

Board Conference Room
February 27, 2020
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 27, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Brian Patrick, Communications Director for Representative Huizenga; and John Cavanaugh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent were also present.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Patrick provided an update from Representative Huizenga's office. Rep. Huizenga went on a coastal tour from Holland to Ludington to assess the erosion damage and was stunned by what he saw.

In December, Rep. Huizenga introduced H.R. 729 to the House Floor, which would allocate five million dollars per year for ten years, to help create natural erosion barriers. He has also contacted State and Local officials to try and set up a way to streamline the permit process for those affected by the erosion. Rep. Huizenga has also contacted FEMA, however since the damage cannot be pinpointed to a certain day, as is the case with hurricanes, they feel they are unable to help.

Mr. Patrick also gave updates as to what Rep. Huizenga is doing and advocating for in the agricultural area

Mr. Byl asked if Rep. Huizenga was glad to be done with the impeachment process. Mr. Patrick assured him he was.

Mr. Sebolt wondered about Rep. Huizenga's time on Air Force One. Mr. Patrick mentioned that in Warren, Michigan, Rep. Huizenga had the opportunity to meet with President Trump in person, on Air Force One, and address the issues that West Michigan is facing in regards to specialty crops and shoreline erosion. Rep. Huizenga feels that there has been some indication that the administration will be responsive towards the specialty crop situation in Michigan.

Mr. Gustafson asked if Rep. Huizenga was involved in the invasive species commission. Mr. Patrick informed that Rep. Huizenga was the C-Chair for the Great Lakes Task Force and the restoration initiative was fully funded in the 2020 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ACCEPTING A TWO SEVEN OH INC. GRANT FOR FY 2020

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to authorize the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners to sign and accept the Two Seven Oh, Inc. Spay/Neuter

Reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$8,000 in order to spay/neuter dogs at the Oceana County Animal Shelter during the period February 14, 2020 to October 1, 2020.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO.2 – AMENDING THE MASON-OCEANA INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR 911

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Oceana and Mason Counties, regarding the Mason-Oceana 911 Central Dispatch authority, to modify the definition of the Executive Committee to include Treasurer, along with Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary.

The County Administrator is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Mason County Board of Commissioners and Mason-Oceana 911 Central Dispatch Director.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – ADOPTING A USE OF COUNTY SEAL POLICY

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to approve a Use of County Seal Policy as presented by the County Administrator. The policy shall take effect immediately and be incorporated into the Oceana County Policy Handbook.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Wallker to approve the payment of claims for February 27, 2020 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$149.15
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	181.53
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	8,448.00
TECHNOLOGY	4,963.13
FORECLOSURE	719.55
K-9 UNIT	82.78
VETERANS AFFAIRS	8,162.87
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	124.98
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	18,567.45
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	-0-

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAP PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	4,200.00
GENERAL FUND	353,476.58
TOTAL	\$399,076.02

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner’s Reports

Mr. Powers addressed the coronavirus concern. He suggested having an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and medical face masks at the security entrance and at the counters of each department for those who are unwell. Mr. Walker agrees with having sanitizer at the entrance.

Mr. Gustafson inquired about whether District Health Department (DHD) #10 has a plan in place. Mr. Powers informed him that he would find out at the DHD #10 meeting tomorrow. Mr. Powers feels that having a proactive approach is best.

Ms. Meyette suggested an intake in vitamins during winter/flu season and the populace at risk for contracting the coronavirus would be the ones who are susceptible to the flu, such as immunocompromised individuals, elderly, infants, etc.

Mr. Walker asked if at the DHD #10 meeting Mr. Powers could ask about how the coronavirus will affect the Electric Forest Festival in the summer.

Mr. Powers mentioned that on June 15, 7:30 p.m., at Hart Middle School, Dr. Roseman and John Ghant will be hosting Guy Meadows. Dr. Meadows, professional from Michigan Technological University, has been working with a super computer, mapping lake levels since 1938 and using the data to try to predict what will happen with water levels.

Mr. Byl spoke with Jim Nicholas, retired USGS, and Mr. Nicholas said that Dr. Meadows is a very well-respected individual.

Mr. Gustafson gave updates on Pentwater Village and Township. They are both actively creating their own new empires and new facilities are being planned.

Mr. Sebolt mentioned that Parks & Recreation will be doing big things this year. He also wanted to remind everyone that the traveling Vietnam Wall will be here July 8 – July 12, at the fairgrounds. The Road Commission has entertained the idea of closing down the roads periodically to do a ceremonial procession with the wall throughout the county.

Public Comment:

No public comment at this time.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Date

Mr. Powers, Chairperson