

Oceana County Board of Commissioners

July 14, 2022

Today's meetings
begin at **10:00 a.m.**

Committees and Board Meeting Packet



Board of Commissioners

Robert Walker, Chairperson

Paul Erickson, Vice-Chairperson

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Tim Beggs

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Oceana County Administrator



Oceana County, Michigan



PUBLIC NOTICE

OCEANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

100 State Street, Hart, MI 49420 – (231) 873-4835

The Oceana County Board of Commissioners **will hold** the following committee meetings and its regular board meeting on **Thursday, July 14, 2022** beginning at 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. respectively. The meetings will be held in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room located at 100 State Street, Hart, MI 49420.

- Health and Human Services & Parks and Recreation Committee
- Law and Safety Committee
- Finance and Equalization Committee
- Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting

Detailed meeting agendas are available online at:

<https://oceana.mi.us/government/board-of-commissioners/schedule-of-meetings/>

or, by contacting the County Administrator’s Office at the address shown above, by

telephone (231) 873-4835, or by email countyadmin@oceana.mi.us

The Oceana County Board of Commissioners has **cancelled** the following meetings by order of the committee/board chairperson due to a lack of business:

- Buildings, Grounds and Insurance Committee

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Oceana County Board of Commissioners

County Building
100 State Street, Suite M-4, Hart, MI 49420

AGENDA

Health and Human Services & Parks and Recreation Committee

There will be a committee meeting on **Thursday, July 14, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, or immediately following any preceding committee meetings, in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room, 100 State Street, Hart, MI 49420.

Committee Chair: Paul Erickson

Committee Vice-Chair: Tim Beggs

Presenter	Description	Item #
Commissioner Erickson	Call to Order Roll Call Approval of Minutes from June 9 Pages 4 & 5 Changes to the Agenda Approval of the Agenda Public Comment (<i>state your name, current address, and agenda item or topic</i>)	
Dr. Lisa Williams	Annual Report from West Michigan Community Mental Health	
Administrator Byard	Consideration of a proposed Resolution requesting a change to Michigan’s No-Fault Insurance (as presented by AdvisaCare). Page 6	#22-67
	Public Comment (<i>state your name, current address, and agenda item or topic</i>)	
	Adjournment	

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AND PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting was called to order in the Board Conference Room at the Oceana County Building by Chairperson Erickson on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Also present were: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson; Mr. Kevin Hughes, District Health Department #10; Mr. Michael Kramer, Environmental Health Director; Ms. Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald - Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. Mr. Erickson noted that he would like to add Mr. Kevin Hughes, District Health Department #10 Health Officer, to provide the annual report.

Chairman Erickson asked for a voice vote for approval of the amended agenda. All were in favor.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public comment

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson, informed the Board of a meeting to be held on Thursday, June 16, at Benona Township Hall, at 7:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be the Stony Creek project. He also noted that on Sunday, June 19, 2022, Oceana County Parks and Lower Wheels of Michigan will host approximately 600 bicyclists that will riding through Mill Pond Park.

Mr. Kevin Hughes, DHD #10 Health Officer, was present to provide the annual report. He also introduced Mr. Michael Kramer, Environmental Health Director. Mr. Kramer highlighted some of the programs that are provided to the community.

Ms. Jill Sutton, Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency, provided a presentation regarding the services provided and requested a commissioner be appointed to the agency's board.

Public comment

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk

Resolution Urging State Legislature to Amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act to Amend the Reimbursement Cap for Auto Accident Victims and Home Health Care.

WHEREAS the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act of 2019 introduced a fee cap, which took final effect on July 1, 2021; this cap set percentage limits on how much residential care facilities, home health care providers, and other persons can be reimbursed for providing treatment/care to auto accident victims; and

WHEREAS these reimbursement caps are 55% of the reimbursement rates that Home Care Providers were collecting in 2019;

WHEREAS, 55% of a Home Health Care provider's 2019 collections, is an unsustainable reimbursement cap to continue caring for catastrophically injured individuals following an auto accident; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act to address a sustainable fee cap (i.e. Michigan's Workman's Compensation Fee Cap for Ancillary Services) for Home Health Care providers, in order to uphold these benefits that have been paid for by the survivors who are currently receiving and who will receive in-home, long-term care, when purchasing an Unlimited PIP Auto Insurance policy, paid by the

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oceana County Clerk is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Oceana County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, and the other 82 counties of Michigan as Commissioner Correspondence.



