

Board Conference Room
October 22, 2020
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Powers in the Class Room at the Oceana County Services Building on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 11:30 a.m.

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

Mr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator, and Ms. Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk, were also present. Mr. Paul Erickson, Elbridge Township resident, and Mr. Ron Christians, Pentwater Township resident, attended via Zoom.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 Board of Commissioners regular minutes.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public participation was provided via audio/videoconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 864 7101 9108.

No public comment at this time.

Mr. Powers called for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and Tax Levies at 11:31 a.m.

Mr. Byl started the hearing with proposed General Fund budget of \$10,896,897. The fund balance of \$397,932 was committed to achieve a balanced budget. The taxable value increase of 3.51% will generate \$228,000 additional dollars for the county. The annual pension increased 10%, from last year, at a cost of approximately \$90,000. Both health insurance premiums increased, one at 16% and the other at 21%, for a total increased cost of \$158,000. Some funding is committed for capital improvement projects throughout the county; such as the purchase of two patrol cars for Sheriff's Department. The total 2021 budget would be \$35,979,088.

Mr. Powers declared that the millage rates adopted by the Board of Commissioners in May by the county were part of the public hearing.

Mr. Byl presented the millage rates: The allowable rate is 5.75 mills and with the Headlee Rollback it would be 5.7344 mills. The Medical Care Facility Operating millage is 2 mills and will be levied in December. The EMS millage was allowed to go up to 1 mill, the Board of Commissioners have chosen to go up to only .9 mills. The Council on Aging allowable millage would be .9973 mills and will be levied December 1st. Mason-Oceana 911 millage rate will be .1394 mills and will be levied in December. The Department of Veteran's Affairs allowable millage rate is .1 mills and will be levied in December. The Medical Care Facility Debt allowable millage rate is .5, the Board of Commissioner have chosen to only levy .2 mills. The total allowable millages add up to 10.4867 mills; 5.7344 mills to be levied in the summer; and 4.3667 mills to be levied on December 1st, for a total 10.0711 mills to be levied for Oceana County.

Public comment on budget hearing

Mr. Paul Erickson, Elbridge Township resident, wondered if any of the seated commissioners had any suggestions as to how incoming commissioners should proceed in the future.

Mr. Byl believes that the largest portion of the budget will go towards the Sheriff's Department and Jail and he knows that there will be resistance from the Sheriff regarding cuts. Mr. Byl wonders if it is necessary for the deputies to have a patrol car to drive home and if Oceana County truly needs a SWAT team. He also believes it would be beneficial to see if the Union for the Sheriff's Department/Jail would negotiate changing the current pension multiplier down from 2.5 to 2.0 and save the county money in the process, but this would require cooperation from the Unions.

Mr. Powers mentioned that over the last few years, the county has been running in a deficit and that with no areas left to cut, that would mean employees would have to be cut. Mr. Powers, and the other commissioners, have actively tried to avoid firings and/or layoffs, but if the budget does not get reigned in then it may come to that over the next few years.

Mr. Sebolt noted that there have been minor tax revenue increases at 1.7% on average per annum, but expenses have also increased. For decades, Oceana County has been very generous where the benefits are concerned and that can be seen in the cost of government in general. There is no control over some material items, but there may be some control over other items.

Mr. Walker declared that Oceana County is in top 10 where millages have been assessed to their communities. If the board tries to maintain all services throughout the county, they will face some tough decisions that will have to be made in the next few years, such as overall costs, funding in other departments, and possible layoffs. Oceana County may have to consider what Mason County did last year, asking for yet another millage from its residents that was used to cover the cost of Road Patrol.

Mr. Gustafson observed that the millages that the citizens are asked to pay is already quite high. He believes that the incoming commissioners have a great opportunity ahead.

Mr. Ron Christians, Pentwater Township resident, inquired if the two new cars for Sheriff Department would be patrol cars. Mr. Powers believes that they are patrol cars and the cost involved would include outfitting both vehicles as well.

Mr. Powers closed the public hearing at 11:45 a.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – TEMPORARY RECLASSIFY THE FULL TIME I.T. COORDINATOR POSITION TO PART TIME

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to authorize the County Administrator to temporarily reclassify the Information Technology Coordinator position from regular full-time status to temporary part-time status for the purpose of retaining on the county's payroll Ms. Amy Contreras who is separating employment with the county but has agreed to provide interim technology support services to the county during this period of transition.

The reclassification shall be for a time period not to exceed eight weeks, unless extended by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners, at a fixed weekly salary of \$500.

