

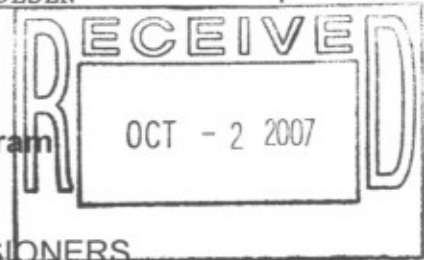
Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the J. Richard Yuill Center, Gaylord, Michigan on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: BACKENSTOSE, LISS, OLSEN, GLASSER, JOHNSON, HYDE.

ABSENT: BATES, BEACHNAU, BENTZ.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner OLSEN

**RESOLUTION NO. OCR 07-40  
Resolution of Support to Retain  
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program  
(NEMCSA)**



OTSEGO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 25, 2007

**WHEREAS**, the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program was established to help address the quality of care and quality of life experience by residents of long-term care facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the Long Term Care Ombudsman to protect the rights of these individuals by providing information, investigation and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging has proposed restructuring of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program to become a separate, single agency rather than the current multi-party arrangement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging has supplemented the cost of a full-time Ombudsman for the northeast Michigan region, the current state level of funding of \$115,000 from Title III-B allocation will not support a full-time Ombudsman for each Area Agency on Aging region in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging has developed an effective volunteer program within long-term care facilities to explain residents' rights, empower residents to communicate their concerns individually or collectively, assist in the resolution of resident concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, local control and oversight of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program has provided for efficient, effective assistance to nursing facility residents as well as community education and awareness regarding long term care issues, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners expresses its desire and support for retaining the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program as a locally administered program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that after adoption, this resolution be forwarded on to the appropriate State elected officials and governmental entities.

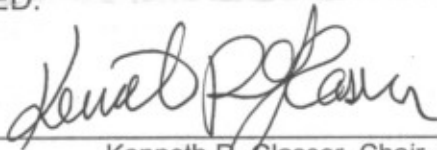
A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: UNANIMOUS.

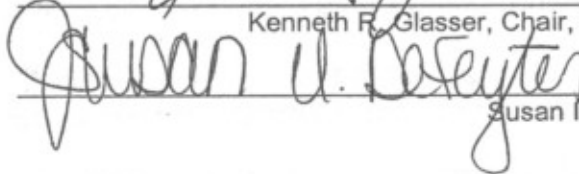
NO: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.



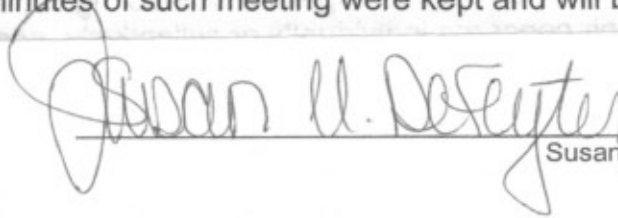
Kenneth R. Glasser, Chair, Board of Commissioners



Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OTSEGO)

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Otsego, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout and that an original thereof is on file in the records of the County. I further certify that the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.



Susan I. DeFeyter, County Clerk

DATED: 9-26-, 2007