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AGENDA

Law and Safety Committee

There will be a committee meeting on **Thursday, July 14, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, or immediately following any preceding committee meetings, in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room, 100 State Street, Hart, MI 49420.

Committee Chair: Tim Beggs

Committee Vice-Chair: Ron Christians

Presenter	Description	Item #
Commissioner Beggs	Call to Order Roll Call Approval of Minutes from June 9 Page 8 Changes to the Agenda Approval of the Agenda Public Comment (<i>state your name, current address, and agenda item or topic</i>)	
Sheriff Mast / Undersheriff Schiller	Consideration of proposed Resolution for a utility and typographical study in accordance with USDA Page 9	#22-68
	Public Comment (<i>state your name, current address, and agenda item or topic</i>)	
	Adjournment	

LAW AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Law and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beggs, in the Board Conference Room of the Oceana County Courthouse on Thursday June 9, 2022, at 10:44 a.m.

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

Also present: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Sheriff Craig Mast; Undersheriff Ryan Schiller; Mr. Troy Maloney, Oceana County Emergency Management Director; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2022 Law and Safety Committee minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Undersheriff Schiller provided an update regarding the potential construction and operation of a new Sheriff's Department and Jail facilities.

Mr. Troy Maloney, Oceana County Emergency Management Director, provided an overview of an emergency rescue exercise that was held at Silver Lake State Park.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, requested the document that was handed out at the meeting and informed the commissioners that she has found issue with the cost of the proposed construction for the Sheriff's Department and Jail facilities.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Beggs adjourned the Law and Safety Committee meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk

July 14, 2022

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMPLETION OF UTILITY AND TYPOGRAPHICAL STUDIES

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) has recently taken steps to ask voters to consider a new additional millage for the purpose of constructing, equipping, furnishing, financing, and operating a new county jail and Sheriff’s Department offices (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Craig Mast (“Sheriff”) and members of his staff are working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development Division (“USDA”) to provide a low interest loan to fund the Project, supported by a new additional millage if approved by voters, and has submitted preliminary, but required, documentation to the USDA regarding the Project; and

WHEREAS, the USDA also requires that utility and typographical studies be completed for the proposed property in which the Project would be constructed and by completing the studies now will accelerate any future USDA loan agreement; and

WHEREAS, historically these studies can take up to three months to complete and interest rates are subject to periodic increases, thus for every month in which the studies are delayed, Oceana County will be unable to lock in the lowest possible rate with the USDA; and

WHEREAS, by completing the studies early and submitting them to the USDA, the studies have the potential to save taxpayers up to \$300,000 in interest charges over the life of the loan; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to complete the two studies is up to \$40,000 and the Oceana County Administrator (“Administrator”) is recommending that the source of funds to pay for the studies could come from either the General Fund’s (#101) unassigned fund balance or the Public Improvement Fund (#445) and will be determined by the Administrator following adoption of this resolution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with a resolution regarding reimbursements that was adopted by the Board on May 26, 2022, the cost of the studies is an eligible expenditure that can be reimbursed to Oceana County if voters approve the new additional millage and the USDA approves a low interest loan to fund the Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the Sheriff and Administrator to identify and select a qualified consultant to complete the studies and, following completion, to submit the results to the USDA as part of the agency’s loan application requirements.

Roll call vote:



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AGENDA

Finance and Equalization Committee

There will be a committee meeting on **Thursday, July 14, 2022 beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, or immediately following any preceding committee meetings, in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room, 100 State Street, Hart, MI 49420.

Committee Chair: Craig Hardy

Committee Vice-Chair: Phil Morse

Presenter	Description	Item #
Commissioner Hardy	Call to Order Roll Call Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 23 Pages 11 - 14 Changes to the Agenda Approval of the Agenda Public Comment (<i>state your name, current address, and agenda item or topic</i>)	
Administrator Byard	Consideration of a proposed resolution to approve a budget adjustment to allow for the purchase of equipment for the County Administrator Page 15	#22-66
Sheriff Mast / Undersheriff Schiller	Consideration of a proposed resolution to approve the request for ARPA Funds to the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of equipment. Page 16	#22-69
Administrator Byard	Consideration of a proposed resolution to approve Child Care Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 budget year. Page 17	#22-70
Commissioner Morse	Broadband Update	
Administrator Byard	Administrator's Review of Selected Claims for Payment	
Administrator Byard	Administrator's Report Page 18 & 19	
	Public Comment (<i>state name, current address, and agenda item or topic</i>)	
	Adjournment	

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, June 23, 2022, at 10:23 a.m.

