

Board Conference Room
May 9, 2019
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 9, 2019 at 11:59 a.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2019 minutes as corrected. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker commented that any requests for leaves of absence should be reviewed on a case by case basis which will not be considered as setting a precedent.

RESOLUTION NO. 1– AFFIRMATION OF DISTRICT COURT DEPUTY MAGISTRATE

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Ms. Meyette to affirm the appointment made by 78th District Court Judge Kevin Drake of Ms. Sylvia Villareal as the Chief Clerk/Deputy Magistrate effective March 11, 2019. The position is entitled to the same fringe benefits currently in effect for all other full time employees.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – DESIGNATION OF POLICE WEEK

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to designate May 12 – 19, 2019 as Police Week in Oceana County, Michigan.

Whereas, In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others, and;

Whereas, There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the approximately 17,000 full-time uniformed police officers in Michigan, and;

Whereas, Members of law enforcement deserve the appreciation and respect of the people of Oceana County for the merit, dignity, bravery, and reliability they exhibit each and every day. We must also honor the sacrifices made by families of police officers, as each day they must face constant fear as their loved one works to protect us, and;

Whereas, In 2018 alone, 163 law enforcement officers were killed and many, many more assaulted in the line of duty across the country. The names of these dedicated public servants who made the ultimate sacrifice are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., and;

Whereas, Michigan's fallen officers will never be forgotten, nor will their service to their respective communities. By choosing to commit themselves to law enforcement, these brave individuals answered the call for service and willingly put their lives in jeopardy. We commend them for recognizing service as a noble career, and protecting the public safety; and also all of those who are serving without incident to date, and;

Whereas, Oceana County and all Michigan citizens have turned to members of law enforcement for assistance and support in times of distress, whether they are coping with a personal crisis, or struggling through civil disorder or a natural disaster. Our communities rely on these courageous individuals when it is difficult to stand on our own, and we are indebted to the unwavering public service of our local and state police. We are indeed fortunate and grateful for the contributions of law enforcement officers to the people of this state;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners declare May 12-18, 2019, as Police Week in Oceana County and wishes to publicly salute the service of law enforcement officers in our community as well as those of our state and nation and honor police who place their lives on the line for the safety and security of their communities.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – INTER-FUND TRANSFER

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Walker to authorize the County Administrator to amend the General Fund budget (#101) and Capital Equipment Fund budget (#405) for Fiscal Year 2019 to transfer \$4,500 from the General Fund to the Capital Equipment Fund to cover costs related to the new vehicles approved for the Sheriff's Department. The amount represents the settlement cost for a patrol car that was a total loss following an accident in 2018 and said loss payments to the county are routinely allocated towards vehicle replacement.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – OCEANA COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR LOAN

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to provide a loan in the amount of \$65,000 to the Oceana County Land Bank Authority for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land located at 702 S. Griswold Street, Hart, Michigan. The source of loan funds will be the Foreclosure Fund's fund balance. The terms of agreement for the loan are as follows: the loan effective date shall be the date of closing on the property; although no scheduled payments are required, repayment of the loan shall be made in full

no later than May 1, 2021; and an annual rate of interest of 2.50% shall be charged. Interest charges will begin accruing from the loan effective date until paid in full. Early payoff of the loan is allowable.

Roll call vote: Mr. Sebolt – no; Mr. Gustafson – yes; Mr. Brown – yes; Mr. Byl –no; Ms. Meyette – no; Mr. Walker – no; and Mr. Powers – yes.

Motion failed.

Mr. Sebolt suggested that it would be more valuable to have more time to evaluate this type of request.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the payment of claims for May 9, 2019 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$1,501.33
GIS	-0-
CAPITAL PROJECTS-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	\$83,283.50
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	\$15,088.02
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	\$14,526.09
TECHNOLOGY	\$895.18
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING	-0-
FORECLOSURE FUND	\$2,560.04
K-9 FUND	\$47.99
VETERANS AFFAIRS	\$2,898.59
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND R.OD.	\$1678.13
LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	\$250.00
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	\$2,360.40
GENERAL FUND	<u>\$364,903.06</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$489,992.33</u>

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sheriff Mast stated that they have had a very busy week starting with a parachute crash. There were a group of juveniles that were breaking into several residences. Most of the stolen property has been recovered. The jail is full, currently there are 58 inmates with 7 of them being females. There have been some new hires (both part-time and full-time). The part-time Silver Lake Deputy will be Charles

Wakeman and the full-time Road Deputy will be Aaron Cavner. Mark Schneider will be the new Jail Administrator creating a vacancy for a detective which will hopefully be filled later today.

Ms. Phillips mentioned that Gail Schulte will be pursuing an opportunity in the Register of Deeds office and feels that she will be a good asset to that office. Ms. Phillips has held interviews to fill the vacancy and has offered employment which was accepted. She also stated that this is the 2nd year that they were able to fully self-fund and were able to get the money out to the townships and other taxing units a month ahead of schedule.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Mr. Byl mentioned that the next West Michigan County Alliance will be held at Mason County on July 29, 2019. Silver Lake Sewer meetings were held and the township has sent out ballots to the property owners asking whether you support or not. The ballots will be counted on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 1:00. The meeting will be open to the public. Mr. Byl will be one of the individuals present to count the votes. The Golden Township Board vote whether or not to proceed with the sewer project at the regular meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Sebolt commended Mr. McKeen on the presentation of the annual report for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Near, Oceana County Dept of Veterans Affairs is here if you have any questions for him. There have been several complaints to the Road Commission regarding pot holes. Mr. Sebolt explained that the weather conditions have not been good for repairing the roads, please try to have patience until the job is complete.

Mr. Gustafson agreed that the rain we have been experiencing has created some serious problems in the Pentwater area with Long Bridge Road being closed. Mr. Gustafson reminded the commissioners that Dr. Sobie is finishing his third year as administrator and it is time to conduct an evaluation of Dr. Sobie.

Mr. Powers asked Mr. Near if he had any comments that he would like to make at this time. Mr. Near addressed the Board regarding the annual report for the Veterans Affairs Department.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administration

I'm expecting the annual MERS actuarial valuation report within the next two weeks and I will review the projections with commissioners shortly thereafter.

Courthouse and Grounds

A request for bid for parking lot expansion at the County Services Building was submitted to the same four contractors that commissioners chose late last year for a proposed expansion to the East. The current scope of work is to expand to the North.

The requested property survey of the Shelby EMS station is pending from Mr. Randy Hepworth.

Asbestos abatement for the planned heating system in the Sheriff's Department is expected to be completed soon, with Martech following closely behind for demo and installation soon.

Economic Development

A group from the county attended a meeting on May 7 at Casair's offices in Stanton (MI) to review project plans to expand broadband infrastructure to unserved/underserved areas in the eastern portion of the county.

The Community Leaders Breakfast is May 17 at Shelby Optimist Club from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Near urged the Board to be cautious when making decisions regarding progressive economic development.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson, County Clerk

Date

Mr. Powers, Chairperson