02 (Child Care) and authorize
the County Treasurer to transfer in \$10,000.00 from the General Fund
(Appropriations-Child Care Transfer Out) to Special Fund (292) Child Care
Fund 292-000-699.00, and so amends the 2008 Budget.
Roll Call Vote: Kauffman, yes; Stone, yes; Cowger, yes;
Emig, yes; Hunt, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence, Reports, Resolutions (acknowledge receipt):

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Stone:

- **Working closely with the Ambulance Department.
- **Met with the new Ambulance Director, Casey Pullum, along with Commissioner Hunt.
- **Announced the MAC Conference is scheduled for February 8-10th in Lansing.

Commissioner Kauffman:

- **Attended Landfill Meeting-

**Attended NEMCOG Meeting- Sprinkler Systems required for new Housing Structures.

Commissioner Hunt:

**Held a phone conference with Peter Cohl, Attorney, regarding County Hours of Operations and District Court Concerns.

**Attended Landfill & Claims & Audit Meetings-Organizational Meeting scheduled for Friday the 16th Hours of operations have been changed for Winter (Mon-Fri 7a.m.-3p.m.)

**Met with the new Ambulance Director, Casey Pullum, along with Commissioner Stone.

**A scheduled District Health #2 Budget Meeting for January 6, 2009; Commissioner Stone to attend.

Commissioner Cowger:

**Park Board- discussed new Park Board Members. Changed Meeting dates from the 2nd Monday to the 1st Monday of each month at 7 p.m. B.O.C Boardroom.

**EDC & Brownfield & Fairgrounds Board Meeting-

Commissioner Emig:

**Attended Road Commission Meeting- Discussed a request from an ex-employee (Anderson) for reimbursement for banked sick pay; tabled for legal advice.

**EDC & Brownfield & Fairgrounds Board Meeting- Advertising for new Board Members, therefore the EDC Board is holding a Special Meeting on January 12, 2009 to review and accept new Board Members. Commissioner Emig also suggest the current Commissioners who will remain in office as of January 1, 2009 continue to serve on Committee's until the Boards Organizational Meeting. The following motion was made:

Emig/Kauffman 2008-364 a motion to allow the Commissioners in Office on January 1, 2009 to continue with there assigned Committee Appointments until the Boards Annual Organizational Meeting, scheduled for January 13, 2008
5 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Emig read a letter of appreciation addressing the current Board of Commissioners, the residents of Oscoda County and the two new Board of Commissioners.

Public Comments:

**A Perry Lake resident still does not agree with the way the Perry Lake Project is being handled and its progress. Another Perry Lake resident thanked the Board for moving forward on the condemnation process and thanked the Board for all their assistance. It was announced that after looking into the cost of the necessary signage for ORV Links or the opening of all County Roads, the cost would start at \$100.00 plus labor and it would be the Counties responsibility to reimburse the Road Commission.

Chairman Stone adjourned the meeting. [11:20 a.m.]

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

Joseph L. Stone, Chairman

Jeri Winton, County Clerk