

FINANCE AND EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance and Equalization Committee Meeting was called to order, in the Board Conference Room of the Oceana County Courthouse, by Chairperson Hardy on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; and Ms. Marilyn Morse, Patriots for Truth and Actions, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2021 meeting and the September 21, 2021 budget workshop meeting.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the agenda of the September 23, 2021 Finance & Equalization Committee meeting.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

No public comments at this time.

Dr. Sobie and Ms. Anderson requested consideration of a resolution of a proposed resolution to appoint members to the Oceana County Board of Canvassers. This would appoint two members, one from each political party to the Board of Canvassers due to two members not wishing to be reappointed.

Dr. Sobie did not read the claims for payment, however, the following was provided:

Oceana County Administrator				
REVIEW OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT (>= \$1,000 and Other Noteworthy Expenditures)				
Fund #	Dept. #	Dept. Name	Amount	Purpose
Special Revenue Funds				
249 - Building Department Fund			\$ 5,382.05	to Randy Miller for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
			\$ 6,117.48	to Richard Story for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
			\$ 3,581.25	to Randy Neuman for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
256 - Automation Fund			\$ 2,452.95	to Avenu Holdings for software fees.
260 - Indigent Defense Fund			\$ 4,583.33	to Indigent Defense Consultants for managed assigned counsel services.
			\$ 6,903.00	to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.
			\$ 9,793.00	to Good Law for court appointed attorney fees.
286 - American Rescue Plan Fund			\$ 2,400.00	to Gabridge & Company, PLC for consulting services.

298 - Technology and Innovation Fund	\$ 1,142.34	to Charter Communications for fiber optic cable connection between buildings.
	\$ 3,372.70	to Huntington Bank for equipment and office supply purchases.
	\$ 2,763.01	to ESRI for annual software maintenance contract.
353 - Airport Debt Fund	\$ 29,000.00	to The Bank of New York for annual bond payment.
360 - Ambulance Debt Fund	\$ 26,200.00	to The Bank of New York for annual bond payment.
391 - MCF Debt Fund	\$ 235,425.00	to The Bank of New York for annual bond payment.
General Fund		
101 - Board of Commisioners	\$ 5,958.02	to H Security & Investigation for courthouse security for September and August OT.
	\$ 2,960.00	to Smith, Haughey, Rice and Roegge for legal services.
131 - Circuit Court	\$ 3,346.34	to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.
	\$ 3,346.34	to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.
202 - County Auditing	\$ 4,300.00	to Watkins Ross & Co. for updated OPEB actuary required for annual county audit.
248 - General Services	\$ 2,313.63	to DHD#10 for medical marihuana educational services (grant funded).
257 - Equalization	\$ 22,045.00	to V&V Assessing for equalization and assessing services.
265 - Courthouse and Grounds	\$ 4,358.44	to City of Hart for Utilities.
267 - Prosecuting Attorney	\$ 1,000.00	to MGT of America for FY 2021 CRP Billing Services.
301 - Sheriff	\$ 2,863.88	to Enterprise for fleet vehicle management.
	\$ 1,802.50	to Axon for taser supplies.
351 - Jail	\$ 3,785.24	to City of Hart for Utilities.
	\$ 1,000.00	to Dr. Paul Wagner for inmate medical.
	\$ 1,177.14	to EPS for security system.
	\$ 2,192.14	to Gordon Food Service.
528 - Transfer Station	\$ 11,555.84	to American Classic Dumpster for removal of trash and recycling material.
602 - Health Department	\$ 5,300.00	to DHD#10 for monthly lease payment.
971 - Community Mental Health	\$ 10,833.33	to West Michigan Community Mental Health for monthly appropriation.

~	Total	\$ 429,253.95
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Administrator’s Report (as written by Dr. Sobie):

Administration

The maintenance supervisor’s position has been filled. Mr. Brian Schlaack has accepted the position with a start date to be determined.

The legal secretary’s position in the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office has been filled. Ms. Michelle Gerard has accepted the position.

I interviewed three candidates for the newly established Economic Development Coordinator position.

I met with Business Information Systems last week, along with our IT coordinator, to update the proposed scope of work to implement a new audio and video solution for the board room. It’s possible the project could be completed very late this year but I will likely wait until January to get past the holidays.

I met with Envigor last week, along with our IT coordinator, to discuss the web redesign project. A project work schedule is pending but completion will not occur until 2022.

The medical marihuana education grant has closed and a final report and request for reimbursement has been sent to the state.

The county received a dividend check of \$87,868 from Michigan Counties Workers Comp Fund for FY 2020.

Emergency Management

Interviews were held on September 22 for three of the six candidates for the Emergency Manager’s position. The remaining three candidates are scheduled for interviews on September 30.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, wondered if there will be more opportunity for public participation with the implementation of new audio and video for the board room and the redesign of the website.

Ms. Marilyn Morse, Patriots for Truth and Action, mentioned that the group she belongs to wants to get involved and she appreciated the opportunity to attend the meeting last Saturday.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Hardy adjourned the Finance and Equalization Committee meeting at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk