

Board Conference Room
March 9, 2017
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Powers in the Board Conference Room on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Roll was called by the Clerk. Present: Mr. Walker, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Byl, Mr. Brown, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Sebolt, and Mr. Powers. Absent: None.

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPOINTMENT TO THE OCEANA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to appoint Mr. Jeff Hiddema to the commission for a three-year term from 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2019.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Ms. Meyette to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is acknowledged throughout the United States annually in April; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an opportunity to raise awareness and educate the community on the various ways to support families and prevent abuse and neglect; and to recognize that child abuse and neglect is a complex and ongoing problem in our society; and

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, feel secure, and be free from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, and neglect; and children are vital to our county's success, prosperity, and quality of life, and are our most valuable assets for the future; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem affecting the current and future quality of life of our community; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by making sure every family and caregiver have the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse and neglect cases originate from situations and conditions that are preventable; and with the help of an engaged and supportive community, child maltreatment can be eradicated by effective prevention strategies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month in Oceana County and encourages citizens,

community agencies, faith-based groups, to join in our local, state, and national efforts to prevent the maltreatment of children to further strengthen the communities in which we live.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to transfer \$60,000 from the General Fund 101-970-999.292 Transfers Out to the Child Care Fund 292-000-699.998 Transfers In. The amount requested is a portion of the \$207,300 FY 2017 total appropriation to the Child Care Fund.

Roll call vote: Mr. Walker-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Byl-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Brown-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – ADOPTION OF OCEANA COUNTY POLICY ON GIFTS

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Walker to adopt the Oceana County Policy on Gifts, to be applied to all Oceana County departments, programs, boards, committees, and commissions, effective immediately.

Roll call vote: Mr. Brown-yes; Mr. Walker-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Byl-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – DELINEATING NON-UNION WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS FROM UNION WAGES AND FRINGE BENEFITS

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Byl to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, as required by federal and state law, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners recognizes that county employees organized under a union have the legal right to negotiate, among other areas, wages and fringe benefits through a process of collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners desires to clearly differentiate between wages and fringe benefits provided to unionized employees through collective bargaining from wages and fringe benefits provided to non-union employees, which are solely determined by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, non-union employees in the Sheriff's Department include the following job titles, or similar: Sheriff, Undersheriff, Uniform Services Lieutenant, Corrections Lieutenant, Administrative Assistant, Cook, and any other positions regardless of job title that may be authorized and established by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners has reflected on prior decisions that awarded non-union employees in the Sheriff's Department some of the same benefits negotiated by the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) on behalf of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners, with adoption of this resolution, shall allow current non-union employees in the Sheriff's Department as listed above to retain fringe benefits described

in Resolution #8 dated November 22, 2011 until such time that each employees' job position becomes vacant through any form of separation of employment, election, transfer or promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners, with adoption of this resolution, shall allow current non-union employees in the Sheriff's Department as listed above, other than the Administrative Assistant and Cook as it is inapplicable, to retain fringe benefits described in Resolution #1 dated September 10, 2015 until such time that each employees' job position becomes vacant through any form of separation of employment, election, transfer or promotion; and

WHEREAS, upon refilling a vacant position by hiring, election, transfer or promotion into one of the above described positions, the employee shall receive the same wages and fringe benefits provided to all other non-union employees of Oceana County that are in effect at the time, with the exception of the Sheriff whose wages are established by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners at the beginning of each term of office; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby declares that the conditions of this resolution become effective immediately and be used to guide future decisions regarding wages and fringe benefits provided to non-union employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to end the practice of awarding five (5) personal days, at the beginning of each fiscal year, to all non-union employees in the Sheriff's Department, effective December 31, 2017. As described in the personnel policy last amended January 28, 2016, the practice of allowing up to two sick days per year as personal leave days remains in effect.

Roll call vote: Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Byl-yes; Mr. Walker-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; Mr. Brown-no; Ms. Meyette-no; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – AUTHORIZATION TO RETURN FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to authorize the Oceana County Board of Commissioners to take certain actions concerning the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and the Oceana County Economic Development Corporation Title IX Revolving Loan Fund Grant No. 06-3902173

WHEREAS: In May 1986, the Oceana County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) received a grant, number 06-3902173, in the amount of \$90,000 from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the purpose of establishing a Revolving Loan fund (RLF) to promote business development; and

WHEREAS: The grant was 75% Federal Funds and 25% local funds; and

WHEREAS: The Oceana County Economic Development is currently out of compliance with EDA guidelines; and

WHEREAS: The Oceana County EDC voluntarily requests that the grant be terminated for convenience; and

WHEREAS: The Oceana County EDC voluntarily agrees to return 75% of the funds in the Revolving Loan Fund bank accounts to the Economic Development Administration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Oceana County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Oceana County Economic Development Corporation President to execute and submit to the EDA an offer to Terminate Grant Agreement Number 06-3902173 for Convenience; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED: The Oceana County Economic Development Corporation shall return said funds to the Economic Development Administration as per the date termination.

