

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, March 11, 2021, at 12:27, 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.

Dr. 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 25, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public participation was provided via audio/videoconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 858 8521 7220.

Mr. Walker asked if any commissioners wished to declare a conflict of interest on the agenda items. No conflict of interest was declared.

No public comment at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AMENDING THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION BYLAWS

Moved by Mr. Erickson and seconded by Ms. Meyette to approve a recommendation from the Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission to amend the commission’s bylaws as presented.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – PROVIDING FUNDING FOR A FILE STORAGE PROJECT FOR COURT AND COUNTY RECORDS

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the recommendation of the County Administrator to construct a records storage area in the upper level of the EMS building located on Oceana Drive in Hart, MI at a cost not to exceed \$11,500. Funding for the storage area will come from the General Fund’s contingency account (101-972.999.000). Following approval of the project the remaining contingency account balance will be \$13,500.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE ALERTUS EMERGENCY MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the practice of security for county buildings is of vital importance to ensure the safety of the public and all county and court employees; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2019, the Michigan Supreme Court issued Administrative Order 2019-1 requiring establishment of a Court Security Committee to be chaired by the Chief Judge of the court or his/her designee; and

WHEREAS, members of the committee shall include representatives of the court's funding unit, local law enforcement, the Clerk of the Court, and other facility stakeholders who will be responsible for creating and promoting policies and procedures to improve the safety and security of county buildings where courts operate; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Robert D. Springstead issued a local administrative order establishing a committee effective April 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, periodic committee meetings have been held to review security policies, procedures, and technologies available to aid in achieving goals specific to improving physical security, emergency preparedness, and employee training; and

WHEREAS, the Court Security Committee as a whole is recommending the Oceana County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase and implementation of an employee and law enforcement notification system, called Alertus, for deployment in the Oceana County Building, Oceana County Services Building and Oceana County Sheriff's Department Building; and

WHEREAS, the recommended system will cost \$18,345 and it shall be paid for using existing funds in Capital Projects Fund (#405).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners approves a recommendation from the Court Security Committee to purchase and implement the system called Alertus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oceana County Administrator is authorized to enter into an agreement with Alertus; and to coordinate with Oceana County Undersheriff, Oceana County Emergency Manager, and Oceana County Information Technology to implement the notification system and to coordinate cancellation of appropriate security system agreements with EPS Security and Novotny Electronics.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – ASSESSING A 911 COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE SURCHARGE

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, under the Emergency 911 Service Enabling Act, Public Act 32 of 1986, as amended, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners approved a 911 Service Plan on February 28, 2002 to benefit the citizens of Oceana County by providing a uniform and well-known emergency contact system; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted Public Act 164 of 2007 and Public Act 379 of 2008 to further support 911 service in Michigan that allows for the creation of a county-based local 911 surcharge on all communications service providers that can access 911 and provides for the collection, disbursement, use and audit of said funds; and

WHEREAS, for many years Mason-Oceana 911 has deemed that a monthly county-based surcharge of \$2.09 placed on all communications service providers continues to be necessary to fund 911 services in Oceana County; and

WHEREAS, an estimated amount of anticipated annual revenue from a county-based 911 surcharge is estimated to be \$160,000 collected between July 1 and June 30 of each year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: the Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the county-based 911 surcharge of \$2.09 on communications devices as permitted by law and the surcharge shall remain unchanged in all subsequent years following adoption of this resolution unless rescinded or otherwise changed by the Oceana County Board of Commissioners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Chairperson of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners and the Oceana County Clerk are authorized to sign each year all documents required by the State 911 office.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION BUDGET FOR FY 2021

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Morse to authorize the County Administrator to establish an election budget for FY 2021 in the amount of \$9,150 for three special elections to be held in May 2021. The three elections are a bond request by Shelby Public Schools, road millage by Hart Township, and a millage renewal for West Shore Educational Service District. Costs are reimbursable to the county by the entity requesting the special election. The specific budget request is as follows:

General Fund – Elections (#262)

- Increase Per Diem by \$200 from \$0.00 to \$200
- Increase Printing and Binding by \$5,000 from \$0.00 to \$5,000
- Increase Other Supplies by \$650 from \$0.00 to \$650
- Increase Freight and Express by \$300 from \$0.00 to \$300

- Increase Advertising by \$3,000 from \$0.00 to \$3,000
- Increase Election Reimbursement by \$9,150 from \$630 to \$9,780

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – AUTHORIZATION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

Moved by Mr. Erickson and seconded by Mr. Beggs to authorize the Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission to apply for, and accept if awarded, grants from Great Lakes Energy’s People Fund and the Community Foundation for Oceana County for picnic tables to be placed at county parks.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 – RELEASE OF FUNDS

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

AMBULANCE FUND	\$1,656.36
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	1,849.88
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	6,532.98
CDBG	-0-
TECHNOLOGY	1,450.28
FORECLOSURE	4,229.16
K-9 UNIT	-0-
VETERANS AFFAIRS	3,856.22
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	124.98
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	8,502.47
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAP PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	2,187.50
GENERAL FUND	276,618.86
TOTAL	\$307,008.69

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner's Reports

Mr. Morse mentioned that a new McCormick Gas Station will be built at the Oceana Drive and M-20 intersection in Shelby Township (southwest corner). He also noted that there could be some rezoned land in Shelby Township: the area from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church north to Buchanan Road on the east side of Oceana Drive. This would allow the area to have 65-100 single housing units built/developed for homeowners. Mr. Morse also reported that he attended a webinar regarding the availability of broadband throughout Oceana County.

Mr. Christians reported that the Pentwater Township office has completed their move to the north end of the village. The Pentwater Village office has also moved to their new location in the former Huntington Bank building.

Mr. Erickson stated that he attended a Department of Veterans Affairs meeting with Ms. Meyette and asked that she give a report on that meeting to the other commissioners.

Ms. Meyette reported that the Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee is interested in obtaining funding for a vehicle to transport veterans to and from medical appointments outside of Oceana County. The Traveling Wall will be coming to Oceana County this summer and there will be a meeting for anyone interested in being a volunteer at the Hart VFW hall this Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Hardy had no updates at this time.

Chairperson Walker mentioned that there will be a storage unit built in Grant Township. It will be located on the southwest corner of Winston Road and the US-31 expressway. He stated that permits have been issued.

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 12:52 p.m.



Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

4/13/2021

Date



Mr. Walker, Chairperson