

Board Conference Room
April 30, 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, April 14, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator and Ms. Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk were also present.

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public participation was provided via teleconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 948 8432 6218.

No public comment on agenda items.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE POLICY

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to approve an Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response Policy that was previously presented to the Oceana County Board of Commissioners. The policy responds to the current pandemic of COVID-19 but is adaptable to address similar pandemics that may occur in the future. Approval of this policy is consistent with the goals of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners to foster and support the safest work environment for its employees and the general public we serve.

Furthermore, the County Administrator is directed to include this new policy in the Oceana County Policy Handbook and continue efforts to further improve the policy to meet both current and future needs.

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

Motion carried.

Sebolt – main goal was not to shut our government down but to keep us in business

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – APPROVAL OF BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR MASON-OCEANA 911 OPERATING MILLAGE

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve the language of the following Ballot Proposal for the provision of operating millage for Mason-Oceana 911 to be presented to voters at the August 4 primary election:

OCEANA COUNTY

MASON-OCEANA 911 OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previously voted increase of 0.1400 mills (\$0.1400 per \$1000 of taxable value), in the tax limitation, imposed under Article IX Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, as reduced by the required millage rollback which would result in a levy of 0.1394 mills (\$0.1394 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all real and personal property in Oceana County, Michigan, which expired in 2019, be renewed for a period of six (6) years commencing in tax year 2020 – 2025 inclusive for the purpose of providing funds for operations of Mason-Oceana 911 in Oceana County. It is anticipated that the revenue collected by Oceana County as a result of this proposal will be \$177,717 in the first year of the levy.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE OPERATING MILLAGE

Moved by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the language of the following Ballot Proposal for the provision of operating millage for the Oceana County Emergency Ambulance Service to be presented to voters at the August 4 primary election:

OCEANA COUNTY

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previously voted increase of 1.0000 mills (\$1.0000 per \$1000 of taxable value), in the tax limitation, imposed under Article IX Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, as reduced by the required millage rollback which would result in a levy of 0.9921 mills (\$0.9921 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all real and personal property in Oceana County, Michigan, which expired in 2019, be renewed and increased by 0.0079 mills (\$.0079 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years commencing in tax year 2020 – 2025 inclusive for the purpose of providing funds for Emergency Ambulance Service in Oceana County. It is anticipated that the revenue collected by Oceana County as a result of this proposal will be \$1,274,876 in the first year of the levy.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS OPERATING MILLAGE

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve the language of the following Ballot Proposal for the provision of operating millage for the Oceana County Department of Veterans’ Affairs to be presented to voters at the August 4 primary election:

OCEANA COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS OPERATING

MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the previously voted increase of 0.1000 mills (\$0.1000 per \$1000 of taxable value), in the tax limitation, imposed under Article IX Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution, as reduced by the required millage rollback which would result in a levy of 0.0997 mills (\$0.1000 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on all real and personal property in Oceana County, Michigan, which expired in 2019, be renewed and increased by .0003 mills (\$0.0003 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years commencing in tax year 2020 – 2023 inclusive for the purpose of providing funds for operations of the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Oceana County. It is anticipated that the revenue collected by Oceana County as a result of this proposal will be \$127,487 in the first year of the levy.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – APPROVAL OF BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR MEDICAL CARE FACILITY OPERATING MILLAGE

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to approve the language of the following Ballot Proposal for the provision of operating millage for the Oceana County Medical Care Facility to be presented to voters at the August 4 primary election:

OCEANA COUNTY

MEDICAL CARE FACILITY OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the voters of Oceana County approve an increase of 2.0000 mills (\$2.000 per \$1000 of taxable value), in the tax limitation, imposed under Article IX Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on all real and personal property in Oceana County, Michigan. This millage is a replacement of the 2.5000 mills which expired in 2019. If approved, this millage will be for a period of four (4) years commencing in tax year 2020 – 2023 inclusive for the purpose of providing funds for operations of the Medical Care Facility in Oceana County. It is anticipated that the revenue collected by Oceana County as a result of this proposal will be \$2,549,753 in the first year of the levy.