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

Also present: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Mr. Casey Powell, AdvisaCare representative; Sheriff Mast; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana’s Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Morse to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardy asked if there were any additions to the agenda at this time.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Mr. Casey Powell, AdvisaCare representative, provided a presentation in regard to Auto Insurance Reform.

Ms. Byard brought forth consideration of a resolution to authorize the purchase agreement for a parcel of land. Sheriff Mast stated that the purchase of this parcel is conditional on the passage of the millage.

Ms. Byard did not read the payment of claims, but 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				
215 - Friend of the Court Fund			\$ 2,194.08	to Image Soft for professional services.
239 - Shelby Twp Community Park Fund			\$ 1,600.00	to Prince & Monton, PLC for attorney fees. Costs covered by a grant.
256 - Automation Fund			\$ 2,398.50	to GovOS for software fees.
260 - Indigent Defense Fund			\$ 6,021.00	to Good Law for court appointed attorney fees.
			\$ 10,315.00	to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.

	\$ 6,232.00	to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.
	\$ 5,416.67	to Indigent Defense Consultants for managed assigned counsel services.
263 - Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$ 2,476.00	to Identisys for new CPL card printer.
277 - CDBG Fund	\$ 2,000.80	to NCCS center for non-profit housing for contractual services program income.
	\$ 5,990.00	to Sam Near Roofing LLC for final payment.
292 - Child Care Fund	\$ 1,699.20	to Fountain Hill Center for out-of-home placement.
298 - Technology and Innovation Fund	\$ 1,204.50	to Huntington National Bank for equipment.
	\$ 1,637.35	to SHI International for computer equipment.
405 - Capital Projects	\$ 2,621.00	to Martech to install A/C in the jail.
	\$ 1,000.00	to Ruggles & Son Masonry for sidewalk repairs at the Health Department.
549 - Building Department Fund	\$ 5,383.90	to Randy Miller for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
	\$ 4,690.60	to Richard Story for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
	\$ 4,819.40	to Randy Neuman for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
General Fund		
101 - Board of Commissioners	\$ 1,110.00	to Mika Myers, PLC for professional services.
223 - County Auditing	\$ 5,000.00	to Gabridge & Company, PLC for 2021 financial statement audit report.
283 - Circuit Court	\$ 4,265.59	to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.
	\$ 2,813.45	to Heacock Reporting for contracted court services.
	\$ 4,265.59	to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.
301 - Sheriff	\$ 14,833.45	to Enterprise for fleet vehicle management.
	\$ 1,887.60	to IDWholesaler for supplies for employee ID badges.
	\$ 2,930.18	to Kiesler's Police Supply for various supplies.
	\$ 7,944.00	to the State of Michigan for statewide records management system.
351 - Jail	\$ 3,146.22	to Gordon Food Service.

	\$ 14,107.00	to Advanced Correctional Healthcare for on-site medical services per contract.
	\$ 2,675.31	to City of Hart for Utilities.
	\$ 1,267.14	to EPS for security system.
442 - Drain Commissioner	\$ 2,062.49	to Miss Dig for annual membership and service fees.
528 - Transfer Station	\$ 5,878.21	to American Classic Dumpster for removal of trash and recycling material.
	\$ 2,400.00	to Ferry Township for annual lease payment.
648 - Medical Examiner	\$ 6,170.50	to WMU Homer Stryker M.D. for autopsies.
~ Total	\$ 150,456.73	

Administrator’s Report (as written by Ms. Byard)

Parks and Recreation

I met with Garry Mckeen to discuss the Oceana County Parks. He provided information pertaining to each of the parks and projects that have been completed or are in progress. I also had the opportunity to meet with Garry again on June 20th to tour the County Parks and see these projects.

Broadband

Prior to my move to Oceana County, I had the opportunity to meet via zoom with Chris Conroy, Phil Morse and Point Broadband. Chris has been working diligently to make people aware of the shortage of broadband throughout the county and Point Broadband provided information showing where the need is most prevalent. A follow-up meeting with Chris Conroy, Phil Morse, Ron Maynard and myself was held on June 16th. Chris informed the group that the State will have regions throughout the state and they will be appointing a representative for each area. Chris was asked if she would continue to be an advocate for Oceana County and our voice with the new representative.