Roll call vote: Mr. Byl-yes; Mr. Walker-yes; Mr. Brown-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – AUTHORIZATION FOR DRAIN COMMISSIONER TO CONTRACT FOR AN ACCOUNTING REVIEW ON TWO DRAIN FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Byl to authorize the Drain Commissioner to contract with Mr. Greg Anderson, a retired certified public accountant (CPA), to perform an accounting review of financial activity for two drain funds known as the Ag-Ren drain and Lake Holiday drain. Mr. Anderson's hourly rate shall not exceed \$50 per hour. Furthermore, the County Administrator is authorized to transfer \$1,000 from the General Fund Contingency Account – 101-972-999.000 to the Drain Commissioner's Other Contractual Services Account – 101-275-821.000 to cover the cost.

Roll call vote: Mr. Brown-yes; Mr. Byl-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Walker-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 – 2017 UPDATED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Brown to authorize the County Equalization Director to enter into an agreement with the State of Michigan to participate in a spring 2017 flight to capture updated aerial photography. The total cost to Oceana County will not exceed \$23,600. Furthermore, the County Administrator is authorized to make an initial transfer of \$5,900 from the General Fund Contingency Account – 101-972-999.000 to the Equalization Department's Other Contractual Services Account – 101-257-821.000 as a down payment.

Roll call vote: Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Brown-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Walker-yes; Mr. Byl-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 – DESIGNATION FOR JUNE 21, 2017 AS EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners recognizes the excellent public services that its employees provide every day to the citizens of Oceana County; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners extends its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all county and court employees and has designated June 21, 2017 as the date to celebrate its employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare Wednesday, June 21, 2017 as Employee Appreciation Day in Oceana County and will provide a lunch time picnic for employees to be held on the grounds of the Oceana County Building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the costs for the picnic, not to exceed \$1,200, shall be paid from the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Other Contractual Services account – 101-101-821.000.

Roll call vote: Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Walker-yes; Mr. Brown-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes;
Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Byl-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the payment of claims in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	76,541.75
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	7,678.75
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FUND	438.00
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING FUND	370.00
TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND	11,152.51
VETERAN AFFAIRS	4,466.22
GIS	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.	750.00
LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	244.13
GENERAL FUND	<u>419,489.02</u>
TOTAL	\$521,130.38

and to authorize the County Clerk to draw warrants and the County Treasurer to pay the same.

Roll call vote: Mr. Byl-yes; Mr. Brown-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes;
Mr. Walker-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Byl stated that Mr. Sobie and he recently attended a meeting with Mason, Lake and Oceana School Districts, also known as West Shore Educational Service District. The purpose of the meeting was to express an interest in the community retaining an ownership of the Oceana County ISD building. and, to express his displeasure of the process of closing down and liquidating that facility.

Commissioner Byl noted that he expressed his displeasure with the idea of closing down the Oceana County ISD facility and liquidating it. He noted that many students take dual enrollment classes (students who are enrolled in college classes) which are held at the Oceana ISD. If the building is sold, where will those students take classes? It is also becoming apparent that student choices for elective classes is decreasing because of the bussing to Mason County. This will hurt students, especially in the Shelby School District. He felt that the whole consolidation process has not been to the best advantage of the students; and, noted that communication between West Shore ESD and Shelby Schools has been

very poor.

Commissioner Brown noted that he attended the first health insurance educational seminar held at the Courthouse and found it very informative.

Ms. Meyette noted that she attended the Michigan Township Association (MTA) meeting on March 2 at the Newfield Township Hall. Some good topics were discussed.

Mr. Sobie informed the Board that there will be a City of Hart Wastewater Treatment Plant Tour on Saturday, April 22, 2017 if anyone is interested in attending.

Mr. Sobie also noted that the University of Michigan has invited a representative from each County to attend their commencement ceremony celebrating their 200th anniversary. The event will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017.

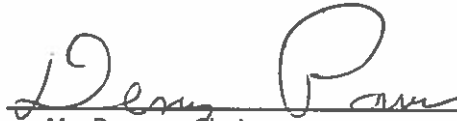
Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.



Amy L. Anderson,
Chief Deputy County Clerk

03/24/2017

Date



Mr. Powers, Chairperson