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

Motion carried.

Bid proposals for the provision of propane fuel were opened and the following bids were received:

	NAME OF BIDDER	ADDRESS OF BIDDER	AMOUNT OF BID
#1	Crystal Flash	1754 Alpine Ave, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504	\$1.05 / gallon
#2	Blarney Castle	578 West U.S. 10 Scottville, MI 49454	\$.945 / gallon
#3	AmeriGas	3400 S. Oceana Drive New Era, MI 49446	\$.963 / gallon

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR PROPANE SERVICE

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Walker to accept the following bid proposal for the provision of propane fuel during the period from June 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 for the District Health Department #10 Building, Oceana County EMS Facility, Oceana County Airport Terminal Building, and Oceana County Animal Control as follows:

	NAME OF BIDDER	ADDRESS OF BIDDER	AMOUNT OF BID
	Amerigas	3400 S. Oceana Drive New Era, MI 49446	\$.963 / gallon

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the payment of claims for March 26 and April 14, 2020 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$251,379.15
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	1,855.70
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	2,618.01
CDBG	1,000,000.00
TECHNOLOGY	662.97
FORECLOSURE	11,168.74
K-9 UNIT	-0-
VETERANS AFFAIRS	8,098.30
MEDICAL RESERVE	60.96
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	1,874.83
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	7,110.45

LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAP PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	-0-
GENERAL FUND	265,233.85
TOTAL	\$1,550,062.96

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. VanSickle thanked the Board members and commented that over the last few months, there has been good communication and appreciates the support they have given.

Mr. Byl mentioned that he met with Sheriff and Undersheriff and requested that the communication be improved between the department and the board following a media article about the department acquiring a second K9.

Mr. James Kelly, MSUE, stated that the annual report was sent out. He also stated that Mr. David Jones, fruit educator, has left MSUE and he is hoping to refill that position soon. He mentioned that they have been able to help some local groups with their virtual meetings.

Mr. Walker asked Mr. Sobie to comment on the funding for the business expansion project at Peterson Farms. Mr. Sobie stated that the funds in the amount of \$1,000,000 were received this week. A check was cut and personally delivered by Mr. Sobie to Peterson Farms the same day. The final report required by the MEDC’s CDBG grant program was submitted this morning. Later this summer a public hearing will be required as part of close out of this project.

Administrator’s Report

Administration

On April 21, my office began responding to unemployment claims resulting from the recent furloughs. Two claims were protested because one employee actually resigned just prior to COVID-19 related events and the other is working reduced hours, not a full furlough.

Drain Commissioner

Ms. Michelle Martin is addressing some complaints regarding a high-water level at School Section Lake in Colfax Township and some flooded properties. Ms. Martin has consulted her legal counsel and is working to inform property owners about the process of petitioning for a court ordered lake level. Ms. Martin is available to answer questions from commissioners as needed.

Sheriff's Department

A recent article published by Oceana County Press, dated April 17, 2020, revealed that the department has received a new K9. Funding was provided by a grant administered by the Community Foundation for Oceana County. As we begin developing the FY 2021 budget later this year, I believe we will need to discuss future funding for the K9 program. A link to the OCP article is: <https://www.oceanacountypress.com/2020/04/17/new-k-9-laz-to-join-sheriffs-office/>

Economic Development

Recently, I delivered a check to Peterson Farms, Inc. for \$1,000,000 as partial reimbursement for costs related to the company's business expansion project. Funds came from the MEDC's CDBG grant program.

Transfer Station

The current due date for receiving bids for the removal of trash and recycling materials from the site is May 8. Recall that the current contract with Republic Services expires later this year. As of today's date, I have not received any bids but, if needed, I will extend the deadline given current executive orders causing stay at home and travel restrictions that may affect bid development and submission.

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Date

Mr. Powers, Chairperson