

Board Conference Room
June 27, 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, June 27, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPOINTMENT OF OFFICER DELEGATES TO ANNUAL MERS CONFERENCE

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Walker to appoint Robert J. Sobie, County Administrator, as Oceana County’s “Officer Delegate” and Amy L. Anderson, as Oceana County’s “Officer Alternate Delegate” to the Municipal Employees’ Retirement System (MERS) Annual Meeting scheduled for October 3 – 4, 2019 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Michigan. The appointees will serve the role of helping select nominees to the Retirement Board and the transaction of such other business as the Retirement Board deems necessary.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – AMENDMENT TO COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR FY 2019 BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Walker to increase the County Administrator’s part-time employees’ budget (101-172-706.000) for FY 2019 in the amount of \$8,400. The budget amendment is necessary to cover costs related to the temporary part-time employment of Ms. Stacey Becker as a trainer for Ms. Hannah Stark, Oceana County Finance and HR Coordinator.

Ms. Becker’s training services have focused primarily on administration of health insurance benefits and grants management and reporting. Ms. Becker’s temporary part-time employment agreement is scheduled to expire July 31, 2019.

Furthermore, the source of additional funding shall be the General Fund’s contingency account (101-972-999.000).

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL FY 2019 BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Meyette to increase the Animal Control Department’s

Fiscal Year 2019 health insurance budget by \$6,961 to cover additional costs resulting from an employee's qualifying life event that changed coverage from a single plan to a double plan. The source of funding will be the General Fund's contingency account (101-972-999.000).

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – AMENDMENT TO INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Sebolt that in accordance with approval from the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission, following the commission's review of submitted design plans and contractor cost estimates, to authorize the County Administrator to process a budget amendment in the Indigent Defense Fund (#260) in the amount of \$24,979 to construct two attorney-client meeting rooms in the lower level of the County Building. The rooms will be created by reducing the size of the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The budget amendment will transfer existing funds from court appointed attorney fees (260-000-816.000) to building repairs & maintenance (260-000-930.000).

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Walker asked if the contractor was selected or if bids will be requested for this project.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – SUPPORT OF LOCAL PRODUCTS, MARKET AND INDUSTRIES

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

WHEREAS, foreign countries flood domestic agricultural markets during the domestic harvest season with foreign produce, and;

WHEREAS, Oceana County, Michigan, depends upon agriculture and tourism, and;

WHEREAS, the domestic asparagus industry is an integral part of the economy in west Michigan, providing \$15,000,000 or more to Oceana County's economy alone, and;

WHEREAS, domestic produce is desired by the American consumer, and;

WHEREAS, the "Buy American" movement recognizes the importance of ALL domestic products regardless of industry, and;

WHEREAS, then United States-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) trade deal contains no provision to prevent the dumping of foreign specialty crops into US Domestic markets during critical harvest periods, and;

WHEREAS, Specialty Crops in other states are likewise experiencing the same economic assault and;

WHEREAS, Oceana Farmers and their entire Supply Chain is of vital interest to, and a valued economic asset of Oceana County, and;

WHEREAS, the USMCA has yet to be ratified;

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners recommends to the Congress of the United States to include language in the USMCA specifically supporting the interests of domestic specialty crops during domestic harvest and marketing season with its trading partners in order to protect this vital Oceana County economic asset.

Mr. Byl suggested that this resolution be sent to Senator Bumstead and Rep. Van Single. Mr. Powers asked if this could be sent to other State and Federal Level contacts. Mr. Sebolt offered to meet with Mr. Sobie to discuss sending this resolution.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the payment of claims for June 27, 2019 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	1618.82
GIS FUND	-0-
CAPITAL PROJECTS-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	48,029.49
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	20,472.11
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT FUND	16,951.86
TECHNOLOGY	1,895.49
ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING	-0-
FORECLOSURE	690.00
K-9 FUND	-0-
VETERANS AFFAIRS	5,528.77
MEDICAL RESERVE FUND	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND-R.O.D.	4,818.38
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	581.75
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	1,819.22

GENERAL FUND

483,010.20

TOTAL

585,416.09

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

Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Mr. Gustafson pointed out that the blank space on the evaluation form is for comments. He encouraged the Board member to utilize this space and indicated that the evaluation forms will be kept anonymous and compiled by Ms. Stark which will be kept in a confidential location. He also mentioned that the U.S. Corps of Engineers and Robert King Co., Holland, MI has completed a massive dredging project in the Pentwater harbor. Pentwater now has the deepest water ever in Pentwater harbor.

Mr. Walker stated that the 911 board is having the director compile a projected long-range budget for capital expenditures. A copy of that budget will be provided to the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Meyette mentioned that there still are concerns regarding the EMS coverage on east side of the county.

Ms. Anderson stated that there has been an increase of marriage license applications due to the Electric Forest Festival. She stated that the revenues are up.

Ms. Phillips noted that a new employee, Ms. Tressa Latimore, has started in the Treasurer’s office. Tressa comes to the County from Huntington Bank and has a strong accounting background. Ms. Phillips also thanked the Board for the Employee Appreciation Picnic! She stated that it appeared that all the employees enjoyed it very much!

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson, County Clerk

Date

Mr. Powers, Chairperson