

Board Conference Room  
April 27, 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, April 27, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2017 meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Kevin Hughes, Health Officer, District Health Department #10 (DHD) provided a Public Health update. He noted that during the year 2016, DHD continuously looked for innovative ways to improve local public health. Continuing on into 2017, the department remains optimistic about the opportunities and challenges. Communicable diseases and environmental health issues remain in the for front of public health.

Mr. Hughes commented that the new Shelby Health Center located at the Shelby School has proven to be very successful. The center had over 1,325 visits. The top three health issues identified by key community stakeholders relative to Oceana County, include: 1) access to care; 2) chronic disease; and 3) healthy lifestyle. Substance abuse, overweight, obesity and mental health issues continue to rise. He stated that DHD #10 is ready, willing and able to help individuals struggling with health care issues.

Public Health as a whole strives to protect and improve the health of families and communities by promoting and supporting healthy life styles, conducting research, and through the detection and control of infectious diseases. He encourages the public to be proactive in a healthy lifestyle and to utilize the services offered by DHD #10. There are so many services they provide that can enhance a person's health.

Mr. Hughes thanked the Board for their continued support.

Chairperson Powers thanked Mr. Hughes for coming and providing the public health update.

Dr. Lisa Hotovy, Executive Director, West Michigan Community Mental Health System (WCMCHS), provided a review of the FY 2015/2016 Annual Report. She related that WCMCHS accomplished many goals this past year. A few included:

- 1) Substance abuse services offered in the jails over the three counties
- 2) The restructuring of the emergency on-call program
- 3) The restructuring of the autism program
- 4) Expanded partnerships with Spectrum Ludington Hospital, Shelby Lakeshore Hospital, local law enforcement and a few other entities.

Dr. Hotovy touched on a few goals for the future to include:

- 1) The transition to a new Electronic Medical Record System
- 2) Implementation of a plan to become a fully trauma-informed organization
- 3) Enhanced access to substance use disorder services within the three counties
- 4) Continuing efforts to enhance and expand community partnerships

Chairperson Powers thanked Dr. Hotovy for her presentation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 – RECOGNITION OF MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH**

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Ms. Meyette to adopt the following Resolution on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017:

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in May in the United States since 1949; and  
WHEREAS, stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners recognize that stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder creates one of the primary barriers to individuals seeking needed services; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Lake, Mason and Oceana counties, in coordination with West Michigan Community Mental Health and the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards, will be representing their home counties in an event titled "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" at the State Capitol on May 10, 2017 to promote awareness and reduce stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners recognizes May as Mental Health Awareness Month and supports the efforts of the citizens of Oceana County participating in the "Walk a Mile in My Shoes" event to promote awareness of, and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness, developmental disabilities and substance use disorder in Oceana County.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 - APPROVAL OF 2017 EQUALIZATION REPORT**

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the 2017 Oceana County Equalized Valuation of \$1,579,700,065 with an equalized value of real property of \$1,515,098,880 and equalized value of personal property of \$64,601,185 as shown by the 2017 Analysis for Equalization in compliance with Section 211.34 M.C.L. 1948, as amended.

Furthermore, the County Clerk and Chairperson of the Board are authorized to execute the "L-4024 as Assessed and Equalized Valuations Report" for the political subdivisions of the County and the State Tax Commission. The 2017 County Equalization Value reflects a 1.09% increase in total real property and an 8.20% decrease in total personal property with an overall 0.0067% increase from the total 2016 State Equalized Valuation of \$1,569,191,959.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT**

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

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Clerk's Office wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system for all precincts, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB)

tabulators, accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software; and,

WHEREAS, partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds; and,

WHEREAS, the County and local jurisdiction funding obligations will be required with estimated details available on the attached quote (Oceana County's initial expense is approximately \$2,060).

WHEREAS, the County Clerk plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2018; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Oceana County Clerk to submit the grant application for new voting equipment on behalf of Oceana County.

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

Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 4 – APPOINTMENT TO WHITE RIVER NATURAL RIVERS ZONING REVIEW BOARD**

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to approve the recommendation of the Oceana County Planning Commission to appoint Ms. Catherine Ohrling to the White River Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board to serve as an alternate member, replacing Mr. Ed Elsey.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 5 – ACCEPTANCE OF AWARD FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL PHASE II CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Byl to award the Animal Control Phase II Construction project to Blackmer Construction for an amount not to exceed \$222,845, without prior approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign the required construction agreements.

Furthermore, the County Administrator is authorized to amend the budget for the Special Revenue Fund 246 – Animal Control Building Improvement from \$0.00 to \$242,845 as described below. The budget amendment includes construction costs of \$222,845; construction contingency of \$10,000, and architecture and engineering services of \$10,000 for a grand total of \$242,845.

##### **Revenues:**

- Increase Transfer In account 246-000-699.998 from \$0.00 to \$242,845

##### **Expenditures:**

- Increase Transfers Out account 254-253-999.000 from \$0.00 to \$242,845
- Increase Other Contractual Services account 246-000-821.000 from \$0.00 to \$242,845

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

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

<b>AMBULANCE FUND</b>	<b>82,983.04</b>
<b>PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND</b>	<b>11,710.27</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION FUND</b>	<b>25.59</b>
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING FUND</b>	<b>845.65</b>
<b>TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND</b>	<b>3,480.00</b>
<b>VETERAN AFFAIRS</b>	<b>7,957.42</b>
<b>GIS</b>	<b>617.50</b>
<b>MEDICAL RESERVE CORP</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.</b>	<b>99.98</b>
<b>LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>365,930.70</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$474,650.15</u></b>

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; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Walker-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 – RECOGNITION OF APPRECIATION FOR MR. PATRICK MURPHY, RETIRING OCEANA COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT**

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Brown to adopt the following Resolution of Appreciation for Pat Murphy:

WHEREAS, Pat has served the people of Oceana County with pride and as a county employee beginning December 4, 1984 until his retirement on April 30, 2017, representing nearly 33 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Pat has placed a high priority on the quality of service provided to the public; and

WHEREAS, Pat has earned the praise and recognition of the Oceana County courts and staff for his dedication; and

WHEREAS, Pat has gained the respect and gratitude of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners for his long-term devotion to public service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; That the Oceana County Board of Commissioners expresses its appreciation to Pat for his many years of professional service to Oceana County and wishes him many years of happiness and good health in retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution bear the seal of Oceana County and the signatures of the Chairperson of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners and the Oceana County Clerk and a copy of this Resolution become part of the permanent records of the County.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Sebolt stated that he attended the Department of Veteran's Affair meeting yesterday and learned that the Veterans Trust Department, after being inactive in the County for a period of time, may be coming active again in the County. He also attended the Road Commission meeting where there was much discussion on towers and road right-of-way's.

Commissioner Byl provided each Board member with a pamphlet on the Ludington Pump Storage. At the West Michigan County Alliance meeting this past Monday (April 24), a presentation on the pump storage facility was held. It stated that it was very interesting and is such a great asset for this area of the State. Plans are in place to renovate the storage facility as the turbines and generators are wearing out.

Chairperson Powers informed all Board members that Phase IV of the Medical Care Facility Project is nearing completion and is predicted to come in "under" budget. Also, the facility received a five-star rating which is a very nice honor. Less than 10% of the medical care facilities in Michigan receive this.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

  
Rebecca J. Griffin, County Clerk

5-11-17  
Date

  
Mr. Powers, Chairperson