ARPA Funds

The second tranche of ARPA Funds have been received in the amount of \$2,570,452.

Economic Alliance

I had a meeting with Ron Maynard, Executive Director, Oceana County Economic Alliance to discuss ongoing projects. We will be meeting once a month to stay on track with those projects.

I attended the Brownfield Redevelopment Meeting on Friday, June 17, 2022. The Board asked that the paperwork for the grant through the EPA be finalized for submission. Ron Maynard and I met on June 21st to review the documents that need to be submitted for that grant. Steve Bruch had submitted the initial paperwork, which led to being awarded the \$300,000 EPA grant, but the follow-up paperwork needs to be submitted including several forms. Mr. Bruch had many of these forms prepared for the most part but there were some changes that needed to be made. Ron and I will be meeting again next week to finalize those documents to get them submitted.

Marshville Dam

I had the opportunity to attend a presentation on the Marshville Dam project with information provided by the Parks and Recreation, WMSRDC and the DNR. The group provided history of the creek and answered questions pertaining to the changes and how that would affect the creek and the fish, reassuring everyone that these changes are what's best for the wild life and the creek.

West Michigan County Alliance

The West Michigan County Alliance will be holding a meeting on July 25, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Baldwin. An RSVP needs to be submitted no later than June 30th.

Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency

I had communication with Jill Sutton from the Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency thanking the board for allowing her to speak at their Board Meeting and asking that they consider appointing someone to their board. A question was raised at the meeting about them being able to continue holding meeting via zoom and Jill's response to that was that they are proposing a statewide effort as it relates to all CAA's.

Ms. Byard proposed a change to the agendas. Currently, there are resolutions for every action on the agenda. She stated that resolutions are typically made for "special" occasions. She suggested that rather than presenting a resolution for every action item, a simple motion could be presented. Discussion continued and it was the consensus that the Board members would like to review a sample as Ms. Byard has proposed.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, stated that from a citizen's standpoint it would appear that a discussion was actually taking place to determine the direction that is chosen rather than what appears to have been staged. She also commented on the information provided by Mr. Powell.

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

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Administrator (“Administrator”) has requested a fiscal year 2022 budget amendment for the purchase of a new laptop, bluetooth headset, scanner and lift desk in the amount of \$3,669.82 resulting from aged equipment and a new County Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Administrator (“Administrator”) is recommending approval of the budget amendment with additional funds coming from the General Fund’s contingency account (101-256-995.000).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Administrator to amend the fiscal year 2022 budget Technology and Innovation Fund in the amount of \$3,699.82 for the purchase of a new laptop, bluetooth headset, scanner and lift desk for the County Administrator to come from the General Fund’s contingency account.

Roll call vote.

DRAFT

RESOLUTION

Moved by _____ and supported by _____ to appropriate \$71,972.00 to the Oceana County Sheriff's Department for the purchase of 17 laptops and 20 docking stations for installation in patrol cars and \$18,693.00 for the purchase of seven (7) Tactical Team bulletproof vests from American Rescue Plan Act funds .

Furthermore, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to appropriate the ARPA funds for the purchases as described above.

Roll call vote:

DRAFT

RESOLUTION RE: FY 2021/2022 OCEANA COUNTY CHILD CARE BUDGET

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Oceana County Child Care Budget in the amount of \$614,582 and to authorize the Chairperson of the Board and County Administrator to sign the budget document. The fiscal year 2022/2023 Child Care Budget represents an increase of \$16,663 when compared to the prior year budget.

The county's fiscal year 2022/2023 net share of the Child Care Budget is \$337,291 which represents an increase of \$8,331 from the prior year budget.

Roll call vote:

DRAFT

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

JULY 14, 2022

Health Department

Met with Kevin Hughes with the District Health Department 10 to provide me with insight to his department as well as information about the other counties in the district. We also discussed the need for some upgrades to the building that is owned by the county. That information has been forwarded to maintenance to provided additional information.

Employee Appreciation Luncheon

A special thank you to Stacey Becker and Trisha Marsh for putting the employee luncheon together and thank you to those who attended.

County Audit

The County Audit has been completed and submitted to the state.

Broadband

A zoom meeting was held on Thursday, July 7, 2022 to review information pertaining to broadband and the possibility of applying for grants for the project. Commissioner Morse will be providing an update at the Finance and Equalization Committee meeting.

