

Board Conference Room
May 25, 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, May 25, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Roll was called by the Clerk. Present: Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Byl, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Sebolt and Mr. Powers. Absent: Mr. Brown and Mr. Walker.

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Mike Krauch, District Coordinator, MSU Extension, introduced new staff members. Mr. David Jones, who previously resided in Wisconsin, has been hired as the Tree Fruit Educator. He began employment February 1, 2017. This is a unique partnership with MSU Extension. They went through two previous searches before finding Mr. Jones. He studied disease that affects crops and deals directly with farmers every day in all areas of farming. He also conducts research on new products, new practices, and so forth.

Ms. Sam Brodley is the new 4-H Program Coordinator. She has a background in Natural Resources and is becoming familiar with Oceana County and the community members. She is gearing up for the Summer Fair in August and 4-H Exploration Day to be held in June. Some of the opportunities include: a strong Animal Science Program; youth driven adult supported group; and a non-traditional 4-H Tech Wizards Program.

The County has an outstanding 4-H Program and she is anxious to begin working with the members. Mr. Krauch is hopeful that Ms. Brodley will bring some new opportunities to the County.

Mr. Sebolt mentioned that on the agenda for this meeting is a resolution regarding the eradication of the Spotted Wing Drosophila which has a great potential to devastate cherry crops. He asked if Mr. Jones could shed any light on this invasive pest. Mr. Jones was actually able to offer quite detailed information on this invasive pest; and, noted that MSU is working on ways to control and eradicate the Drosophila bug. He related that this is quite a big problem throughout the cherry industry and it could extend through other fruit industries.

Mr. Ferris commented on the Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing. The County borrows money to pay off several institutions and borrows against foreclosure items. He is curious as to why the County borrows money at the beginning of the year. Why not wait until the end of the year which seems like it would be a better economic plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – CONSIDERATION FOR A TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Byl to conduct a Public Hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017 in the Oceana County Building, Board Conference Room, for a proposed increase of 0.1350 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on all property in 2017.

Roll call vote: Mr. Sebolt-yes; Mr. Byl-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: Mr. Brown and Mr. Walker.

Motion carried.

The following bid proposals for the provision of Custodial Services at the County Courthouse and Annex Building were opened: 1) Taylor Cleaning Services, LLC., Rothbury; and, 2) Professional Building Services, LLC., Muskegon. Mr. Powers felt it would be best to **not** take action on the proposal at this time; but, wait until Mr. Sobie, County Administrator returned so he could also review them. The resolution was tabled and will be addressed at the June 8, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – SUPPORT FOR FUNDING THE ERADICATION OF THE SPOTTED WING DROSOPHILA

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Ms. Meyette to approve the following resolution regarding maintaining the required funding of the MSU research station located in Leelanau County to assist with controlling and eventually eradicating the Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD):

WHEREAS, Oceana County and the rest of Northwest Michigan region are the primary producers of tart cherries in the United States, producing 70-75% of the tart cherries grown nationally; and

WHEREAS, the job creation associated with growing, harvesting and processing of tart cherries is a major economic driver in Oceana County along with other West Michigan Counties; and

WHEREAS, the invasive SWD has the potential of devastating the State cherry industry, by burrowing and destroying the ripe cherry, to the point where the tart cherries are not a marketable product; and

WHEREAS, abandoned and neglected tart cherry farms are contributing to the spread of the invasive SWD, by not properly controlling the invasive SWD through the appropriate use of pesticide management; and

WHEREAS, Oceana County is requesting the assistance from the neighboring tart cherry producing counties, State of Michigan and the Federal Government for all possible interventions to help control and eradicate the invasive SWD through continued funding and research to appropriately manage the invasive SWD; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners strongly supports all efforts to eliminate this invasive pest that is having a negative impact upon our internationally recognized fruit growing economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Clerk be directed to forward this resolution to the following: Senator Geoff Hansen, Representative Scott VanSingel, and to Antrim, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Manistee, Kent, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Allegan, Berrien and VanBuren Counties.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPROVAL FOR SHERIFF TO HIRE A TEMPORARY PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to authorize the County Sheriff to hire a temporary part-time corrections officer for a period of employment of no more than 12 weeks and not to extend past August 19, 2017. The employee shall not work more than 768 hours during the authorized period of time at a cost not to exceed \$10,730 without prior approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Hiring temporary part-time employees is in accordance with Sections 6.1 (Employer Rights) and 8.5 (Seniority) of the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) collective bargaining agreement currently in effect. Also in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement, temporary part-time employees are not subject to the collective bargaining agreement.

Furthermore, funding for the temporary part-time corrections officer shall be derived from the Jail's current FY 2017 budget of \$5,000 and a budget amendment of \$5,730. The County Administrator is authorized to amend the General Fund budget as described below:

Expenditures:

- Increase Salaries and Wages Temporary account 101-351-706.000 by \$5,730 from \$15,000 to \$20,730
- Decrease Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance account 101-301-932.000 by \$5,730 from \$35,000 to \$29,270

Roll call vote: Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Byl-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: Mr. Walker and Mr. Brown.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – AWARD OF CONTRACT TO REPLACE EXISTING HEATING SYSTEM TO MARTECH ENTERPRISE, LLC

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to award the contract to replace the existing heating system in the County Building to Martech Enterprise, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$101,600, without prior approval by the Board of Commissioners. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign the required agreement.

Furthermore, the County Administrator is authorized to amend the budget for the Special Revenue Fund 245 – Public Improvement from \$0.00 to \$101,600 as described below.

Revenues:

- Increase Transfer In account 245-000-699.998 from \$0.00 to \$101,600

Expenditures:

- Increase Transfers Out account 254-253-999.000 from \$343,065 to \$444,665
- Increase Other Contractual Services account 245-000-821.000 from \$0.00 to \$101,600

Roll call vote: Mr. Byl-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Sebolt-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: Mr. Walker and Mr. Brown.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 - 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	69,909.65
GIS FUND	1,330.00
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	350.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	13,098.79
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FUND	-0-
ANIMAL CONTROL	5,000.00
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING FUND	-0-
TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND	-0-
K-9 FUND	12,100.00
VETERAN AFFAIRS	4,591.45
MEDICAL RESERVE CORP	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.	99.98
LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	4,327.70
GENERAL FUND	<u>285,607.68</u>
TOTAL	\$396,415.25

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. Sebolt-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: Mr. Walker and Mr. Brown.

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Byl stated that Mr. Sobie and he have reviewed the proposed purchase agreement for the ISD building. It is pretty much a standard boiler plate agreement. However, an environmental attorney is reviewing the agreement also to make sure the language is appropriate; and, to make sure there are no environmental issues with the land.

Commissioner Sebolt informed the Board that the County Road Commission is having an open house Thursday, June 8, from noon to 4:00 p.m. There will be free hotdogs, chips and lemonade! Road Commission employees will be there to talk with the public and show how they operate some of their equipment. He stated that a "Car Seat" check will also be held at the Road Commission on June 8 from noon to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Gustafson noted that he attended an open house at the State Police Post in Hart last Saturday. It was very well attended and he was quite impressed with their operation. Oceana County is very fortunate to have a State Police post located here. He stated that it was helpful to him to learn about their K-9 unit also.

Chairperson Powers informed the Board that Mr. Greg Wilson, Oceana County Medical Care Facility Director, will be retiring in October. An open house is being planned for Phase 3 of the MCF Project for some time in June.

Mr. Krauch thank the County Board for allowing him and staff members to come and give a presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.


Rebecca J. Griffin, County Clerk

6.8.17
Date


Mr. Powers, Chairperson