

Board Conference Room
February 8, 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, February 8, 2018 at 11:40 a.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Powers conveyed his respect for Mr. Charles (Bud) Simon who recently passed away. Mr. Simon served as a County Commissioner for sixteen years. He expressed what an honor it was to have served on the Board with Mr. Simon.

The resolution to consider approval to place a ballot proposition for the provision of operating millage for the Oceana County Council on Aging on the August 7, 2018 Primary Election was tabled for further discussion.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – MONTHLY MANAGEMENT PER DIEM FOR EMS SUPERVISORS

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Walker to pay a \$300 per month taxable management per diem to each EMS Supervisor, Mr. Dan Yost and Mr. Chris Schoenherr, to compensate the supervisors for the additional management-level work being performed. Compensation shall be retroactive to February 1, 2018, paid monthly with the first pay period of the month, and continue through July 2018, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Commissioners.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – APPROVAL TO BORROW AGAINST ANTICIPATED DELINQUENT 2017 REAL PROPERTY TAXES

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Oceana (the "County") has heretofore adopted a resolution establishing the Oceana County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (the "Fund") pursuant to Section 87b of Act No. 206, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended ("Act 206"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Fund is to allow the Oceana County Treasurer (the "County Treasurer") to pay from the Fund any or all delinquent real property taxes that are due and payable to the County and any school district, intermediate school district, community college district, city, township, special assessment district, the State of Michigan or any other political unit for which delinquent tax payments are due; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby determined to be necessary for the County to borrow money and issue its notes for the purposes authorized by Act 206, particularly Sections 87c, 87d and 87g thereof; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the total amount of unpaid 2017 delinquent real property taxes (the "delinquent taxes") outstanding on March 1, 2018, will be approximately \$4,500,000.00, exclusive of interest, fees and penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 206, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended, and especially Sections 87c, 87d and 87g thereof, the County of Oceana shall borrow the sum of not to exceed \$4,500,000.00 and issue its notes, therefor for the purpose of continuing the Fund for the 2017 tax year. The exact amount to be borrowed shall not exceed the amount of delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2018, exclusive of interest, fees, and penalties. The County Treasurer shall designate the exact amount to be borrowed after the amount of the 2017 delinquent taxes outstanding on March 1, 2018, or the portion of the 2017 delinquent taxes against which the County shall borrow, has been determined.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPROVAL FOR THE OCEANA COUNTY TREASURER TO ADMINISTER THE DELINQUENT TAX FUND

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Brown to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Oceana has heretofore adopted a resolution establishing the Oceana County Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 87b of Act No. 206, Public Acts of Michigan, 1893, as amended ("Act 206"); and

WHEREAS, the Fund has been designated as the 100% Tax Payment Fund (the "Fund") by the Oceana County Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 206, upon creation of the Fund, the County Treasurer is to act as agent for the County to administer the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Oceana has adopted a "Resolution to Borrow Against Anticipated Delinquent 2017 Real Property Taxes" to continue the Fund for 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Oceana that:

1. Pursuant to Section 87c of Act 206, the County Treasurer's office shall receive for administrative expenses in connection with the Fund and the issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Notes, Series 2018 by the County such sums as are provided by law.

2. As agent for the County, the County Treasurer shall act pursuant to Act 206 and as further provided in the "Resolution to Borrow Against Anticipated Delinquent 2017 Real Property Taxes" heretofore adopted by the County Board of Commissioners.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – REAPPOINTMENT TO THE LAKESHORE REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Meyette to reappoint Commissioner Andrew Sebolt to the Lakeshore Regional Entity policy board for a three-year term beginning 01/01/2018 and expiring 12/31/2020.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Sebolt thanked the Board for the appointment and noted it is a very nice Board to work with.

RESOLUTION NO 5 – REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Byl to reappoint Commissioner Jim Brown and Commissioner Dean Gustafson as representatives to the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) Board for a one-year term beginning 01/01/2018 and expiring 12/31/2018.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 - PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

AMBULANCE FUND	\$ 88,812.18
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	124.85
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	4,162.63
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FUND	1,291.08
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING	-0-
TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND	15,711.30
K-9 FUND	196.13
VETERAN AFFAIRS	4,529.94
MEDICAL RESERVE CORP	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.	750.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS-EQUIP. REPLACEMENT	-0-
LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	-0-
GENERAL FUND	<u>397,763.02</u>
TOTAL	\$ 514,341.13

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. Walker-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes;
And Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: Mr. Gustafson.

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Sebolt reported that he attended the recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting whereby discussion continued with respect to the Cedar Point Park and the Road Commission road right-of-way issue.

Commissioner Meyette attended the Ag Legislative breakfast meeting on Monday. Mr. David Jones, Michigan State Extension Office Tree Fruit Educator, was present and spoke about the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and how it could affect local farmers. Senator Hansen was present and talked about the water systems in Michigan. It was mentioned possibly putting a \$1.00 surcharge on water bills to build up a fund to address the pipe lines in Michigan.

Commissioner Walker stated that he received notification that the Osceola County Board of Commissioners voted to join the West Michigan Forensics Pathology Services Authority which brings the count to seven counties now. He also related that he attended an informational meeting at Rothbury Village this past week. There was much discussion relative to a business wanting to expand to a medical marijuana shop and grow facility. Several citizens were in attendance. Mr. Walker noted that he had a copy of a resolution adopted relative to recreation marijuana at the meeting. He made it clear that the resolution did pertain to recreational marijuana; however, three key points were stressed with the last being that it is still illegal under federal law. The matter is still being pursued.

Commissioner Byl attended the Michigan Works meeting in Reed City. To follow up on NAFTA, a presentation was made by a company in Big Rapids that makes big shipping knives. The issue they are dealing with is that specific steel being used was from China and Germany; however, there is now a tariff on that particular steel. Czech Republic makes the same type of blades and there is no tariff on the finished project, thus the affect trickles down to the company. Thus, with the implementation of NAFTA there will be winners and losers.

Commissioner Byl also spoke about Mason County moving towards a "promise zone" which helps pay for the first two years of community college. Part of the application was actually filled out by the West Shore Educational Service District (West Shore ESD). There are concerns that the other school districts, such as Oceana County schools, were not included in those applications. It is a great opportunity for students and needs to be fair and offered to all of the school districts in the West Shore ESD agency. He did speak with Ms. Tammy Carey to see if it could be amended to include all school districts in the agency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Lori Green, Weare Township resident, spoke about a fresh market asparagus packer that declared bankruptcy. She related that this affects approximately 13 local farmers in Oceana County that are owed about \$1 million. This is quite a loss to the county and very serious to the local farmers. It was discovered that there is a Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) that was signed into law in 1930 as an attempt to address situations like this. The PACA was updated in 1970 with the PACA Trust law. She related that it is unfortunate that local farmers were not aware of this Act sooner. Several local farmers have banded together and are putting on a PACA workshop on February 22 at Elbridge Township Hall at 9:00 a.m. It should be very informative and she encouraged anyone interested to attend.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.


Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk

2-22-18
Date


Mr. Powers, Chairperson