The estimated total cost to the General Fund budget is \$4,000 plus taxes and worker's compensation charges. Employer and employee contributions to a defined contribution pension plan shall end effective October 23, 2020, the last scheduled day of regular full-time employment for Ms. Contreras.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – ADOPT THE HARD CAP OPTION FROM P.A. 152 OF 2011 AND TO ESTABLISH ANY EMPLOYER FUNDING FOR EMPLOYEE HSA

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Sebolt to approve using the "hard cap" provision of Public Act 152 of 2011 to control the maximum allowable health care costs paid by Oceana County. All eligible employees shall be required to pay healthcare premiums that exceed the legally allowable health care costs paid by Oceana County.

Oceana County's current insurance plans shall be renewed beginning January 1, 2021 for eligible employees. The plans are:

- Blue Care Network HMO \$1,000 Deductible
- Blue Care Network HSA HMO \$3,000 Deductible
- VSP Direct Vision Plan
- Delta Dental PPO

Following a recommendation from the County Administrator, resulting from current budget constraints, the Board of Commissioners shall reduce annual employer contributions to employee health savings accounts in fiscal year 2021 by 25%, with actual annual contributions described below, for employees enrolled in the Blue Care Network HSA HMO \$3,000 plan. Employees may, at their sole discretion, choose to contribute pre-tax contributions to their respective health savings accounts from their annual earnings.

Blue Care Network HSA HMO \$3,000 Plan

- Enrollment in the single plan - \$1,308.25
- Enrollment in the two-person plan - \$1,508.94
- Enrollment in the three or more plan - \$2,483.81

Furthermore, the Board of Commissioners shall continue to evaluate the General Fund budget's future capacity to provide any employer funding to employee health savings accounts; with the eventual goal of discontinuing the practice.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – TRANSFERRING THE COUNTY’S PAYROLL FUNCTION TO THE ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and supported by Mr. Byl to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County Administrator to administer the affairs of the county in accordance with an established job description, including any other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, The County Administrator discussed with the Board of Commissioners a proposal to transfer the county’s payroll function from the County Clerk’s Office to the County Administrator’s Office and the benefits to be derived from such a transfer; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has considered the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the “County Boards of Commissioners Act,” Public Act 156 of 1851, grants a Board of Commissioners certain powers such as those described in MCL 46.13a to appoint a County Administrator and to assign duties directly from the Board of Commissioners and MCL 141.434, often referred to as the County Administrator’s statute; and

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Public Act 2 of 1968 as amended, states “The chief administrative officer of the local unit of government shall have a final responsibility for...the control of expenditures under the budget and the general appropriations act;” and

WHEREAS, the county’s payroll function constitutes the largest single category of expenditures in the county’s annual budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the transfer of the payroll function following a timeline to be developed and implemented by the County Administrator and the County Administrator’s staff with the cooperation of the County Clerk and the County Clerk’s staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to establish and fund from the General Fund an Accounting and Payroll Specialist position in the County Administrator’s Office to assume duties directly related to accounting and payroll functions and all other duties to be assigned by the County Administrator in a formalized job description.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – AUTHORIZING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO COMMIT A PORTION OF DISTRICT COURT’S APPROPRIATION FOR OVER TIME COMPENSATION

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Walker to authorize the County Administrator to commit a portion of District Court’s fiscal year 2020 budget for the purpose of scheduling over time hours for court employees. Judge Kevin Drake has requested the

commitment primarily because the court is functioning with two new employees who are still in training.

The commitment of existing funds in the courts budget for the purpose of over time compensation shall not exceed \$4,800 without approval from the Board of Commissioners. No additional funding is needed for the commitment above what has already been appropriated to the court in the current fiscal year.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – POST-APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN’S AFFAIRS

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Byl to recommend the County Administrator’s post-approval for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs application for a Great Lakes Energy People Fund grant for \$10,000 to support a county wide event for the Vietnam Veterans Traveling Wall on July 7 – 13, 2021. The application period ended October 15, 2020 requiring submission prior to formal authorization by the Board of Commissioners.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – APPROVING THE ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT REPORT

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

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners has examined a summary of all millages to be spread in the City of Hart, townships and school districts for the 2020 tax year; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Equalization Department has determined that all of the applicable compiled laws; that is, Headlee, Truth-in-Assessing; Truth-in-Taxation and Truth-in-Equalization have been followed by all of the governmental units levying property taxes with Oceana County and documentation of compliance, as required by law, is on file in the Equalization Department.

