

Board Conference Room
August 22, 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, August 22, 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.

Mr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; and John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent were also present.

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AMMENDMENT TO SHERIFF'S JAIL BUDGET FOR FY 2019

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to authorize the County Administrator to increase the Sheriff's Department's jail budget for FY 2019 in the amount of \$28,357 to cover annual wage costs for the current Jail Administrator. The requested increase is the result of accrued time payouts, including vacation, sick, and comp time, for the former Jail Administrator who retired earlier this year and in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement currently in effect.

To make the budget amendment, funds will come from the General Fund's fund balance account. The County Administrator is authorized to process the required budget amendment.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the payment of claims for August 8, 2019 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	1,059.89
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	1,858.50
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	17,386.53
TECHNOLOGY	1,492.72
FORECLOSURE	15,550.00
K-9 UNIT	-0-

VETERANS AFFAIRS	2,959.86
MEDICAL RESERVE	232.52
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	1,844.65
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	18,596.40
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	550.00
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAPITAL PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	-0-
GENERAL FUND	349,294.93
TOTAL	410,826.00

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Duram, Oceana County Emergency Management Coordinator, has been working with Pentwater Township exploring ways to mitigate the water issues. He also stated that last week he received video from a Michigan State Police helicopter flyover from the Holland area to the Ludington area to show the erosion/damage along the lakeshore as well as the area near Longbridge Road. Mr. Duram will be sharing this information with Pentwater Township. He attended a meeting with the Corp of Engineers where the lake levels were discussed. The outlook is that the water will not recede for approximately a year. Mr. Duram has been working on the County Emergency Plan.

Sheriff Mast reported that the summer continues to be busy. The current jail population is 68. He also stated that the fire suppression system in the jail kitchen hood was installed yesterday. The attorney/client room is complete in the jail. Sheriff Mast reported that there has been a number of responses to serious complaints on the road. Sheriff Mast is working with Crystal Township regarding some parking issues. He also invited the Board to tour the jail after the next meeting in September if the agenda allows.

Mr. Sobie mentioned that the construction of the two attorney/client rooms project still needs to be completed. The project must be completed and invoices paid by September 30 to comply with the State of Michigan fiscal year.

Commissioners Report

Mr. Walker reported that Mason/Oceana 911 has switched over to 800 MHz radios for fire and first responders. He also pointed out that Hesperia Fire Department was not included as all of Hesperia Fire and first responders are funded through Newaygo County. Mr. Walker explained that a backup cell phone system was installed due to the challenges encountered with the 800 MHz radios.

Mr. Powers pointed out that Ms. Connie Sobie, Eaton County, was present to observe today’s meeting.

Mr. Byl noted that with the change in government/governor there have been some department name changes. One change was the DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality), which is now known as EGLE

(Environment Great Lakes and Energy). Mr. Byl noted that there will be a symposium next Wednesday in Grand Rapids at the Cascade Library. There is no charge to attend, but it will be necessary to pre-register. The agenda will include permits and processes for a variety of subjects such as sea walls, wet lands, project coordination, etc.

Mr. Sebolt reported that at a recent MDHHS meeting, Beacon Health presented a funding model currently under development where there will be a risk assessment based on a points system. The model will be offered to MDHHS for their review. The model, if implemented would significantly increase the revenue for this region.

Mr. Sebolt also mentioned that he participated in a conference call regarding a meeting at the White House on October 3, 2019, intended for county commissioners. Mr. Sebolt indicated that there were 27 callers. Eight of the 27 that had questions were from Michigan. He also indicated that Mr. Steve Curry, MAC Director, asked if this meeting was open to associations, the response was that it is only open to county commissioners. Mr. Sebolt informed the board members that he would present any questions or concerns when he attends in October.

Ms. Meyette reported that the new medical rescue team has been very busy in Hesperia area. She reported that there were 39 medical one call responses. Ms. Meyette reported that there was enthusiastic feedback from Hesperia residents regarding a possible proposed senior co-op housing project.

Mr. Gustafson reported that the Longbridge Road issue does not appear that it will be resolved any time soon. He attended the Village and Township meetings where those in attendance were very frustrated. Mr. Gustafson also mentioned that he attended the Michigan Association of Counties meeting in Traverse City this week. Mr. Gustafson asked Rep. Scott VanSingel his opinion of the association. Mr. VanSingel indicated that this is a very helpful association, but also relayed that counties must be more active. Mr. Gustafson also mentioned that the Secretary of State, Ms. Jocelyn Benson was a very good speaker.

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.

Amy L. Anderson, County Clerk

Date

Mr. Powers, Chairperson