

A Regular Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held on Monday, March 16, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Withee at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Lauri Krueger, Chuck Moore, Wayne Rayburn, and Jason Smith. Absent: None. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

The audience joined the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Rayburn, the March 2, 2026, Regular Minutes were approved as submitted.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

None.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

A. COUNTY COMMISSIONER DUGAN UPDATE

Allegheny County Commissioner Dugan gave an update on current County activities. He announced that Mike Bush of the Otsego Fire Department is the eastside representative on the 911 Board. He answered questions of the Commission and audience.

B. ALLEGANY COUNTY 57th DISTRICT JUDGE CANDIDATE – SIVER

Mr. Tom Siver was in attendance to announce his candidacy for the 57th District Judge position. He reviewed his qualifications and outlined some of his initiatives that he would like to implement if elected.

II. PUBLIC HEARING:

III. PLANNING AND ZONING:

IV. ORDINANCES:

V. REQUESTS:

VI. AGREEMENTS:

A. CONSIDERATION OF A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FARMER B CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 219 FLORENCE STREET, 03-54-550-008-00

City Manager Mitchell explained that the City had received a listing price offer for the property located at 219 Florence Street. He explained that the City purchased the property through the County's tax sale. He stated that the new buyers are purchasing the property to construct a new home, which will be good for the neighborhood. Commissioner Krueger moved to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a purchase agreement with Farmer B Construction LLC for the sale of real property located at 219 Florence Street, 03-54-550-008-00; for the amount of \$15,000, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager commented and gave updates on the following:

1. The Police Department is looking to enter into an agreement with Lexipol who will bring the current departmental policies up-to-date and then keep them updated. He stated that the price is being researched. He commented that the Fire Department will look at this service in the future.
2. He commented that during budget presentations this year, he is going to have Department Heads available to answer questions during Finance Director Kelley's budget presentations.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mike VandenBerg, 940 7th Street, Plainwell – he stated that he is the Chairman of Community Action of Allegan County. He stated that there will be a Senior Millage Renewal in August. He gave an overview of the current meal program and the previous meal program that was provided by Community Action of Allegan. He provided the Commissioners with a handout and resolution. He requested that the Commission sign the resolution.

Jason Stachura, 800 Windigo – he made a complaint about snow plowing. He asked the Commission to consider reducing the parking restrictions to December to March 1st, or eliminating them completely.

COMMISSIONER'S' COMMENTS

Commissioner Krueger – she thanked everyone for attending despite the snow storm.

Commissioner Rayburn – he thanked everyone for their presentations.

Commissioner Smith – he thanked everyone for bringing their concerns to the meeting.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Krueger moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Moore.
CARRIED. 7:29 p.m.

Angela Cronen
City Clerk