

Board Conference Room  
January 25, 2018  
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, January 25, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting as corrected. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPOINTMENT OF PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES  
TO THE MASON-OCEANA 911 BOARD**

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to appoint Mr. Dan Yost, Oceana County EMS Supervisor, to the Mason-Oceana 911 Board of Directors, effective immediately. Mr. Chris Schoenherr, Oceana County EMS Supervisor, shall serve as Mr. Yost's alternate on the Mason-Oceana 911 Board of Directors.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – AMENDMENT TO THE FY2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Walker to post-approve the County Administrator amending the FY 2017 General Fund Budget by increasing it \$11,000, using the General Fund's fund balance account. The increase is necessary to cover unemployment insurance costs (account 101-870-723.000), applicable to the Equalization Office and Sheriff's Department that exceeded the budgeted amount.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 – AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2017 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Byl to post-approve the County Administrator amending the FY 2017 Sheriff's Department budget by \$9,904 to cover costs related to the purchase of a K9 vehicle as described below:

**Expenditures**

- Decrease Office Equipment & Furniture account 101-301-980.000 by \$2,000
- Decrease Machinery & Equipment account 101-301-977.000 by \$4,000
- Decrease Telephone account 101-301-850.000 by \$2,000
- Decrease Gasoline account 101-301-747.000 by \$1,904
- Increase Vehicles account 101-301-981.000 by \$9,904

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4 - PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

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

<b>AMBULANCE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 208,842.04</b>
<b>GIS FUND</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND</b>	<b>10,169.19</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION FUND</b>	<b>165.00</b>
<b>ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND</b>	<b>7,446.63</b>
<b>K-9 FUND</b>	<b>13,182.30</b>
<b>VETERAN AFFAIRS</b>	<b>4,405.06</b>
<b>MEDICAL RESERVE CORP</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.</b>	<b>3,743.28</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS-EQUIP. REPLACEMENT</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b><u>718,111.76</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 966,065.26</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. Sebolt-yes; Mr. Brown-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Mr. Walker-yes.  
Ms. Meyette-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Walker stated that Mr. Sobie and he attended the West Michigan Forensic Pathology Services Authority meeting on Wednesday in Mecosta County. At the meeting, authorization was given to approve Lake and Oceana Counties as members of the authority. Wexford and Clare have recently been approved as well. The ideal goal would be to have ten counties join the Authority. Once the count is high enough, the authority would be able to hire their own forensic pathologist. There are currently 500 or less forensic pathologists in the United States and 24 are in the State of Michigan. This facility, (in Mecosta County) is the farthest northern one in Michigan.

Commissioner Walker noted that there are currently no autopsies being offered at the facility because there is not a staffed forensic pathologist. It was mentioned at the meeting to possibly hire a pathologist from the Lansing area (Sparrow Hospital) on a part-time basis for now. An attractive point in hiring a "forensic" pathologist is that when a contract is entered into, they would be allowed to do private autopsies at that facility. Forensic pathologists are also qualified to act in criminal issues if need be, which could be advantageous. He mentioned that there was discussion about the upcoming Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) meeting and evidently there is legislation introduced that would require the head Medical Examiner in each county to be a certified pathologist. There is a fear that this could create a lack of pathologists and could become very costly.

Commissioner Byl stated that there are changes taking place with the Oceana Economic Development Corporation. The Board has met and will have a recommendation within the next month as to a future direction. There has been talk of joining in the partnership with the "Right Place" which is a regional economic development organization. The Board feels it is time to address some changes.

Commissioner Byl also mentioned that West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) will be working on community economic development infrastructure. If any one is aware of needs, be sure to pass those along. For example, the proposal of a municipal sewer system or possibly a natural gas line in the Walkerville area, of which so many residents and businesses could benefit. Mr. Walker also mentioned electrical infrastructure in the Rothbury area with the Barber Steel industry. Contact Mr. Byl of any ideas so that he can pass this information on as there may be opportunities to obtain federal and state grants.

Commissioner Brown commented that Mr. Gustafson and he attended the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission meeting this past Monday, whereby the election of officers was held. Mostly financial issues were discussed. One Board member announced that West Shore Community College has purchased the cancer facility in Mason County. Mr. Gustafson added that it was a good meeting and always interesting to hear what other counties are working on.

Commissioner Meyette announced that the Husband and Turple Hardware in Hesperia is going out-of-business after 100 years. It will now become an antique mall.

Commissioner Sebolt attended the Governors State-of-the State address this week. There was discussion on unfunded liabilities, unfunded mandates to counties and broadband. He learned that there is an increasing number of legislators that were former local government officials.

Chairperson Powers commented how nice it is to have the Sheriff and Undersheriff present at the meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Cargill, Golden Township Treasurer, commented that Senator Hansen introduced a bill that would reimburse local governments for the Veterans exemption with respect to property taxes. She encouraged all to contact Senator Hansen as well.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

  
Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk

2-8-18  
Date

  
Mr. Powers, Chairperson