WHEREAS, copies of the aforementioned documents are also on file with the County Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the 2020 Apportionment Report of Oceana County millage rates, as calculated and compiled by the Oceana County Equalization Department, is approved and that the Oceana County Equalization Director is authorized to complete and sign Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4402 to be submitted to the

Michigan Department of Treasury in a timely fashion.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – ASSESSOR OF RECORD

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to accept the recommendation of the County Administrator to appoint Mr. Edward VanderVries, Oceana County Equalization Director, as the Oceana County Designated Assessor of Record in accordance with Public Act 660 of 2018; and to further authorize the Chairperson of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Oceana County to Approve the Designated Assessor for the Period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025; as presented and attached to this resolution.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 8 – ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGETS AND TAX LEVIES

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

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Public Act 2 of 1968, as amended, indicates that the Legislative body shall adopt a balanced budget for all budgeted funds by passing an Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on October 15, 2020, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on October 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Oceana County voters authorized millage requests of 0.1394 of a mil for Mason-Oceana 911, 0.1000 of a mil for Veterans Affairs, 1.0000 mil for Council on Aging, 1.0000 of a mil for Ambulance, 2.0000 mils for the Medical Care Facility, and 0.5000 of a mil for Medical Care Facility debt retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorized in May 2020, a general property tax levy on all real and personal property within the County upon the current tax roll for County general operations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2021 General Appropriations Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners approves a levy of 0.1394 of a mil for Mason-Oceana 911, 0.1000 of a mil for Veterans Affairs, 0.9973 mil for Council on Aging, 0.9000 of a mill for Ambulance, 2.0000 mills for the Medical Care Facility, and 0.2000 of a mil for Medical Care Facility debt retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2021 Oceana County General Fund (#101) budget of \$10,896,897 be adopted by line-item activity as described in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other fund budgets (Special Revenue and Debt Service funds totaling \$25,082,191) be adopted by line-item activity as described in this resolution, for a total Fiscal Year 2021 budget for all funds of \$35,979,088; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to increase an employee wage or Capital Outlay line-item in excess of \$2,500 shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any amendment to increase the total budget of any fund or department in excess of \$2,500 shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; except that any amendment to decrease the General Fund Contingency Account shall be approved by the Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to make such other budget amendments as necessary with the exception of those specified in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the approved Position Allocation List contained in this resolution shall limit the number of permanent employees who can be employed in all departments, offices, and the courts, and no funds are appropriated for any permanent or temporary, full time or part time, position not on the Position Allocation List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as position vacancies occur during the budget year, and as budget constraints allow, the County Administrator shall be authorized to approve court and department requests to refill positions. All court and department requests to create a new position not currently included on the Position Allocation List shall only be approved by specific Board of Commissioners authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certain positions contained in the Position Allocation List which are supported in some part by a grant, cost sharing, reimbursement, or some other source of outside funding are only approved contingent upon the County receiving those budgeted revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event that some outside funding is not received or the County is notified that it will not be received, said positions shall be considered not funded and removed from the approved Position Allocation List if the Board of Commissioners does not act to appropriate funds from County sources to cover the shortfall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is understood that revenues and expenditures may vary from those which are currently contemplated and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners during the 2021 fiscal year, as deemed necessary. Consequently, there may be a need to increase or decrease various portions of the budget and impose labor-related cost reduction measures due to unforeseen financial changes; therefore, it is within the Board of Commissioners authority to change the approved Position Allocation List at any time. County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by whatever changes are made by the Board of Commissioners, if any, relative to the approved positions and the

number of employees stated in the Position Allocation List; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary and wages of County employees, including the County's Elected Officials, shall follow the salary and wage rates for non-represented employees approved by the Board of Commissioners and effective January 1, 2021, unless otherwise authorized by resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, collective bargaining agreements in effect for Fiscal Year 2021 that establish salary and wage rates shall be followed for represented employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the line-item appropriations which represent the estimated costs of operating the Courts in Fiscal Year 2021 are contingent upon reimbursements to Oceana County by the State of Michigan in accordance with MCL 600.151(b). County appropriations to the Courts, in accordance with Public Act 374 and 375 of 1996, are made contingent upon conformance to all county policies and procedures regarding court personnel and the expenditure of funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by all applicable policies set by the Board of Commissioners including but not limited to budgets, purchasing, travel, and per diems; as well as the Oceana County Policy Handbook, and that budgeted funds for these purposes are appropriated contingent upon compliance with all County policies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Policy Handbook shall apply to all employees and elected officials, including those who function under a policy handbook or agreement that has been jointly approved by the Board of Commissioners and an Elected Official who has co-employer status; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the County Administrator shall be authorized to make year-end transfers and amendments between line item activities or Funds or with such amounts that may be available in the General Fund Contingency Account, as may be necessary to ensure that departments and Funds do not end Fiscal Year 2021 in a deficit condition. Any such transfers and amendments shall be reported to the Board of Commissioners at their next regularly scheduled meeting or as soon thereafter.

