

Board Conference Room
February 24, 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 Chief Deputy Clerk. Present: Ms. Meyette, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Morse, Mr. Christians, Mr. Beggs, and Mr. Walker. Mr. Hardy attended via zoom.

Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Coon, Oceana County Chief Deputy Clerk; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the February 10, 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.

Moved by Mr. Morse and supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AMERICAN CLASSIC WASTE HAULING AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Moved by Mr. Morse and supported by Ms. Meyette to authorize the Oceana County Administrator to enter into a two (2) year contract extension with American Classic Dumpster for the purpose of serving as the county's waste hauler at the Oceana County Transfer Station. Upon approval of this resolution, the agreement will be extended from October 5, 2023 to October 5, 2025.

The Oceana County Administrator is authorized to sign all necessary documents to implement the extension agreement.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – ADOPTION OF STANDARD ALLOWANCE OF REVENUE LOSS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

Moved by Mr. Erickson and seconded by Mr. Christians to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Oceana County has received a distribution of monies (the “ARPA Funds”) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, Section 603 of the Act created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to counties, cities, and other local units of government to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s (“Treasury”) Final Rules (“Rules”), published on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022, provides in part that Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use up to that amount (but not to exceed the actual award amount) to fund government services and this presumption is known as the Standard Allowance; and

WHEREAS, the Rules further observe that the Standard Allowance provides an estimate of revenue loss that is based on an extensive analysis of average revenue loss across states and localities, and offers a simple and convenient way to determine revenue loss particularly for the smallest units of local government. This change is intended to promote administrative efficiency and simplify revenue loss calculations; and

WHEREAS, the Rules further clarify that recipients can use the funds on government services up to the revenue loss amount, whether that be the Standard Allowance amount or the amount calculated using the Rule’s four-step process. Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise; and

WHEREAS, government services is deemed by Treasury to be the most flexible eligible use category, and funds are subject to streamlined reporting and compliance requirements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners elects to use the Standard Allowance and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund government services.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

Moved by Ms. Meyette and supported by Mr. Morse to authorize the Oceana County Administrator to transfer \$33,392 from the General Fund (#101) to the Public Improvement Fund (#445) to support future facility improvements that may be authorized by the Oceana

County Board of Commissioners. The funds were received from the Fiscal Year 2021 dividends earned from Oceana County’s loss fund established with Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

Furthermore, upon approval of this resolution and completion of the interfund transfer, the Public Improvement Fund (#445) will have a current balance, excluding any current interest earnings, of \$865,249.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Morse inquired as to what the usage parameters would be for the interfund transfer to the Public Improvement Fund (#445). Mr. Sobie noted that the Public Improvement Fund (#445) would acquiesce facility improvements; whether that be internal, external, expansions, etc. The Capital Projects Fund (#405) is meant for smaller projects, such as carpet or furniture.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Morse and **seconded by** Mr. Christians to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for February 24, 2022 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE	\$622.37
GIS	-0-
FOC	1,879.95
PENTWATER-HART TRAIL	-0-
SHELBY TWP COMMUNITY PARK	-0-
AUTOMATION R.O.D.	-0-
INDIGENT DEFENSE	20,990.33
LCOT	-0-
K9	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING	-0-
CDBG	-0-
ARPA	-0-
VETERAN AFFAIRS	12,100.24
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	10,839.93
CAPITAL PROJECTS	-0-
FORECLOSURE	240.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	6,470.83
GENERAL FUND	462,216.61
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 515,360.26

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner's Reports

Mr. Morse attended several webinars regarding Tri-Share; which consists of entities working together to make childcare affordable. Costs for childcare would be split three ways; 1/3 employer funded, 1/3 state funded, and 1/3 employee funded. This is now available in Oceana County and is dependent upon the employer's participation.

Mr. Morse noted that one of the steps to Mr. Troy Maloney's, Oceana County Emergency Manager, six step emergency plan is "to host community meetings to ensure needs are being addressed and to disseminate information to residents;" and inquired as to how this would be addressed. Mr. Sobie mentioned that he would follow through with Mr. Maloney.

Mr. Christians disclosed that Pentwater Township and the Village of Pentwater were also working on an emergency plan for what to do with the tourists/campers if strong storm systems were to come through.

Mr. Christians also attended a Mason-Oceana 911 meeting. Mason-Oceana 911 has strong financial stability and will be working on monitoring the lakeshore response coverage.

Mr. Christians attended the Crystal Township meeting where Ms. Debra Herrera stepped down as Supervisor to take on the Clerk position; Mr. Lee Hyslop took over as Supervisor.

Mr. Christians presented a letter from Mr. Chris Hinsch in support of saving the dam.

Mr. Erickson attended the Crystal Township meeting and noted that the dam issue has been brought in front of the board several times in the past.

Mr. Erickson also reported that the Fair Board is planning to have a carnival prior to the fair proper; which would serve as a two-week event again this coming year.

Mr. Beggs also spoke about the Crystal Township meeting and what efforts could be made to preserve the dam.

Mr. Beggs attended the Road Commission meeting on February 23rd; he noted that fuel prices, labor costs, and material costs have all gone up.

Ms. Meyette noted that our agricultural community will be suffering the same increased costs that the Road Commission will be. She also expressed concern that the Tri-Share program Mr. Morse spoke on earlier could be a duplication of already existing programs at the State level and reiterated that it's important to monitor duplicated efforts at all levels.

Dr. Sobie announced that a grant will be received providing \$159,000 to be used for the airport.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, expressed concerns over the way meetings are being conducted in regards to public participation when agenda items are added at the beginning of a meeting. She wondered why the minutes on the website are not updated. Ms. Wittman thanked Mr. Beggs for fighting for the rights of the average citizen in regards to the Brownfield Association. Ms. Wittman also questioned why nobody timed the Sheriff's public comments since other speakers are timed.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Melanie A. Coon, Oceana County Chief Deputy Clerk

Date

Mr. Walker, Chairperson