ARPA Funds

The National Association of Counties has provided an overview of the final rule pertaining to the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund. The complete document can be found on the NACO website for review.

Economic Alliance

I had a meeting with Ron Maynard, Executive Director, Oceana County Economic Alliance to complete the remaining documents to be submitted for the Brownfield Redevelopment Grant.

Dogwood Community Development

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

JULY 14, 2022

Met with Kittie Tuinstra with Dogwood Community Development to discuss the current projects, projects they have completed and what their organization does for the community.

MAC Policy Summit

There is a MAC Policy Summit scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2022 for the purpose of presentations relating to workforce housing, understanding the political landscape, Michigan's trail network and maximizing infrastructure dollars. The summit is being held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Lansing but you also have the ability to attend via zoom. The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a cost of \$50.00 per person.

Budget Calendar

The budget calendar has been prepared but we will need to decide on the two meeting dates for conducting the annual budget workshop with the Finance Committee. One should be scheduled the end of September and one the beginning of October, if needed.



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AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting

The Oceana County Board of Commissioners will hold its **Regular Meeting on Thursday, June 23, 2022 beginning at 11:30 a.m.** in the Oceana County Board of Commissioners Room, 100 State Street, Hart, MI 49420.

Board Chair: Robert Walker

Board Vice-Chair: Paul Erickson

Presenter	Description	Item #
Commissioner Walker	Pledge of Allegiance Call to Order Roll Call Approval of minutes from June 23 Pages 20 - 25 Conflict of Interest Disclosure Regarding Agenda Items Changes to the Agenda Approval of the Agenda Public Comment (<i>state your name, current address, and agenda item or topic</i>)	
Commissioner Morse	Consideration of a Proposed Resolution requesting a change to Michigan's No-Fault Insurance (as presented by AdvisaCare)	#22-67
Commissioner Christians	Consideration of a Proposed Resolution for a utility and typographical study in accordance with USDA.	#22-68
Commissioner Meyette	Consideration of a Proposed Resolution to approve a budget adjustment to allow for the purchase of equipment for the County Administrator	#22-66
Commissioner Beggs	Consideration of a Proposed Resolution to approve the request for ARPA Funds to the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of equipment	#22-69
Commissioner Erickson	Consideration of a Proposed Resolution to approve the Child Care Fund Budget for the 2022-2023 budget year.	#22-70
Commissioner Hardy	Payment of Claims	
REPORTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS		
	Public Comment (<i>state name, current address, and agenda item or topic</i>)	
	Adjournment	

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 Clerk. Present: Mr. Beggs, Mr. Morse, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Christians, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Erickson, and Mr. Walker.

Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. James Draper, Newfield Township resident; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; Mr. George Sadler, Weare Township resident; and Mr. John Cavanagh, *Oceana's Herald-Journal*, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2022 regular board meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Walker asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No additions were added.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. James Draper, Newfield Township resident, encouraged the Board to vote against the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority appointment. He also encouraged the Board to vote for the purchase agreement for the property for the proposed jail site.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – OCEANA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Moved by Mr. Morse and supported by Ms. Meyette to accept the recommendation from the Oceana County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Board to appoint Mr. Ron Maynard to complete the term of Mr. Steve Bruch who resigned from the board. The current term expires September 30, 2024.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER OF AP TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

Moved by Mr. Christians and supported by Mr. Morse to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the County Administrator to administer the affairs of the county in accordance with an established job description, including any other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, The County Administrator discussed with the Board Chair a proposal to transfer the county's Accounts Payable function from the County Clerk's Office to the County Administrator's Office and the benefits to be derived from such a transfer; and

WHEREAS, the "County Boards of Commissioners Act," Public Act 156 of 1851, grants a Board of Commissioners certain powers such as those described in MCL 46.13a, often referred to as the County Administrator's statute, to appoint a County Administrator and to assign duties directly from the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 14 of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, Public Act 2 of 1968 as amended, states "The chief administrative officer of the local unit of government shall have a final responsibility for...the control of expenditures under the budget and the general appropriations act;" and

