

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, October 28, 2021, at 11:19 a.m.

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

Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; and Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2021 meeting.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Dr. Sobie noted that Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator, would not be present to provide an update regarding Indigent Defense and would be on the agenda for the November 10, 2021 meeting.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

No public comments at this time.

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a proposed resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and tax levies. A Public Hearing will be held in the regular meeting regarding the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a resolution to accept a bid for snowplowing. Three bids were received this year from Hallack Contracting, Beckman Brothers, and Pete Roskam. Mr. Morse questioned as to why one bid did not cover all locations. Dr. Sobie noted that all locations were able to be bid upon individually.

Dr. Sobie facilitated consideration of a resolution to adopt the Hard Cap Provision of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, Public Act 152 of 2011. Health Insurance costs changed less than 1% for Fiscal Year 2022. Dr. Sobie suggested continuing to follow the Hard Cap Provision of the statute for insurance.

Dr. Sobie brought forth consideration of a resolution to authorize the per diem and mileage reimbursement for meetings held by the Oceana County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board (OCBRAB). Paying a per diem and mileage for the OCBRAB would keep continuity with other boards and commissions as to how business is conducted. Currently, there is not a budget set for OCBRAB and by allowing per diem and mileage reimbursement Dr. Sobie will work up a small budget.

Ms. Meyette noted that some Commissioners would strive to see that the OCBRAB be self-sustaining and suggested putting a time limit on how long the County would pay the per diem and mileage.

Mr. Christians also noted that it was unsure how often and frequent the OCBRAB would conduct business.

Dr. Sobie suggested postponing the per diem and mileage reimbursement for OCBRAB until a later date.

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a resolution to exempt counties with populations less than 75,000 from certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act. This resolution addresses allowing remote participation for board meetings for commissioners. Essentially, remote participation is allowed only when someone is physically absent due to being in the military, a health condition, or because of a state/federal/local emergency or disaster.

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				
210 - Ambulance Fund			\$ 2,970.00	to Ferry Township Area Fire for 3rd quarter MFR fees.
			\$ 13,090.00	to Grant Township Area Fire for 3rd quarter MFR fees.
			\$ 4,950.00	to Hesperia Area Fire for 3rd quarter MFR fees.
			\$ 10,560.00	to Pentwater Area Fire for 3rd quarter MFR fees.
			\$ 5,280.00	to Walkerville Area Fire for 3rd quarter MFR fees.
249 - Building Department Fund			\$ 3,370.10	to Randy Miller for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
			\$ 4,689.98	to Richard Story for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
			\$ 2,839.10	to Randy Neuman for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
			\$ 4,293.00	to BS&A for software maintenance contract.
254 - Foreclosure Fund			\$ 1,842.54	to Title Check LLC for parcel administration.
260 - Indigent Defense Fund			\$ 8,642.00	to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.
			\$ 8,850.00	to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.
298 - Technology and Innovation Fund			\$ 2,083.92	to Huntington Bank for equipment and office supply purchases.
			\$ 4,200.00	to Solid Design Software Solutions for software.
			\$ 2,931.00	to SHI for computer equipment.
General Fund				
131 - Circuit Court			\$ 5,459.50	to Newaygo County Treasurer for judge reimbursement costs.
			\$ 3,346.34	to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.

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136 - District Court	\$ 1,806.19	to Newaygo County Treasurer for judge reimbursement costs.
301 - Sheriff	\$ 7,319.06	to Enterprise for fleet vehicle management.
	\$ 8,599.08	to Wex Bank for fuel.
351 - Jail	\$ 4,279.54	to Gordon Food Service.
	\$ 5,975.00	to Scheid Plumbing Heating and Cooling, Inc for drain replacement.
	\$ 1,400.00	to EPS for security system.
528 - Transfer Station	\$ 1,601.30	to C M Rubber Recycling for recycling of tires.
605 - Contagious Disease	\$ 2,089.05	to Huntington Bank for equipment purchases.
~ Total	\$ 88,963.04	

Administrator's Report (as written by Dr. Sobie):

Administration

The county flag design contest ended on October 20. The next step is to ask commissioners to consider choosing a winning design for the contest. Then, commissioners will be asked to decide if the winning design for the contest warrants becoming the first official county government flag.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, Hart City resident, expressed concerns regarding the resolution to exempt counties with populations less than 75,000 from certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Wittman has requested advanced information related to the agendas and is opposed to the exemptions regarding the Open Meetings Act.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Hardy adjourned the Finance and Equalization Committee meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk