

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 22, 2018 at 11:33 a.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2018 meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SURGE PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to appropriate up to \$4,550 from the Capital Projects Equipment Fund (#245) fund balance account, as described below, for the purchase of electrical surge protection equipment. The equipment is needed to prevent future damage to the newly installed boiler system in the courthouse as well as the main electrical service panel in the courthouse.

Revenue

- Increase Previous Year End account 405-000-401.000 from \$0.00 to \$4,550

Expenditure

- Increase Machinery and Equipment account 405-000977.000 from \$0.00 to \$4,550

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to appoint Commissioner Meyette as alternate representative 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. 3 – AMENDMENT TO FY 2017 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGETS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to post-approve the following budget amendments to the FY 2017 Special Revenue Funds, as presented, and to direct the County Administrator to complete, and report, all other necessary end of year budget amendments and journal entries for FY 2017 for these same funds at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

- Fund 210 Ambulance Fund

- Increase revenue from \$2,425,270 to \$2,454,857
- Fund 256 Automation Fund (Reg Deeds)
 - Increase revenue from \$121,233 to \$123,035
- Fund 275 Senior Citizens Tax
 - Increase revenue from \$918,116 to \$933,977
- Fund 293 Veterans Affairs
 - Increase revenue from \$175,513 to \$179,895
- Fund 391 MCF Debt Retirement
 - Increase revenue from \$20,815 to \$29,582
- Fund 512 Medical Care Facility
 - Increase revenue from \$18,986,905 to \$19,797,009
 - Increase expenditures from \$19,901,207 to \$20,222,333
- Fund 526 2016 Delinquent Tax Fund (100% Tax Payment Fund 2016)
 - Increase revenue from \$1,250,686 to \$1,252,142

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR OPIOID LITIGATION

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

WHEREAS the Oceana County Board of Commissioners (“the Board”) desires legal representation in national litigation that is being waged against manufacturers and distributors of opioids and other culpable parties; and

WHEREAS the participation in such national litigation requires specialized expertise; and

WHEREAS the Board has reviewed the qualifications of Weitz & Luxenberg PC, the Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC and Smith & Johnson Attorneys, PC and believes that those firms collectively possess outstanding experience and qualifications to represent the County’s interests as it relates to the opioid epidemic.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the firms of Weitz & Luxenberg PC, the Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC, and Smith & Johnson Attorneys, PC as special counsel to represent the interests of Oceana County in litigation concerning the opioid epidemic.

FURTHERMORE, the Board Chairperson is authorized to sign the retainer agreement.

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

Mr. Walker-yes; and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 - PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

AMBULANCE FUND	\$ 57,807.30
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	11,149.68
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FUND	1,350.00
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING	-0-
TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND	1,539.00
K-9 FUND	1,263.40
VETERAN AFFAIRS	4,200.27
MEDICAL RESERVE CORP	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.	109.98
CAPITAL PROJECTS-EQUIP. REPLACEMENT	-0-
LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	-0-
GENERAL FUND	<u>411,391.31</u>
TOTAL	\$ 488,810.94

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Walker reported that the Village of Rothbury met and voted 5 – 2 to opt out of the medical marijuana distribution and growing facility. He also noted that he attended the Mason/Oceana 911 meeting yesterday (Wednesday). Mason/Oceana 911 paid off their loan to Mason County this week. The only outstanding loan is on the building, which cannot be paid off early. The facility is in a much better financial position than three years ago.

Commissioner Byl related that at the last Board meeting, Mr. Walker asked him, because he is a member of the Michigan Works Board, if there was any help available to Barber Steel in Rothbury as they have a lack of sufficient electricity to operate effectively and a lack of employees. Commissioner Byl was happy to report that he is meeting with Barber Steel, a representative from Consumers Energy, and the Michigan Works Director to see if they can help Barber Steel with these issues. That is one of the missions of Michigan Works is to put unemployed people and businesses together.

Commissioner Walker stopped and visited the General Manager of Barber Steel and he was very appreciative for Mr. Byl's help and the opportunity to meet with Consumer Energy and Michigan Works tomorrow. He also noted that he talked with the Village of Rothbury and they were pleased; and, preferred

that Mr. Byl and he work on the Barber Steel issues and keep them informed.

Commissioner Byl reminded all Board members of the GIS meeting to be held this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Mr. VanderVries, Oceana County Equalization Director, and his staff, will provide an update as to the progress of the system.

Commissioner Sebolt attended the Parks and Recreation meeting with more discussion on the road right-of-way regarding Cedar Point Park and the Road Commission. Also, Mr. Warner, Oceana County Chief Drain Commissioner, raised another issue with the design of the steps. The Cedar Drain is in that area and it probably would not be a good idea to build new. They may have to just repair what is already in place. He also attended the Department of Veteran's Affairs Committee meeting and had a chance to visit with Mr. Near, the new member. He feels as though he will be a good asset as he is an employee of the Veterans Administration and has a lot of knowledge with their operations.

Chairperson Powers attended the Land Bank Authority meeting. He noted that Ms. Phillips, Oceana County Treasurer, is doing a great job with the program. It was a very good meeting; however, things are moving slowly due to lack of funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.


Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk

3-8-18
Date


Mr. Powers, Chairperson