2021 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND

Acct #/	Description	Revenue
402-449	Taxes	\$7,373,064
450-500	Licenses & Permits	\$29,270
501-538, 591	Federal Grants	\$446,272
539-579	State Grants	\$1,273,074
580-599	Contrib. from Local Units	\$0
600-654	Charges for Services	\$1,024,885
655-663	Fines and Forfeitures	\$22,400
664-670	Interest and Rent	\$69,550
671-698	Other Revenue	\$208,750
699	Transfers In	\$51,700
401	Previous Year-End Balance (unassigned fund balance)	\$397,932

Total Available Revenue \$10,896,897

2021 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND

Dept # /Description	Expenditure
101-000 General	\$692,975
101 Board of Commissioners	\$239,943
131 Circuit Court	\$484,617
132 Circuit Ct. Probation/Parole	\$2,000
136 District Court	\$367,485
141 Friend of the Court	\$444,896
148 Probate Court	\$288,785
172 County Administrator	\$328,506
202 County Auditing	\$35,400
215 County Clerk	\$244,663
216 Jury Board	\$1,210
228 Data Processing	\$51,500
229 Technology Department	\$104,848
245 State Survey/Remonumentation	\$29,930
248 General Services	\$568,432
249 Plat Board	\$335
250 Microfilming	\$1,500
253 County Treasurer	\$284,722
257 Equalization	\$201,575
261 MSU Extension	\$145,380
262 Elections	\$7,010
265 Courthouse and Grounds	\$252,009
267 Prosecuting Attorney	\$403,851
268 Register of Deeds	\$195,354
275 Drain Commission	\$139,574
280 Soil Conservation District	\$18,000
301 Sheriff	\$2,496,082
331 Marine Law	\$112,896
332 Snowmobile Enforcement	\$32,730
333 Road Patrol	\$90,936
351 Jail	\$1,199,973
426 Emergency Management	\$106,289
430 Animal Control	\$184,631
445 Drains - Public Benefit	\$600
528 Transfer Station/Recycling	\$260,730
537 Airport	\$101,033
602 District Health Department #10	\$280,723
605 Contagious Diseases	\$2,000
648 Medical Examiner	\$83,774
721 Planning Commission	\$11,500
728 Economic Alliance	\$45,000
865 Insurance	\$182,500
870 Unemployment Compensation	\$10,000
899 Tax Tribunal Refunds	\$3,500

969	Dept. of Health & Human Serv	\$01
970	Child Care	\$01
971	Community Mental Health	\$130,000
972	Contingency	\$25,000
973	Family Counseling	\$2,500
974	Law Library	\$01
975	Parks and Recreation	\$01

Total Expenditures \$10,896,897

Budgetary note:

1General Fund transfers to these "departments" can be found under 101 - 000 General in the table.

2021 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT SUMMARY

SPECIAL REVENUE AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

Fund # / Description	Budget
208 Parks and Recreation Fund	\$38,220
210 Ambulance Fund	\$1,112,000
211 GIS Fund	\$6,450
213 WM Field Rail Trail	\$9,219
214 Court Improvement Fund	\$0
215 Friend of the Court Fund	\$63,420
218 Animal Care Fund	\$10,200
245 Public Improvement Fund	\$0
246 Animal Control Bldg Improve	\$0
249 Building Department Fund	\$349,018
251 Interim Elderly Fund	\$27,828
252 County Land Bank Authority	\$0
254 Foreclosure Fund	\$0
255 Homestead Denials	\$0
256 Register of Deeds Auto Fund	\$67,500
259 Emergency Mgmt Reserve Corp	\$500
260 Indigent Defense	\$480,207
261 Mason/Oceana E-911	\$371,729
262 Victim Services Fund	\$900
263 Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund	\$31,500
264 Local Corrections Ofc Trng Fund	\$5,700
267 K-9 Unit	\$5,500
269 Law Library Fund	\$7,000
275 Senior Citizen Tax Fund	\$1,276,487
277 CDBG Fund	\$109,782
287 MCF Depreciation Fund	\$0
288 Parks & Rec Matching Grant	\$0
290 Oceana/Mason DHHS Fund	\$0
292 Child Care Fund	\$548,606
293 Veterans Affairs Fund	\$199,331
298 Technology and Innovation Fund	\$74,000
320 Criminal Justice Training Fund	\$5,000

