

Board Conference Room  
March 24, 2022  
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker at 1:02 p.m.

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

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

Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; Ms. Amy Trudell, City of Hart resident; 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 March 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 seconded by Ms. Meyette to remove resolution numbers 22-23, 22-24, 22-25, and 22-26 be removed from the agenda

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF A MONETARY DONATION TO PURCHASE A DIVE TEAM TRAILER**

Moved by Mr. Beggs and supported by Mr. Erickson to authorize the Oceana County Sheriff to accept a monetary donation of \$23,064.20 from the Community Foundation for Oceana County to be applied to the purchase of an enclosed trailer for the Sheriff's Department's dive team. Upon receipt of the funds, the Oceana County Administrator is authorized to amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Projects Fund (#405) budget to account for the purchase.

Furthermore, upon delivery of the enclosed trailer for the dive team, the Sheriff's Department is authorized to sell the 1983 Ford Econoline vehicle that previously supported the dive team.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – PURCHASING A REPLACEMENT ZODIAC BOAT AND ELECTRONICS FOR THE PENTWATER BOAT PATROL**

Moved by Mr. Beggs and supported by Mr. Erickson to authorize the Oceana County Sheriff to purchase a Zodiac Patrol Boat and Trailer from Inmar Marine for \$31,991.90 to replace the current Silver Lake Patrol Boat; and to purchase replacement electronics equipment for the current Pentwater Patrol Boat from Garmin for \$6,077.47 for a grand total of purchases of \$38,069.37.

The funding sources shall be \$20,000 from the Fiscal Year 2022 Marine Budget (#101-331) and \$18,069.37 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (#286).

Furthermore, the Oceana County Administrator is authorized to transfer funds from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (#286) and the General Fund (#101) to the Capital Projects Fund (#405) to account for the purchases and to amend each fund’s Fiscal Year 2022 budget accordingly.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

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

<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>\$2,582.39</b>
<b>GIS</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>FOC</b>	<b>1,910.94</b>
<b>PENTWATER-HART TRAIL</b>	<b>11,190.28</b>
<b>SHELBY TWP COMMUNITY</b>	
<b>PARK</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>AUTOMATION R.O.D.</b>	<b>1,973.40</b>
<b>INDIGENT DEFENSE</b>	<b>21,134.97</b>
<b>LCOT</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>K9</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE</b>	
<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>390.00</b>
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>4,860.00</b>
<b>VETERAN AFFAIRS</b>	<b>2,438.73</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION</b>	<b>28,167.46</b>
<b>AMBULANCE DEBT</b>	

<b>RETIREMENT</b>	<b>825.00</b>
<b>AIRPORT TERM DEBT</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>MCF DEBT RETIREMENT</b>	<b>7,050.00</b>
<b>FORECLOSURE</b>	<b>9,098.30</b>
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>14,053.27</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>335,936.76</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 442,211.50</b>

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

Motion carried.

### **Commissioners Reports**

Mr. Morse clarified that the time allowed for public comment is not a time for question and answers, but rather a time for the public to make comments. He also noted that Sheriff Mast is on the Michigan Sheriff's Association Awards Committee.

Mr. Christians reported that Weare and Crystal Townships are continuing to work with the Road Commission regarding road improvements. He also reported that Mason-Oceana 911 is continuing their efforts to improve and enhance the radio programs.

Mr. Erickson expressed his gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Garry McKeen's efforts with the Parks and Recreation Commission and encouraged all of the commissioners to reach out to him as well. He also encouraged the Board to consider an additional allocation to the Parks and Recreation Commission in the future. He also reported the Oceana County Medical Care Facility resident statistics are improving.

Mr. Beggs noted that he attended the Road Commission meeting yesterday and reported that there was a large turnout. He also noted that at the annual Road Commission Association meeting, Oceana County Road Commission received three awards.

Mr. Hardy thanked Mr. Christians for attending the Mason-Oceana 911 meeting in his absence. He also stated that ARPA applications are on the County's website with submissions beginning April 1 through the end of May. He requested that if commissioners know of any parks or organizations that may be seeking funding, please direct them to apply. Each application could allot up to \$50,000. If a project is in excess of that amount, it may be considered for recommendation to the Board. He also noted that the ARPA Committee has strict rules that must be followed.

Ms. Meyette noted that Life EMS held classes in Newaygo County and there was a small number of attendees. She would like to see a stronger attempt to attract the young people in our county to attend the classes that will be held at the Oceana County Services Building in the future.

Mr. Walker reminded that Board that several years ago, it was suggested that the Road Commission be absorbed by this Board. He also stated it is his pleasure to serve on this Board.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, expressed concerns about mask and vaccine mandates. She inquired as to how many interviews will be held tomorrow and the names of the individuals. She also mentioned that she has requested the amended language regarding the Brownfield Authority by-laws. Ms. Wittman also provided a couple of pamphlets to the Board regarding the opposition to tyrannical government.

Ms. Amy Trudell, City of Hart resident, also expressed concerns about the accessibility of information to the public.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

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Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

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Mr. Walker, Chairperson