

Board Conference Room
March 23, 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 23, 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. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2017 meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPOINTMENT TO THE WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Byl to appoint Commissioner Andrew Sebolt to the West Michigan Community Mental Health board for a three-year term from 4/1/2017 to 03/31/2020. This corrects the term of appointment from Resolution #17-27, from February 23, 2017, which stated a one year term.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – REAPPOINTMENT TO THE WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to reappoint Mr. Jim Prince to the West Michigan Community Mental Health board for a three-year term from 4/1/2017 to 03/31/2020.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH TOWNSHIPS

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the General Law Enforcement Service agreements with the following townships. The term of all agreements is 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2020.

- Leavitt Township
- Weare Township
- Golden Township
- Crystal Township
- Benona Township
- Pentwater Township
- Colfax Township
- Grant Township
- Hart Township
- Elbridge Township
- Ferry Township
- Newfield Township
- Otto Township

- Claybanks Township

Furthermore, the Oceana County Sheriff, Oceana County Clerk, and Oceana County Board Chairperson are authorized to sign the agreements.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to increase the General Fund expenditure budget of the County Sheriff to cover costs related to replacement of a 75-gallon water heater in the jail. The County Administrator is authorized to transfer \$1,480 from the General Fund Contingency Account – 101-972-999.000 to the County Sheriff’s Building Repairs and Maintenance Account – 101-351-930.000.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – ACCEPTANCE OF MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS AGENCY GRANT

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Brown to authorize the Oceana County Veterans Affairs Board to accept the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Grant Award in the amount of \$3,831. In accordance with the grant application, the funds shall be used to support the department’s Web site. Furthermore, the Oceana County Administrator is authorized to amend the department’s 2017 budgets as necessary to account for the funds.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – APPOINTMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission to appoint Mr. John Wyns to the commission to complete the term expiring 12/31/2017 of Ms. Lisa Dutcher who recently resigned from the commission.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR TWO PARKS AND RECREATION GRANTS FOR CEDAR POINT PARK

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to authorize the Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission Chairperson, Mr. Joel Mikkelsen, to apply for two grants for the purpose of seeking financial assistance to repair and/or replace the stairs at Cedar Point Park. The two grantors are Great Lakes Energy’s Peoples Fund and Oceana County Community Foundation.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 – VETERANS’ SERVICE OFFICER COMPLIANCE

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

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has researched the original establishment and continued employment of a county Veterans’ Service Officer (VSO) since the position was created in 2013 and has identified employment practices that do not comply with employment laws and county policy; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has determined that the VSO position, from the time it was created, is a non-exempt position under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (as amended), meaning employees with this job designation must be compensated for all hours worked, either by overtime pay, compensatory time, or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator is recommending that corrective action be taken to bring employment of the VSO into compliance with employment laws and county policy and has provided the Oceana County Board of Commissioners with a proposal explaining the recommended corrective action; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners has reviewed and discussed the proposed recommendations and desires to take action to implement the recommendations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to make the necessary budget amendments to allocate monies from the fund balance account (293-000-390.000) of Fund #293 – County Department of Veterans’ Affairs to cover all taxable wages, including employer taxes, described in the above referenced proposal in the amount of \$31,454.67.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to set the VSO employee’s hourly wage rate to \$19.98, in accordance with the employee’s hiring letter, with the change taking effect the first payroll of April 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to award retroactive sick time to the VSO employee in the amount of 139 hours, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to award future vacation and sick time based on actual hours worked, in accordance with the county’s sick-vacation leave policy for part-time employees adopted July 5, 1993.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

AMBULANCE FUND	52,262.12
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	7,215.71
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FUND	3,748.50
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING FUND	-0-
TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND	13,250.00
VETERAN AFFAIRS	7,829.01
GIS	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.	99.98
LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	(1.15)
GENERAL FUND	<u>229,874.48</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$314,278.65</u>

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

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Byl announced that Mr. Doug Fris, Shelby, will be leaving Fifth-Third Bank sometime in the near future and noted that he will be missed as the County had a good working relationship with him.

Commissioner Byl discussed the future of the County Annex Building. The building is quite old, and is going to need a lot of work to bring it up to code to serve the needs of the County. The building currently houses the offices of Michigan State Extension, Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Veteran’s Affairs and Probation and Parole. The County Board is going to have to look at some options on what direction to go. He mentioned that the Lutheran Church, south of Hart; the Oceana ISD building; Hodges Car business just south across the street from the Courthouse are options to consider.

Chairperson Powers added that the building he owns, right downtown Hart, is also an option.

Commissioner Brown stated that he attended the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission last week. He brought back with him a printed “dashboard” with a lot of statistical information in it.

Commissioner Sebolt attended the West Michigan Community Mental Health meeting. WCMH is working with three area sheriff departments and the Village of Pentwater for a grant which would be considered a “Mental Health” first aid kit. This would hopefully be of help to law enforcement to handle uncertain individuals in a safe way.

Commissioner Gustafson noted that the Village of Pentwater will be celebrating their 150th

anniversary this summer with many special activities. He suggested that possibly the County Board could adopt a resolution of appreciation to honor this event.

Mr. Sobie reminded everyone that the next regular County Board meeting will be held on Thursday evening, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. There will also be an open house from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the public to meet some of the elected officials.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.


Rebecca J. Griffin, (County Clerk)

4.24.17
Date


Mr. Powers, Chairperson

