

Board Conference Room
February 14, 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, February 14, 2019 at 11:49 a.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPROVAL TO POST APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR 2019

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Byl to post-approve the County Administrator’s acceptance of a grant award from the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency in the amount of \$57,329. The grant award shall be used by the Oceana County Department of Veterans’ Affairs to enhance the effectiveness of the department to provide support services to Oceana County veterans.

In accordance with the “Fiscal Year 2019 General Appropriation Act,” approved by the Board of Commissioners on October 25, 2018, the Oceana County Department of Veterans’ Affairs Committee is authorized to establish a part-time temporary administrative assistant position in the department. Said position is authorized contingent upon receipt of grant funds to fully support all costs associated with the position.

Furthermore, the grant award ends September 30, 2019 and the Oceana County Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall immediately refund to the State of Michigan any funds in excess of the costs allowed by the grant agreement. And, the Oceana County Department of Veterans’ Affairs shall provide quarterly reports to the State of Michigan as required, with additional copies of reports submitted to the County Administrator’s Office.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – AMENDMENT TO FY 2019 BUILDING DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Walker to authorize the County Administrator to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Building Department Fund (#249) budget to appropriate funding for the Michigan Employees Retirement System’s annual required contribution as follows:

- Fund 249 Building Department
 - Increase Previous Year End (249-000-401.000) by \$24,276
 - Increase Retirement – Defined Benefit (249-371-721.200) by \$24,27

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3— AUTHORIZATION OF AGREEMENT WITH MID-MICHIGAN MEDICAL EXAMINER GROUP

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to authorize the County Administrator to finalize an agreement with Mid-Michigan Medical Examiners Group for medical examiner services as described in a proposal received by Oceana County. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Furthermore, the County Administrator is authorized to make any necessary budget amendments to cover the full cost of the agreement for Fiscal Year 2019 using funds from the General Fund Contingency Account in an amount to be determine.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – APPOINTMENT TO MASON/OCEANA 911 BOARD

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Meyette to appoint Mr. Jim Duram, Oceana County Emergency Management Coordinator, to the Mason-Oceana 911 Board of Directors to serve as Oceana County’s Emergency Medical Service (EMS) appointee. The appointment takes effect immediately.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5- PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to approve the payment of claims for January 24, 2019 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$ 3,742.82
GIS FUND	-0-
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	8,159.10
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	13,184.94
TECHNOLOGY	4,235.08
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING	-0-
TOTAL FORECLOSURE FUND	9,785.73
K-9 FUND	51.99
VETERAN AFFAIRS	3,709.67
AUTOMATION FUND R.O.D.	-0-
LOCAL CORR. OFFICERS TRAINING FUND	-0-

**FRIEND OF THE COURT
GENERAL FUND**

1,819.22
464,376.21
TOTAL \$509,064.76

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; Mr. Brown-yes;
and Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: Mr. Gustafson.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – there were no public comments at this time.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Sebolt, being a member of the Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) Board, attended a meeting recently whereby there was much talk of the financial status of Community Mental Health and the LRE. Unfortunately, with State mandates, there are some financial setbacks occurring, in the range of \$8,000,000. He stated that of the "regional" area, Oceana and Mason Counties were quite solvent; however, the majority of the deficit lies with Kent County. He raised concerns at the meeting whereby those counties that are doing well should not be affected and to focus on making changes with the counties that are struggling.

Commissioner Meyette related that she attended the Ag breakfast last Monday and because of low attendance, they plan to switch to quarterly meetings. Also, she was in contact with Ms. Jodi Nichols, Coordinator with the Right Place, and offered to be on a committee for "Safe Routes to School" for Hesperia and they may be eligible for a \$400,000 grant.

Commissioner Byl stated that next month the Michigan State University Extension office will be hosting an Asparagus Day. It will be held in New Era and is a great program for area farmers and businesses.

Commissioner Byl also noted that Ms. Jodi Nichols is aware of the many large vacant buildings within the County and hoping to utilize them in some way.

Sheriff Mast reported that the Jail population has decreased within the last month, which is positive.

Chairperson Powers stated that that he is very excited with the direction the County is moving and the long-term planning goals. He thanked Mr. Sobie for his involvement and planning strategies.

Mr. Sobie stated that he has been working with Mr. Duram in establishing an employee notification database for the purpose of sending out messages in case of bad weather, power outages and so forth.

Ms. Susie Rodriguez, State Senator Bumstead's representative, was present and extended assistance to the County Board should any issues arise that they may need help with.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting recessed at 12:10 p.m.

Rebecca J. Griffin
Oceana County Clerk

Date

Mr. Powers, Chairperson