

Board Conference Room
June 24, 2021
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker, in the Board Room of the County Building, on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

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

Also present: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Cavanagh, Oceana Herald Journal correspondent; and Ms. Lori Green, Weare Township resident.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2021 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Walker asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. He noted that there will be an addition of a resolution (#21-68) and that the remaining resolution numbers should be incrementally increased thereafter.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

There was no public comment at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF AN INTERFUND TRANSFER TO ALLOW FOR AN EASEMENT ACQUISITION

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Erickson to authorize the County Administrator to process an interfund transfer from the General Fund (#101) to the Lake Level Fund (#841) in the amount of \$6,000 to cover costs related to establishing an easement to access Lake Holiday lake level control improvements including control structures, embankment, and outlet. The source of funding shall be the General Funds' unassigned fund balance.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – NOTIFICATION OF INTENDED USE OF MEDC RESTRICTED PROGRAM INCOME

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Christians to authorize the County Administrator to notify the Michigan Economic Development Corporation that Oceana County intends to use restricted program income the county received during the time period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, that was derived from the Community Development Block Grant program, for eligible emergency home repair projects. The amount of program income received during the time period and committed to eligible projects is \$37,286.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE REMONUMENTATION PEER GROUP REVIEW BOARD

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Beggs that pursuant to Section 9 of P.A. 345 of 1990, known as the "State Survey and Remonumentation Act," the Oceana County Board of Commissioners is authorized to establish a peer group to ratify corners presented to the county by the County Surveyor in accordance with the Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan for Oceana County.

Appointed members to the peer group shall be as follows:

Name/Address	Name/Address	Name/Address
Sammy S. Barnett, PS 16923 1821 W. Hansen Road Scottville, MI 49454 (231) 233-7901	Alex Altmaier, PS 65158 A & A Land Surveying Inc. P.O. Box 186 1525 Industrial Park Dr. Hart, MI 49420 (231) 301-8147	Noah Penn, PS 57973 Points West Land Surveying, LLC PO Box 248 1872 Tall Oaks Drive West Ludington, MI 49431 (231) 740-4102

The alternate member to the peer group shall be:

Name/Address	Name/Address	Name/Address
Patrick Johnson, PS 47956 Wetherell Land Surveying PO Box 219, 510 Michigan Ave. Baldwin, MI 49304 (231) 745-3441		

Furthermore, the County Administrator is authorized to prepare agreements for each member of the peer group with the term of the agreements beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2021. Each peer group member shall be compensated for services performed under the terms of the agreement in the amount of \$395.00 per meeting attended. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all agreements on behalf of Oceana County.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Hardy to enter into the Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Agreement between the West Michigan Regional Medical Consortium (WMRMC) and Oceana County. The purpose of the agreement is to delineate the relationship and responsibilities between WMRMC and Oceana County and the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board with regards to the Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program; and the use of funds for purchases, reimbursement of services, reimbursement for certain salaries, and overtime costs.

WMRMC accepted the designation as the fiduciary for the Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program by the Region 6 Homeland Security Governing Board and, as a result, entered into a Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement with the State of Michigan. WMRMC and the Region 6 Homeland Security Planning Board are sub-grantees. This agreement is a prerequisite to any Fiscal Year 2020 Homeland Security Grant Program funds being awarded to Oceana County.

The Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby designates the Oceana County Administrator as the authorized official to execute the intergovernmental agreement on behalf of the county; and Oceana County accepts to be bound by the terms and conditions of the agreement.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5 – APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN VETERANS AFFAIRS
AGENCY**

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Morse to authorize the Oceana County Department of Veterans' Affairs and County Administrator to apply for, and if awarded, to accept a County Veteran Service Fund grant, through the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of supporting the provision of services to Oceana County veterans.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6 – RELEASE OF FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for June 24, 2021 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$52.29
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	69,043.25
GIS FUND	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	4,054.05
CDBG	-0-
TECHNOLOGY	2,139.71
FORECLOSURE	102.00
K-9 UNIT	-0-
VETERANS AFFAIRS	4,022.13
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	4,246.25
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	22,476.11
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAP PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	-0-
GENERAL FUND	417,192.09
TOTAL	\$523,327.88

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

Motion carried.

Public Comment

Ms. Lori Green, Weare Township resident, asked for clarification on whether any of the tax collected on a property under the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is used for administrative costs or if it would all go to the developer. Mr. Beggs indicated that the money collected would be a reimbursement for cleanup costs. Dr. Sobie noted that he will get clarification and report to the Board.

Commissioner’s Reports

Mr. Hardy reported that he attended the Mason Oceana 911 board meeting where \$25,000 was approved for the replacement of an old backup system.

Ms. Meyette reported that at a recent Northern Michigan Association of Counties meeting, there was a discussion regarding the procedure followed at commissioner meetings. She stated that this board’s procedure is very good. She also mentioned that Greenwood Township may not participate in the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. She then asked Mr. Morse if he thought that kids can be rescued and given a purpose with the provision of a skilled trades school?

Mr. Christians reported that Mason-Oceana 911's phone calls are now shared with Life EMS in Grand Rapids and seems to be very successful. The feedback of responding EMS personnel is that they are able to respond quicker. He also mentioned that radio signals in the Little Point Sable area are a concern and a solution is being explored. There has been a meeting set up with Motorola representatives to try to resolve this issue. WMSRDC will be hosting an event at Park Place, in Pentwater, on Monday, July 26 at 10:00 a.m. and will be forwarding an invitation. The performance evaluation forms are due and will be on the agenda for the July 8 meeting. Mr. Christians hopes that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority discussion and education continues.


Mr. Erickson complimented Mr. Garry McKeen on the various projects he is involved with. He also mentioned that Ferry Township has opted to participate in the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. He stated that the Oceana County Medical Care Facility census is down. He also noted his appreciation to Dr. Sobie for his guidance through the challenges of the pandemic. Lastly, he thanked Dr. Sobie for lunch yesterday.

Dr. Sobie appreciated Mr. Erickson's comment regarding the pandemic, but did note that his staff worked with him on the policies and procedures. He also stated that organizing the employee appreciation lunch was a joint effort and would share this with his staff.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.



Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk



Date



Mr. Walker, Chairperson