

Board Conference Room
November 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, November 14, 2019, at 11:31 a.m.

Roll was called by the Clerk. Present: Mr. Sebolt, Mr. Gustafson, Ms. Meyeette, Mr. Byl, Mr. Brown, 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 October 24, 2019 minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Sebolt presented Terry and Linda Tatro, Hart High School's Cross County coaches, with a Resolution of Appreciation to honor the teams 3rd State Championship in a row! Congratulations to Coach Tatro, staff and the team!

There were no public Comment on agenda items.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – UPDATE TO PROCEDURE FOR SUCCESSION OF GOVERNMENT SUCCESSION DURING EMERGENCIES

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners adopted a Resolution to Establish a County Emergency Management Policy and Organization on December 23, 1999, taking effect January 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners may exercise the authority vested in the position to transfer the exercise of powers and discharge of duties by resolution to other officials in accordance with Public Act 390 ("Act") of 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 505 of the Resolution to Establish a County Emergency Management Policy and Organization provides that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, with the approval of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners, shall establish procedures for the succession of government during emergencies or disasters where officials are not available to exercise their powers and discharge their duties of their respective offices; and

WHEREAS, an order of succession during a county-wide response to a natural or man-made emergency or disaster occurring within Oceana County shall be established by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following order of succession is hereby established for the purpose of exercising the powers and discharging the duties vested in the position of Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners as authorized by the Resolution Establishing a County Emergency Management Policy and Organization and the Act, as amended:

1. Chairperson of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners
2. Vice-Chairperson of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners
3. Oceana County Administrator

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Oceana County Emergency Management Coordinator retains the primary duty to inform each subsequent line of succession as expeditiously as possible if the preceding official is not available to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the respective office.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO MANAGE FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Walker to adopt the attached “Michigan Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program” for Claybanks Township and to authorize the Oceana County Board Chairperson to sign the same.

Further, by adoption of this document, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners agree to have the Oceana County Building Department function as the designated enforcement agency to discharge the responsibility of administering, applying, and enforcing the construction code act and the state construction code, specifically the Michigan Residential Code and the Michigan Building Code to all development within the Claybanks Township’s political boundaries.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – ADOPTION OF 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today’s Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century — road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

WHEREAS, the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

WHEREAS, legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of House bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 4 – AMENDMENT TO FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the following amendments to the Fiscal Year 2020 budget as described:

General Fund

- Decrease Remonumentation grant revenue (101-253-571.000) by \$2,833 from \$46,356 to \$43,523 to reflect anticipated state funding
- Decrease Remonumentation expenditures (101-245-821.000) by \$2,833 from \$46,356 to \$43,523 to match anticipated state funding
- Decrease FICA tax for MSU Extension (101-261-715.000) by \$282 from \$2,627 to \$2,345
- Increase Local Community Stabilization Authority personal property tax revenue (101-253-573.001) by \$4,500 from \$0.00 to \$4,500 to reflect anticipated state funding
- Increase District Court’s wages (101-136-705.000) by \$20,000 from \$144,239 to \$164,239 to support a part-time collections clerk position
- Decrease Transfer Out – DHHS Board (101-000-999.290) by \$9,000 from \$9,000 to \$0.00

Oceana-Mason DHHS Fund

- Decrease Transfer In – DHHS Board (290-000-699.998) by \$9,000 from \$9,000 to \$0.00

Drain Fund

- Increase total expenditures for all drains (800.000) by \$62,975 from \$0.00 to \$62,975

Stony Lake Board Fund

- Increase Printing & Binding expenditure (848-000-728.000) by \$13,000 from \$0.00 to \$13,000
- Increase Maintenance & Repairs expenditure (848-000-802.000) by \$1,200 from \$0.00 to \$1,200
- Increase Other Contractual Services expenditure (848-000-821.000) by \$22,000 from \$0.00 to \$22,000
- Increase Fees & Permits expenditure (848-000-825.000) by \$800 from \$0.00 to \$800
- Increase Advertising expenditure (848-000-900.000) by \$500 from \$0.00 to \$500

Furthermore, the amendments result in an overall increase in the total General Fund expenditure budget by \$7,885 from \$10,669,763 to \$10,677,648; an overall increase in the commitment of fund balance by \$6,218 from \$402,879 to \$409,097 to achieve a balanced General Fund budget. And, an overall increase in the total Special Revenue Funds budget by \$91,475 from \$25,827,309 to \$25,918,784. Therefore, the total amended General Fund and Special Revenue Funds budget for Fiscal Year 2020 are hereby approved for \$36,596,432.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Sebolt questioned why the increases to the Stony Lake Lake Board Improvement Fund (#848) would be necessary. Mr. Byl responded that possibly there may be an upcoming project that the funds are needed to cover the cost. Mr. Byl stated that in the past, an informational booklet was created for the property owners and maybe they are planning on this again.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to approve the payment of claims for November 14, 2019 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	8,395.52
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	2,399.68
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	28,090.29
TECHNOLOGY	13,890.93
FORECLOSURE	3,072.54
K-9 UNIT	41.39
VETERANS AFFAIRS	5,199.25
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	2,496.83
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	15,948.85

LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAPITAL PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	1,461.06
GENERAL FUND	619,892.24
TOTAL	700,888.58

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

Motion carried.

Undersheriff Schiller noted that the “Risk Avoidance Program” grant application for the purpose of partially funding a door access control system for the Sheriff’s Department building and County Courthouse building was approved. It was determined that a resolution of acceptance was necessary to proceed with the project.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – ACCEPTANCE OF RISK AVOIDANCE PROGRAM GRANT

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to accept a Risk Avoidance Program grant in the amount of \$12,000 from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for the purpose of partially funding a door access control system for the Sheriff’s Department building and County Courthouse building. The County Administrator is authorized to amend the FY 2019 budget to cover the county’s share of the project’s costs.

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

Motion carried.

Commissioners’ Reports

Mr. Sebolt reported that at the Veterans Affairs meeting yesterday, there was a presentation regarding services offered at Northwest Michigan Health Services in Shelby. He explained that there may be a way for veterans to receive health services related to dentistry at a low cost based on a sliding pay-based scale.

Mr. Sebolt also reported that he suggested a ribbon cutting ceremony for the re-opening of Longbridge Road in Pentwater and the Shelby Road bridge re-opening. He also stated that there are two vacancies on the Parks & Recreation board and that one of them will be chosen by the Oceana County Road Commission. The Planning Commission also has one vacancy.

Mr. Gustafson attended the Pentwater Township meeting last evening and noted that Longbridge Road would be opening up next Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. Sebolt mentioned that the water levels next year may be worse and could potentially be a foot higher than they were this year. However, there have been discussions between the Road Commission and

engineers on how to combat and prepare for higher water levels. In the eventuality that the water levels do rise, another concern would be Monroe Road and how to prevent it from being under water.

Mr. Sobie stated that the "Raise the Age" press release came from a non-profit called the Michigan Council on Crime & Delinquency.

Mr. Gustafson suggested that Mr. Cook contact Jodi Nichols, from the Economic Alliance, to help find quality people from Oceana County as she would have recommendations on young professionals in local businesses and industries that may be worthy. Mr. Gustafson also mentioned that the Economic Alliance would be hosting an open house and Double JJ on Wednesday, November 27th (Thanksgiving Eve) and that it would be a social hour that 10 local companies would be attending to meet young professionals in the area.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Date

Mr. Powers, Chairperson