

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker in the Board Room of the Oceana County Courthouse on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 11:43 via Zoom.

Roll was called by the Clerk. Present: Mr. Beggs, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Morse, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Christians, and Mr. Walker. Mr. Hardy attended via Zoom.

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

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Walker asked if anyone wished to declare a conflict of interest with any of the agenda items.

Public participation was provided via audio/videoconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 857 9898 0310.

No public comment at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Ms. Meyette to approve the following revenue and expenditure budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2021 as described:

Shelby Township Community Park Fund (#239)

- Increase Revenue by \$3,962.50 from \$0.00 to \$3,962.50
- Increase Expenditure by \$3,962.50 from \$0.00 to \$3,962.50

Department of Veterans' Affairs Fund (#293)

- Decrease Salaries & Wages – Permanent by \$11,143 from \$47,316 to \$36,173
- Decrease FICA by \$851 from \$3,619 to \$2,768
- Decrease Hospitalization by \$7,117 from \$7,117 to \$0
- Decrease HSA County Portion by \$220 from \$220 to \$0
- Decrease Life Insurance by \$71 from \$71 to \$0
- Decrease Dental Insurance by \$401 from \$401 to \$0
- Decrease Workers Compensation by \$142 from \$612 to \$470
- Decrease Retirement – DC by \$446 from \$1,893 to \$1,450
- Decrease Outpatient Care by \$500 from \$500 to \$0
- Decrease Telephone – Trust Fund by \$390 from \$400 to \$10

Department of Veterans' Affairs Fund Grant Department (#293-689)

- Increase Salaries & Wages – Permanent by \$6,252 from \$7,469 to \$13,721
- Increase Temporary Salary by \$9,350 from \$12,587 to \$21,937

- Increase FICA by \$1,127 from \$1,601 to \$\$2,728
- Increase Hospitalization by \$4,400 from \$900 to \$5,300
- Increase County Portion of HSA by \$1,309 from \$0.00 to \$1,309
- Increase Life Insurance by \$59 from \$12 to \$71
- Increase Dental Insurance by \$331 from \$70 to \$401
- Increase Workers Compensation by \$91 from \$373 to \$464
- Decrease Retirement –DC by \$1,306 from \$1,856 to \$550

Roll call vote: Mr. Morse – yes; Ms. Meyette – yes; Mr. Hardy – yes; Mr. Beggs – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; Mr. Erickson – yes; and Mr. Walker – yes.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – EXTENSION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR OCEANA COUNTY DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to extend a declaration of a local state of emergency for Oceana County in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 Public Act 390 that was originally adopted by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners on December 17, 2020. This declaration will expire on March 31, 2021 unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners.

Roll call vote: Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; Mr. Beggs – yes; Mr. Erickson – yes; Ms. Meyette – no; Mr. Hardy – yes; and Mr. Walker – yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Walker asked Ms. Meyette if she would like to comment on her reason for her vote. Ms. Meyette explained that her decision to vote against this resolution was because she voted no on the original resolution. Chairman Walker indicated that he voted for this resolution because another unit of government requested the resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND RELEASE OF FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for February 11, 2021 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$911.68
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	3,620.28
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	3,554.73
CDBG	-0-
TECHNOLOGY	6,312.14
FORECLOSURE	7,259.24
K-9 UNIT	687.23
VETERANS AFFAIRS	6,048.46
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	2,539.85
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	18,958.26
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	72.85

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAP PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	3,250.00
GENERAL FUND	476,919.27
TOTAL	\$530,133.99

Roll call vote: Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Erickson – yes; Ms. Meyette – yes; Mr. Hardy – yes; Mr. Beggs – yes; Mr. Christians - yes; and Mr. Walker – yes.

Motion carried.

Commissioner’s Reports

Sheriff Mast reported that there have been several accidents due to the current weather that have been keeping the deputies busy. He also stated that the jail population is at 55, they are trying to keep the number down in order to have room available for any incoming individuals. There was a medical call recently, a male individual fell, and it was suspected that this individual was suffering a heart attack. He was transported to a medical facility and it was determined that it was not a heart attack.

Mr. Beggs mentioned that Oceana County Road Commission board member Bob Carr passed away recently.

Ms. Meyette noted that the Department of Veterans Affairs will be holding one meeting per month. The meeting will be on the first Friday of each month. She also mentioned that the Department of Veterans Affairs will be working with the Parks and Recreation Commission on a project to rehabilitate Star Hill #1 located on Oceana Drive near Hart. They discussed the clean-up process for this project. Chairman Walker asked about the ownership of this property. Ms. Meyette replied that the property is owned by the State.

Mr. Christians mentioned that he and Mr. Hardy virtually attended the Mason-Oceana 911 committee meeting and reported there was discussion regarding the coordination of medical call response in conjunction with Life EMS and Mason-Oceana 911 dispatch. The scrambling of radio traffic was also discussed. There had also been a request from a local fire department to be included in the 64-911 radio traffic. After some discussion, the request was denied. Sheriff Mast explained that the information is intended only for law enforcement officers and is strictly regulated, he also noted that there is an individual living in rural Oceana County that is maintaining a Facebook page that reports "in real time" the events that occur on the radio. Director Hasil is investigating the possible encryption program and the cost of such.

Mr. Erickson reported that District Health Department #10 has administered an approximate total of 47,000 Covid-19 vaccine doses. The possibility of a drive-through clinic at the Oceana County Fairgrounds has also been discussed. The number of cases seem to be declining. The Parks & Recreation Committee met last week and will be working at Doolittle Park hosting learning activities next month. Marshville Dam has been okayed to be removed and the project moving forward.

Clerk Anderson reported that she is working towards filling the vacancy in her office.

Mr. Beggs reported that Oceana County's daily case rate for Covid-19 is 2.1. Mr. Erickson agreed that the dashboard for Oceana County is very good. He also noted that the influx of springtime workers added to the spike in 2020, but that there is a plan to vaccinate the workers for the spring of 2021.


Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

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



Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk



Date



Mr. Walker, Chairperson