WHEREAS, the county's accounts payable function constitutes the second largest single category of expenditures in the county's annual budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the transfer of the accounts payable function following a timeline to be developed and implemented by the County Administrator and the County Administrator's staff with the cooperation of the County Clerk and the County Clerk's staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to establish and fund from the General Fund an Administrative Assistant/Accounts Payable position in the County Administrator's Office to assume duties directly related to the accounts payable functions and all other duties to be assigned by the County Administrator in a formalized job description.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – PURCHASE AGREEMENT AUTHORIZATION FOR A PARCEL OF LAND

Moved by Mr. Beggs and supported by Mr. Hardy to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2022, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners ("Board") unanimously approved submitting a ballot proposal to the electorate on August 2, 2022 for a new additional millage for the purpose of constructing, equipping, furnishing, financing, and operating a new county jail and Sheriff's Department offices ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, a parcel of land has been identified as benefiting the county's Project by providing the Project with increased road frontage on Oceana Drive, Hart, Michigan and is identified as parcel ID #007-020-200-17 owned by Nodon Properties LLC; and

WHEREAS, if the electorate passes the ballot proposal on August 2, 2022, and because the Board may desire to acquire the additional road frontage, the Oceana County Administrator ("Administrator") is provided the purchase agreement that was negotiated between the Administrator and the property owner contingent upon approval of the ballot proposal by the electorate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the purchase agreement for the purchase of the parcel identified in this resolution in the amount of \$150,000.00 and that any such purchase shall be contingent upon approval by the electorate of the ballot proposal submitted to the electorate for its consideration on August 2, 2022.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Walker requested that the resolution regarding the auto insurance reform to the agenda for the July 14, 2022 meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Morse to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for June 23, 2022 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE	\$50.49
GIS	-0-
FOC	4,105.02
PENTWATER-HART TRAIL	-0-
SHELBY TWP COMM PARK	1,950.00
AUTOMATION R.O.D.	2,398.50
INDIGENT DEFENSE	31,320.00
VICTIM’S SERVICES	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
CDBG	7,990.80
ARPA	145.00
VETERAN AFFAIRS	9,395.20
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	4,738.14
CAP PROJECT-EQUIP REP	3,701.20
FORECLOSURE	558.00
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	17,630.58
GENERAL FUND	337,639.52
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 421,622.45

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner’s Reports

Mr. Erickson reported that the meeting at Benona Township was very informative. He also clarified that Medical Care Facility (MCF) is owned by Oceana County not the State.

Mr. Walker interjected that the community wants the MCF to be County owned.

Mr. Christians stated that he attended Oceana County Road Commission's open house on June 9. He also reminded that the County Alliance meeting will be held on July 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Peterson Farms Complex which will include a tour.

Mr. Morse noted that he attended a meeting with Ms. Chris Conroy, Pentwater resident, regarding the availability of high-speed internet in the county. It was discovered that there are a lot of holes in the county for coverage. Invited Mr. Tom Stephenson, Community Technology Advisor, Connect Michigan to attend the next Planning Commission meeting to discuss the options available for the County. He also asked what the status was for the sign up for EMS classes and the Crystal Valley dam status.

Mr. Beggs stated that TrueStream is fast but agrees that there are pockets where it is unavailable. He also mentioned that due to the fact that the Electric Forest Festival is in progress which impacts the county in many different ways.

Mr. Walker stated that he spoke with Mr. Mark Meijer, Life EMS, who indicated that he will be going to the festival to determine if additional personnel are required.

Mr. Hardy reported that the ARPA committee met yesterday and is waiting for follow up on the letters of intent which are due in July. There were more than 50 requests which exceed the budget by approximately \$1.5 million.

Mr. Walker stated that the last two weeks have been very interesting for Ms. Byard. He received a text that asked when the meetings will be live (streaming). He announced that the next meeting will be live.

Sheriff Mast reported that Oceana County has suffered its 1st homicide in many years. The suspect was arrested without incident and is being held without bond. The Sheriff's Marine Division received ARPA money to go towards electronics on the Marine boat to be installed next week. The updated electronics will be a great asset.

Sheriff Mast also reported that there are several Electric Forest attendees that are being held in our jail. Arrangements were made to move ten inmates to the Mason County jail in order to have space available for any additional arrests during the festival.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, questioned the residency of one of the candidates that filed for Oceana County Commissioner.

Mr. George Sadler, Weare Township resident, asked what is being done to protect the County regarding the helicopter rides that are offered out of Oceana County Airport. He also noted that the millage proposal for a new jail is a very important topic for most people and feels that educating the people would be very beneficial.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Date

Mr. Walker, Chairperson

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