

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, January 5, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Chuck Moore, Lauri Krueger, and Jason Smith. Absent: Wayne Rayburn. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Krueger moved to excuse Commissioner Rayburn, seconded by Commissioner Smith. CARRIED.

On a motion by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Smith, the December 15, 2025, Regular Minutes were approved as submitted. CARRIED

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER DUGAN UPDATE

Allegan County Commissioner Dugan gave an update on current County activities.

At this time, County Drain Commissioner, Chris Machiela, was introduced. He gave an overview and brief description of the Drain Commission's past and current activities in the City of Otsego. He stated that if anyone has questions or concerns to email his office.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER STATION COUPON PROGRAM - DISTRIBUTION OF COUPONS BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY - COUPONS EXPIRING DECEMBER 29, 2026

Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize the Transfer Station Coupon Program, distribution of coupons beginning in February 2026, coupon expiring December 29, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO ESTABLISH SINGLE PREMISE ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHARGES FOR CITY SERVICES ON FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Commissioner Smith moved to authorize the request to set a Public Hearing to Establish Single Premise Assessments for delinquent charges for City services on February 2, 2026, seconded by

Commissioner Moore. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. AGREEMENTS:

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01 – A
RESOLUTION TO MOVE MARCH 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW
STARTING DATE

Commissioner Moore offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption, seconded by Commissioner Krueger.

CITY OF OTSEGO
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

RESOLUTION TO MOVE MARCH 2026 BOARD OF REVIEW STARTING DATE

WHEREAS, the City Assessor will be unable to attend the established start date for the 2026 March Board of Review which is the second Monday of March, March 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Law 211.30(2) allows the governing body of a city to authorize an alternative starting date of the Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Otsego City Commission hereby approves the starting date of the 2026 March Board of Review as Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

YEAS: Commissioners: Stacey Withee, Jason Smith, Lauri Krueger, & Chuck Moore.

NAYS: Commissioners: None.

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None.

ABSENT: Commissioners: Wayne Rayburn.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REVIEW
MEMBERS – RICHARD DELONG (ALTERNATE), LARRY
ZUIDERVEEN, JAIME CASTANEDA, AND KAY STRONG TERMS TO
EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2026

Commissioner Krueger moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments of Board of Review Members - Richard DeLong (Alternate), Larry Zuiderveen, Jaime Castaneda, and Kay Strong, terms to expire December 31, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Moore. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. CONSIDERATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BECKIE HOOKER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2030
Commissioner Smith moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Beckie Hooker to the Library Board, term to expire December 31, 2030, seconded by Commissioner Krueger.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager commented and gave updates on the following:

1. He stated that he will be writing a new "blog" for the City's website that will include monthly updates for residents.
2. He gave his condolences to Chief Haverdink's family and the Hamilton Fire Department. He commented that he had a wealth of knowledge and it is a very sad loss for Allegan County. He stated that the Governor has ordered the flags to be lowered on Tuesday in his honor, for his fifty-one years of public service. He will be missed.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS

Commissioner Krueger commented that her heart goes out to the Haverdink family, the Hamilton Fire Department, and the surrounding fire departments, as this is a great loss. The other Commissioners and Mayor concurred with Commissioner Krueger's comments and also gave their condolences.

Mayor Withee – she thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Krueger moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith.
CARRIED. 7:24 p.m.

Angela Cronen
City Clerk