

Board Conference Room
January 27, 2022
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker at 11:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Chairperson Walker.

Roll was called by the County Clerk. Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Morse, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Christians, Mr. Beggs, and Mr. Walker. Absent: None.

Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent; and Mr. Tim Scovill, Crystal Township resident were also present.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Walker asked if any commissioners wished to declare a conflict of interest on the agenda items. No conflicts were declared.

Chairman Walker asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Mr. Erickson requested to add a discussion regarding the ambulance service. Chairman Walker agreed to this discussion which will be prior to payment of claims.

Ms. Meyette requested discussion of an appointment of an alternate to District Health Department #10 Board. Chairman Walker agreed to address this prior to the payment of claims as well.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Tim Scovill, Crystal Township resident, wanted to speak on the removal/repair of the Crystal Valley Dam. Chairman Walker invited Mr. Scovill to speak during the public comment at the end of the meeting.

Dr. Sobie introduced Mr. Jim Gray, Hart resident, who was the winner of the Flag Design Contest. A certificate of appreciation was presented to him. Mr. Gray stated that he enjoyed the experience.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – REAPPOINTMENT TO OCEANA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Moved by Ms. Meyette and supported by Mr. Beggs to reappoint the following individuals to the Oceana County Planning Commission for three-year terms effective January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2024.

- Mr. John Stivers
- Mr. Scott Rumsey

Furthermore, to reappoint Commissioner Phil Morse to the Oceana County Planning Commission for a one-year term effective January 1, 2022 and expiring December 31, 2022.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – AUTHORIZATION FOR EGLE GRANT APPLICATION

Moved by Mr. Morse and supported by Mr. Hardy to authorize the Oceana County Administrator to apply for a \$10,000 "Materials Management County Engagement Grant" from the Michigan Department of Energy, Great Lakes, and Environment (EGLE). The purpose of the grant is to help counties transition from solid waste management to materials management by completing a series of activities that identify gaps and challenges with current materials management practices; and identifying steps that can occur to assist the development of future materials management programs.

Furthermore, the Oceana County Administrator, Oceana County Economic and Community Projects Coordinator, and West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission shall serve the role of a "Designated Planning Agency" responsible for signing any and all necessary documents and administering all other grant related activities.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – APPOINTMENT TO OCEANA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

Moved by Mr. Morse and supported by Ms. Meyette to accept the recommendation from the Oceana County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board to appoint Mr. Larry Byl to complete the term of Mr. Dick Huntington who resigned from the board in early January. The current term expires September 30, 2022.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Walker mentioned that Mr. Byl was among the names previously submitted for consideration to be appointed to this board.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – AMENDMENTS TO FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET

Moved by Mr. Hardy and supported by Mr. Christians to post-approve the following expenditure budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021 budgets as described; to cover costs that exceed the original or previously amended budget appropriation for each of the following funds and accounts:

General Fund (#101)

Unemployment Insurance

- Increase Unemployment Insurance (101-209-723.000) by \$1,709 from \$0.00 to \$1,709

Sheriff Department

- Increase Salaries & Wages – Supervisory (101-301-703.000) by \$2,845 from \$227,284 to \$230,129
- Increase Salaries & Wages – Permanent (101-301-705.000) by \$2,045 from \$964,086 to \$966,131
- Increase Salaries & Wages – Holiday (101-301-709.000) by \$2,115 from \$42,408 to \$44,523
- Increase Gasoline, Oil and Grease (101-301-747.000) by \$5,800 from \$67,926 to \$73,726
- Increase Vehicle Repairs (101-301-932.000) by \$2,500 from \$58,766 to \$61,266

Sheriff Department – Secondary Road Patrol

- Increase Salaries & Wages – Supervisory (101-333-705.000) by \$3,300 from \$53,542 to \$56,842
- Increase FICA (101-333-715.000) by \$1,923 from \$2,052 to \$3,973

Sheriff's Department - Jail

- Increase Salaries & Wages – Supervisory (101-351-703.000) by \$1,306 from \$67,093 to \$68,399
- Increase Salaries & Wages – Overtime (101-351-707.000) by \$1,312 from \$51,320 to \$52,632
- Increase FICA (101-351-715.000) by \$1,135 from \$53,444 to \$54,579
- Increase Prisoners' Board (101-351-818.000) by \$1,307 from \$68,840 to \$70,147

Emergency Management

- Increase Salaries & Wages – Supervisor (101-426-703.000) by \$10,291 from \$52,404 to \$62,695

Transfer Station

- Increase Equipment Rental (101-528-941.000) by \$2,037 from \$208,542 to \$210,579

The net impact of the General Fund amendments is an increase in expenditures of \$39,625.