353	Co Airport Terminal Debt Serv	\$21,800
360	Ambulance Debt Retirement	\$27,400
391	MCF Building Debt Retirement	\$245,850
405	Capital Projects – Equip Replace	\$203,850
408	Parks & Rec Capital Projects	\$0
512	S.W. Medical Care Facility	\$19,592,624
516	Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund	\$0
520	100% Tax Pmt – 2020	\$0
521	100% Tax Pmt – 2021	\$0
522	100% Tax Pmt – 2022	\$0
523	100% Tax Pmt – 2013	\$0
524	100% Tax Pmt – 2014	\$0
525	100% Tax Pmt – 2015	\$0
526	100% Tax Pmt – 2016	\$0
527	100% Tax Pmt – 2017	\$0
528	100% Tax Pmt – 2018	\$0
529	100% Tax Pmt – 2019	\$0
595	Sheriff Department Commissary	\$50,000
639	Drain Equip. Revolving	\$0
721	Library	\$100,770
801	Drain Fund	\$0
802	Drain Revolving Fund	\$0
843	Crystal Pond Lake Impr Board	\$0
848	Stony Lake Board	\$39,800
851	Drain Debt Service Fund	\$0
891	Drain Construction Fund	\$0

Total Special Revenue Funds \$25,082,191

County Elected Officials’ Annual Salary for FY 2021
(Presented in accordance with Public Act 154 of 1879 as amended)

Treasurer	\$58,680
Drain Commissioner	\$58,680
Register of Deeds	\$58,680
Clerk	\$58,680
Sheriff	\$81,645
Prosecuting Attorney	\$103,316

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 9 – ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MSU EXTENSION FOR CONTINUED SERVICES

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to authorize the County Administrator to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between Oceana County and Michigan State University Extension for the continuation of services in Oceana County at a cost of \$110,772. The term of the agreement shall be January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10 – ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MDOT FOR AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Byl to approve the following resolution regarding a Contract for a Federal/State/Local Airport Project, Contract No. 2021-0053 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and Oceana County Board of Commissioners:

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners has the authority to contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for State and/or Federal funds for airport related services; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County airport’s current Airport Improvement Program identifies projects eligible for federal funding, such as runway, taxiway, and taxi lane rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has received a block grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for airport development projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve Contract No. 2021-0053 and authorizes the County Administrator to sign all necessary documents.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 11 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Byl and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the payment of claims for October 22, 2020 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$254,512.91
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	1,855.69
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	19,352.54
CDBG	-0-
TECHNOLOGY	2,465.45
FORECLOSURE	540.00
K-9 UNIT	-0-
VETERANS AFFAIRS	3,208.80
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	2,599.10
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	23,164.67
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	1,500.00
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAP PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	-0-
GENERAL FUND	386,364.69
TOTAL	\$695,563.85

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner Reports

Mr. Sebolt has been attending the Road Commission meetings and they will have to find a new location to hold meetings due to the change of weather conditions. Currently the meetings have been held in the Road Commission garage. The Veteran’s Affairs Department reports that their Veteran’s Service Officer (VSO) will be out of the office for a couple of weeks and that the VSO Assistant will be available to process claims.

Mr. Byl thanked Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk, for her letter as communication is very important.

Mr. Powers mentioned the mask policy and how upset a constituent was regarding it. Mr. Powers explained how the mask policy is for the person’s protection and the protection of the County employees and has been mandated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Mr. Erickson inquired if any of the seated commissioners have received any complaints regarding the Road Commission. He has come in contact with many individuals regarding road repairs.

Mr. Powers indicated that there have been many complaints over the years and that the public doesn’t understand that the Board of Commissioners does not have the authority or oversight to influence the Road Commission Board.

Mr. Sebolt indicated that the County Commissioners can take over those duties of the Road Commission or they can set a Road Commission Board. If the Road Commission Board is established, the Road Commission Board would be in control of their operations of the Road Commission. The County Commissioners would have no authority, or influence, over the Road Commission Board and how they oversee/run the Road Commission. The Road Commission is strictly funded via MDOT and would not receive any funding from the County. Each township would be responsible for levying millages to fund road work, performed by the Road Commission, in their respective jurisdictions.

Mr. Erickson believes there is a lack of communication as to why certain roads are “torn up”. There is perhaps a misconception between the Road Commission and the relationship they have with each township. There is a lack of communication with constituents as to what/why things are/aren’t happening for certain areas of the county.

Public Comment

There was 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 12:14 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Date

Mr. Powers, Chairperson