

Board Conference Room
September 14, 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, September 14, 2017 at 11:31 a.m.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes of the August 24 and the September 7, 2017 meetings as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 AS CONSTITUTION DAY

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

WHEREAS, the American Revolution created an independent nation, the United States, and secured the first system of self-government as a model for the world; and

WHEREAS, this system of self-government produced the tenets of equal justice, limited government and Rule of Law that exists in the United States today; and

WHEREAS, the 39 delegates who signed the United States Constitution at the Constitutional Convention forever changed the course of human history and established the essential guide of compromise; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States protects the unalienable rights of every citizen of the United States, secures "the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," and sets the standard of governance for the world; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2017 marks the 230th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution which is the supreme law of the land and the document by which We the People of this land self-govern.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby commemorates the 230th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 2017 and recognizes the sacrifices made by the people who made that signing possible.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – OPPOSITION TO THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA

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

Whereas, proposals to legalize the general use of marijuana, other than for medical purposes in compliance with current state law, are being placed on the ballot in communities across Michigan; and

Whereas, there is significant evidence demonstrating that non-medical or recreational use of marijuana has a profoundly negative impact on our youth, particularly teenagers; and

Whereas, Oceana County youth report via the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) in 2016 that only 47% of students thought marijuana use was risky, 42% of students surveyed reported that it would be easy or very easy to get marijuana, and 10.3% reported that they have used marijuana in the past 30 days.

Whereas, *The National Institute on Drug Abuse* reports that one in six teens that use marijuana become addicted to its use; and

Whereas, *Monitoring the Future, 2013* reports that in states where medical marijuana use has been legalized, about one third of 12th graders reported access to another person's medical marijuana supply; and

Whereas, *Rocky Mountain HIDTA, 2015* reports that there was a 40 percent increase in drug-related suspensions and expulsions in Colorado from school year 2008/2009 to 2013/2014.

Whereas, *National Highway Traffic Association* reports that driving under the influence of marijuana is associated with an increased risk of car crashes, especially fatal crashes; and

Whereas, the University of Colorado, Denver reports that marijuana-impaired driver related fatalities have risen 114% in Colorado since that state legalized the use of marijuana; and

Whereas, *Join Together* reports that the active ingredient in marijuana, Tetrahydrocannabinol(THC), has increased significantly from an average of 1% in 1970 to 30% in 2013, making today's marijuana an alarmingly more potent drug; and

Whereas, general marijuana use and possession is not permitted by federal and state law; and

Whereas, it is not possible to foresee and mitigate all the associated risks and impact to our communities through the legalization of marijuana for general use; and

Whereas, Oceana County recognizes the need to educate all sectors of our community regarding the dangers of non-medical marijuana use;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, Oceana County Board of Commissioners is opposed to the legalization of marijuana for general use; and

Be It Further Resolved, Oceana County Board of Commissioners encourages other communities to oppose the legalization of marijuana for general use including the adoption of similar resolutions in opposition to the legalization of non-medical marijuana.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPLICATION FOR A HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to authorize the County Administrator to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If the grant is awarded in 2018 a 25% local match, estimated to be \$8,333, is required.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Walker to conduct a Public Hearing at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2017 in the Oceana County Building, Board Conference Room, for a proposed increase of .2850 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied on all property in 2017.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – INCREASE IN THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S ANNUAL SALARY BASED ON ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to increase the County Administrator’s annual salary to \$91,000 retroactive to July 18, 2017. The County Clerk is authorized to implement the pay increase within 30 days from the date of this resolution and the County Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budget amendment to cover the additional cost.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to approve the Remonumentation and Peer Group Member Agreements and to appoint the following Land Surveyors to the Peer Group:

Name/Address	Name/Address	Name/Address
Sammy S. Barnett, PS 16923 8572 S. Branch Road Branch, MI 49402 T 231-898-2234	Patrick Johnson, PS 47956 Wetherell Land Surveying PO Box 219, 510 Michigan Ave. Baldwin, MI 49304 T 231-745-3441	Noah Penn, PS 57973 Points West Land Surveying, LLC 1872 Tall Oaks Drive W. Ludington, MI 49431 T 231-740-4102

The Agreements are for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Each Peer Group Member shall be compensated for services performed under the Agreements in the amount of \$350.00 per meeting.

Pursuant to Section 9 of P.A. 345 of 1990, known as the "State Survey and Remonumentation Act," the Oceana County Board of Commissioners is authorized to contract with licensed surveyors and is required to do so by the Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan for Oceana County. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all agreements on behalf of Oceana County.

The sole function of the Peer Group is the ratification of the corners presented by the Monumentation Surveyor under the County Monumentation Plan.

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

Motion carried.

Discussion and consideration regarding the implementation of the recommendations from the 2017 Wage Study was tabled and will be presented at the September 28, 2017 Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to authorize the County Administrator to transfer the remaining fund balance of \$16,359.89 from Capitol Projects District Court Fund (#401) to the General Fund (#101) and to deactivate the Capitol Projects District Court Fund (#401).

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 – APPROVAL TO OBTAIN BIDS FOR A PAVED DRIVEWAY FOR THE NEW ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to authorize the County Administrator to seek bids for construction of a paved driveway for the new Animal Control building with costs to be paid from the project's contingency fund which has a current balance of \$18,250.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 – AUTHORIZATION FOR CONTINUED USE OF TEMPORARY PART-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Walker to authorize the County Sheriff to continue using a temporary part-time corrections officer for a period not to extend past November 1, 2017 at the current rate of pay.

Furthermore, funding for the temporary part-time corrections officer shall be derived from the Sheriff's Department's current FY 2017 budget by transferring funds from one or more expenditure line items to be determined by the County Administrator and County Sheriff. The County Administrator is authorized to amend the General Fund budget accordingly.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 - PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

AMBULANCE FUND	\$ 91,522.36
GIS FUND	805.00
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	5,415.79
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	15,848.62
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FUND	11.88
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING	-0-
TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND	3,803.18
K-9 FUND	910.39
VETERAN AFFAIRS	7,175.73
MEDICAL RESERVE CORP	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.	750.00
VICTIMS SERVICES	126.35
LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	-0-
GENERAL FUND	<u>475,398.27</u>
TOTAL	\$601,767.57

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

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Sebolt noted that he attended the Road Commission meeting yesterday (September 13) and it looks as though the Monroe Road project may be extended a little bit longer.

Commissioner Meyette stated that she attended the Michigan Township Association (MTA) meeting on Thursday, September 7.

Commissioner Walker related that Oceana County is scheduled to be the host for the West Michigan County Alliance Meeting next April. He wondered if Mason/Oceana 9-1-1 might be interested in providing a presentation. Their line of work could be quite informative for the other counties.

Commissioner Byl provided a brief update on the Silver Lake Sewer Project. The two engineering firms are planning to provide a presentation the end of September on their recent findings. The expected cost could be anywhere between \$18,000,000 and \$25,000,000, which does not include Upper Silver Lake. They are still trying to determine which direction to move whether that be a small sewer system in the Silver Lake area, or joining with the Hart sewer system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jon Bumstead was present in the area and decided to stop by and say hi!

Sheriff Mast related that the department is wrapping up their summer activities. The new K-9 dog has now passed five areas of the certification. The dog is doing well.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.


Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk

9.28.17
Date


Mr. Powers, Chairperson