Ambulance Fund (#210)

- Increase Other Contractual Services – MFR (210-000-821.020) by \$18,750 from \$105,000 to \$123,750

The net impact of the Ambulance Fund amendment is an increase in expenditures of \$18,750.

Friend of the Court Fund (#215)

- Increase Other Contractual Services (215-000-821.000) by \$3,000 from \$94,677 to \$97,677

The net impact of the Friend of the Court Fund amendment is an increase in expenditures of \$3,000.

Building Department Fund (#549)

- Increase Other Contractual Services – Inspections (549-371-821.100) by \$10,045 from \$273,096 to \$283,141

The net impact of the Building Department Fund amendment is an increase in expenditures of \$10,045.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson began discussion on the Ambulance Service. He stated that Chairman Walker, Mr. Beggs, Dr. Sobie, and he met with Life EMS to discuss the number of ambulance units that are present in Oceana County. The contract stipulated that three units would be in the county at all times. Currently, this is not being met. Mr. Meijer indicated that the main reason for the limited coverage is due to staffing shortages. Life EMS is working on a plan to fill the vacancies.

Mr. Walker commented that Life EMS is discussing the provision of classes at the County Services Building for EMT and Paramedic certification. They are also considering going to the local schools to recruit students for these programs.

The discussion continued, but the general consensus was that centralized training in Oceana County is needed.

Ms. Meyette began discussion regarding an appointment of an additional alternate member to the District Health Department #10 Board (DHD #10). Currently, there are two members of this board appointed to the DHD #10 Board, but she would appreciate an alternate in the event that one or both of them are not able to attend.

Dr. Sobie will prepare a resolution and this will be addressed at the February 10, 2022 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and **seconded by** Mr. Morse to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for January 27, 2022 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE	\$24,712.97
GIS	-0-
FOC	2,525.97
PENTWATER-HART TRAIL	-0-
SHELBY TWP COMMUNITY PARK	-0-
AUTOMATION R.O.D.	2,763.40
INDIGENT DEFENSE	15,321.47
LCOT	-0-
K9	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING	-0-
CDBG	-0-
ARPA	-0-
VETERAN AFFAIRS	2,709.09
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	10,357.12
CAPITAL PROJECTS	-0-
FORECLOSURE	1,190.16
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	9,768.98
GENERAL FUND	529,134.88
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 598,484.04

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner's Reports

Mr. Morse reported on the progress of hiring an executive director for the Oceana County Economic Alliance.

Mr. Christians noted that he and Mr. Morse attended the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) meeting last Monday and Brickley Delong presented an audit report. He also mentioned that WMSRDC is aware of the issues with Crystal Valley Dam and is interested in participating in this project.

Mr. Erickson reported that the Oceana County Medical Care Facility population has grown to 75. Mr. Kory Hanson, Oceana County Medical Care Facility Administrator presented his rules and objectives and noted that staffing issues are a real concern. Mr. Erickson also reported that District Health Department #10 opened a drive-thru Covid-19 testing sight at the Oceana County Council on Aging. The testing was available three days a week for rapid testing through January 16th. There were 408 tests performed with 107 detections, 300 non-detections and one inconclusive.

Chairman Walker commented that when the Board members reach out to the public as an individual, it should be stated as such. Board policy is set by the Board as a whole, not individually.

Public Comment

Mr. Tim Scovill, Crystal Township resident, was present to provide his views on the repair/removal of Crystal Township Dam. He indicated that he believes the dam should be maintained.

Ms. Amy Trudell, Hart City resident, was present to express her appreciation to Dr. Sobie for the IT improvements that are in place and are in the process of implementing as well as the redesign of the website. She also had some questions regarding the budget. Dr. Sobie informed her that she is welcome to request information from his office on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Date

Mr. Walker, Chairperson