

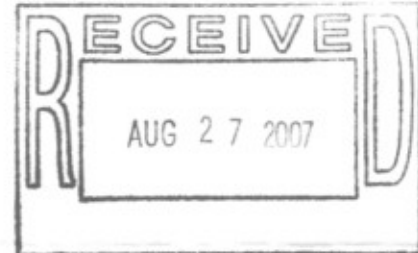


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August 14, 2007


Michigan Association of Counties
935 N. Washington Ave.
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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you of the Otsego County Board's opposition to cutting the State of Michigan Department of Corrections Public Works program. Not only does this program provide a great benefit to local communities throughout the State, it also instills self esteem into the inmates who participate in the program. Today, the Otsego County Board passed Resolution No. 07-35, in opposition to the cuts. The Board understands the financial pressures that the State of Michigan is experiencing, and requests that our legislators explore the idea increasing the charge to local communities for this useful service. The Board is hopeful that through this measure, the Public Works program could be continued be reduce or eliminate the funding shortfall. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Respectfully,


John M. Burt

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Otsego County Board of Commissioners, held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the J. Richard Yuill Alpine Center, 800 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, Michigan on the 14th day of August, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

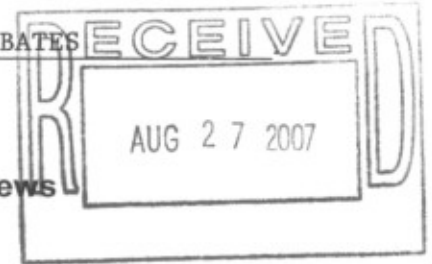
PRESENT: BACKENSTOSE, BATES, BEACHNAU, LISS, OLSEN, GLASSER, JOHNSON, HYDE, BENTZ

ABSENT: _____

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner

BATES

RESOLUTION NO. OCR 07-35
Reinstate
Michigan Department of Corrections Work Crews
Otsego County Board of Commissioners
August 14, 2007



WHEREAS, on July 17, 2007 the State of Michigan Department of Corrections announced that they intend to can Public Works Contracts across the State; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gaylord's Department of Public Works has utilized the Corrections Work Crews for years to assist us in providing essential services to our entire City; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of this program will dramatically cut the City's ability to service our local residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the tasks these crews provide include the following:

- Park maintenance
- Snow shoveling in the downtown district
- Snow shoveling around fire hydrants
- Weekly brush and compost bag collection
- Litter clean up around State and local roadways in commercial districts
- Intersection sweeping
- Pedestrian pathway clean up and maintenance
- Grass cutting and trimming around roadways and municipal properties
- Special event set up, clean up, and take downs
- Maintenance on police vehicles

WHEREAS, the City feels the benefits derived by the inmate participants in learning work skills, team work, and a sense of "doing good" all lend very positively to the personal development of these individuals; and

WHEREAS, we are confident that such skills learned while so incarcerated transfer in a positive manner to such work crew participants upon their release; and

WHEREAS, the County of Otsego feels strongly the benefits derived; far exceed the cost, now, therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Board of Commissioners does hereby protest and seek a reevaluation and reinstatement of the Department of Corrections Public Works Crew Program. We furthermore feel that such a program adds tremendously to the good and well-being of both the inmates and the local citizens of our State; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Otsego County Clerk send a copy of this resolution to Senator Tony Stamas, Representative Kevin Elsenheimer, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

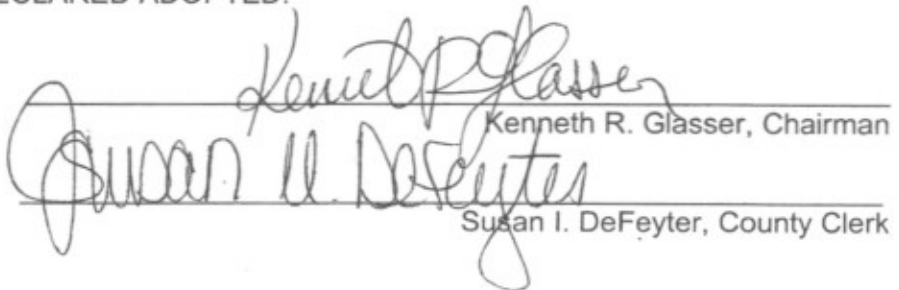
A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

YES: UNANIMOUS.

NO: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

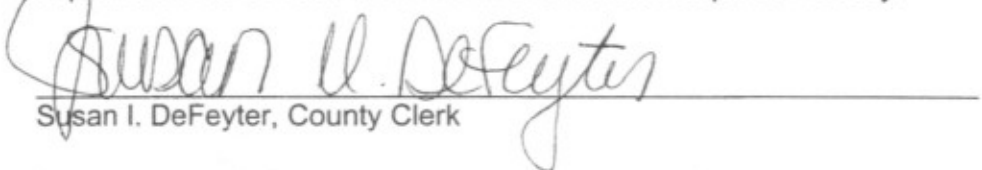


Kenneth R. Glasser, Chairman

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 14th day of August, 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: 8-14, 2007