

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 25, 2021, at 12:04 p.m., 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 March 11, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public participation was provided via audio/videoconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 829 8481 5914.

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 – ESTABLISHING NEW FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Erickson to authorize the County Administrator to establish the following funds, and accounts within the funds, in accordance with the November 2020 amendments to the Uniform Chart of Accounts published by the Michigan Department of Treasury; and to process the necessary journal entries to establish the beginning balances for the new funds; that will be derived balances in the Trust and Agency Fund (#701).

- Fund 710 – District Court Custodial Fund
- Fund 711 – Probate Court Custodial Fund
- Fund 712 – Trial Court Custodial Fund

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – REAPPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Moved by Mr. Erickson and seconded by Ms. Meyette to re-appoint Ms. Kathleen Seng, 8739 Hawley Street, Hesperia, MI to the West Michigan Community Mental Health Board of Directors for a three year term effective April 1, 2021 and expiring March 31, 2024.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – REAPPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAKESHORE REGIONAL ENTITY BOARD

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Christians to reappoint Mr. Andy Sebolt to the Lakeshore Regional Entity Oversight Policy Board to replace Commissioner Robert Walker. The current term expires December 31, 2022.

Roll call vote: Ms. Meyette – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; Mr. Beggs - yes; Mr. Erickson – yes; Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Hardy – 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 25, 2021 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$1,261.48
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	2,486.35
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	8,053.29
CDBG	-0-
TECHNOLOGY	5,380.22
FORECLOSURE	2,848.56
K-9 UNIT	870.00
VETERANS AFFAIRS	3,817.09
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	2,480.60
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	22,031.54
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAP PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	1,300.00
GENERAL FUND	366,570.07

TOTAL **\$417,099.20**

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.

Admin report

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was signed into law by the president on March 11 and it provides Michigan counties with \$1.95 billion in aid as a continuing response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. A list of eligible expenditures is under development by the federal government and will be released soon.

I'd like to recommend creation of a workgroup, chaired by Commissioner Craig Hardy (Finance Committee chairperson), to develop recommendations on how to use funds awarded to Oceana County.

The FY 2020 annual audit is well underway and various offices have been providing the necessary records to the auditing firm (Gabridge & Co.).

Community Development Block Grant

Working with our third-party administrators, True North Community Services, I've requested an extension from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to use available emergency home repair funds past June 30, 2021. A response from the MEDC is pending.

The Oceana County Road Commission inquired if the Board was considering extending the local declaration for state of emergency. If you are interested in extending this, it can be done, but for now, the Road Commission is planning on holding their board meetings in the classroom at the County Services Building so that social distancing can be practiced.

Periodically, a seven-county consortium will host dinner and a program. Newaygo County is offering to host a program in an outdoor venue in their county. It is likely that the program will be regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Tentatively, it is scheduled for Monday, July 26, 2021. There will be a social hour beginning at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00 and the program following.

This week I received a request for donation to the Boy Scouts to support the local display of flags. Prior to 2016 this type of expense was an allowable expense, however, this is not the case any longer. If any of the Board members would like to personally contribute, Dr. Sobie will collect and make the donation.

Commissioner's Reports

Mr. Erickson was at a meeting with the Department of Health and Human Services at the Council On Aging and stated that he was provided a good overview of the agency. He also mentioned that the Medical Care Facility is experiencing low bed census numbers. Tomorrow there will be a District Health Department #10 meeting in Cadillac for new board members. A new manual was made available and one topic to be covered will be Proper procedures. The Agricultural Society will meet tonight. He pointed out that he was quoted in the Oceana Herald-Journal as having said that MSUE will not be having face to face activities in 2021. He

received a phone call from Mr. James Kelly, MSUE District #5 Director, who will be contacting the state director for further guidance. Mr. Kelly reported that in April, MSUE will be enacting a policy for face to face resumption of activities. Mr. Erickson also reported that there was a concern regarding a telephone meeting/workshop with Senator Bumstead that was not published and could be interpreted as an Open Meetings Act violation. Mr. Erickson stressed to the other board members to be mindful that anything they may do after a Board Agenda packet has been sent to Commissioners and prior to a decision made by the Board may be a violation.

Mr. Christians reported that WMSRDC committee is promoting an online program titled "Become an asset management champion". The funding is paid for by WMSRDC. He provided a copy of the details to each commissioner.

Mr. Morse reported that at the Shelby Township meeting last night the property located on the east side of Oceana Drive, north of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church to Buchanan Road was officially rezoned to R-3 (residential). A proposed housing development is planned for this area.

Mr. Beggs reported that he and Mr. Christians were provided a tour of the jail. He encouraged each commissioner to take time to tour the jail and/or request to ride along with a deputy.

Ms. Meyette reported that Northern Michigan Association of Counties is happy to have Oceana County on board.

Clerk Anderson mentioned that there is a new employee in her office. Her name is Heather VanderVest and lives in Ludington. Heather is very eager to learn the various aspects of the job. Clerk Anderson stated that she is very pleased with Heather so far.

Mr. Walker stated that he was recently at a meeting in Otto Township where they discussed their "Clean-Up Day" and they are very glad to have Brian Lennon at the Transfer Station.

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 12:46 p.m.


Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk


Date


Mr. Walker, Chairperson