

Board Conference Room  
May 12, 2022  
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker at 11:35 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: 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; Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Planning Commission and Benona Township resident; Ms. Gina Loera, Recommended Appointee to Oceana County Planning Commission; Mr. Garry McKeen, Golden Township Resident; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; Undersheriff Ryan Schiller; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2022 regular board meeting and the May 5, 2022 special board meeting minutes 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. Morse requested to add a resolution for a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 to Pentwater Village to assist in the dredging of the Channel.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

#### **Public comment**

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, offered a prayer for leadership.

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Planning Commission introduced recommended appointee to the Oceana County Planning Commission, Ms. Gina Loera.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPROVAL OF UPDATED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES AND BYLAWS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Moved by Ms. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Hardy to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, following establishment of the Oceana County Department of Veterans' Affairs ("DVA") in 2012, and the oversight committee responsible for management and operations

of the DVA, developed standard operating procedures and bylaws to provide guidance regarding DVA operating practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the DVA's oversight committee has worked on a series of changes to the original standard operating procedures and bylaws and is submitting both documents to the Oceana County Board of Commissioners ("Board") for approval; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the documents and approves the changes to the DVA's standard operating procedures and bylaws and further authorizes the Oceana County Administrator to approve other "ministerial" changes to the documents that may be brought forward by the DVA that do not fundamentally alter the major provisions of the standard operating procedures and bylaws

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – RECOGNIZING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, May is Mental Health Awareness month; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health is important for our individual well-being and vitality, as well as that of our families, communities, and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a reminder of the importance of integrating mental health into preparedness and response for public health emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, younger adults, racial/ethnic minorities, essential workers, and adult caregivers reported having disproportionately worse mental health outcomes, increased substance use, and elevated suicidal ideation associated with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, one out of every five adults in the U.S. will have a diagnosed mental health condition in any given year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in six U.S. children aged 2 to 8 years will have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder; and

**WHEREAS**, mental illness is a biologically based brain disorder that cannot be overcome through "will power" and is not related to a defect in a person's "character" or intelligence; and

**WHEREAS**, West Michigan Community Mental Health is a federally certified community behavioral health clinic, and

**WHEREAS**, West Michigan Community Mental Health serves as the public behavioral health care provider for people with mental health conditions, developmental disabilities, and/or substance use disorders in Mason, Lake and Oceana counties; and

**WHEREAS**, West Michigan Community Mental Health served 3,380 individuals during Fiscal Year 2021.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month and calls upon our citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to recommit our state to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illness, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness to promote recovery.

Roll call vote: Mr. Erickson – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; Mr. Hardy – yes; Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Beggs – no; Ms. Meyette – no; and Mr. Walker – yes.

Motion carried.

Chairman Walker asked Mr. Beggs and Ms. Meyette had comments as to why they chose to vote no on this resolution.

Mr. Beggs remarked that certain statements within the resolution did not agree with his world views and feels that neither the true cause or solution, to the serious issue of mental health awareness, was stated in the resolution.

Ms. Meyette agreed with Mr. Beggs and felt that the root cause should be further studied.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 –AMENDING THE FY 2022 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY BUDGET**

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

**WHEREAS**, the caseload in the Oceana County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office (“Prosecutor”) has risen in recent years, particularly in the areas of serious crimes, victim crimes, including juvenile victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Prosecutor is requesting the option of scheduling the Office Manager and Victim Witness Coordinator and the Legal Secretary to work up to 40 hours per week, when necessary, from their base work schedule of 35 hours per week; and

**WHEREAS**, the projected additional annual cost is for both positions is \$4,089; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oceana County Administrator (“Administrator”) is recommending an amendment to the Prosecutor’s Fiscal Year 2022 department budget in the amount of \$4,089 for eight (8) months of funding with funding coming from the General Fund’s contingency account 101-256-995.000.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners approves the supplemental budget request and authorizes the Administrator to transfer \$4,089 from the General Fund’s contingency account 101-256-995.000 to the Prosecutor’s department budget.

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

Motion carried.

Dr. Sobie noted that this resolution is amending the 2022 budget only and any additional funding should be addressed during the 2023 budget workshops later this year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4 – CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH V&V ASSESSING LLC FOR EQUALIZATION SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2016 the Oceana County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) entered into an agreement with Mr. Edward VanderVries to serve as the Equalization Director for Oceana County; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 28, 2019, a renewal agreement with Mr. VanderVries was approved by the Board that expires July 31, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oceana County Administrator (“Administrator”) desires to renew an equalization services agreement with Mr. VanderVries through his company V & V Assessing LLC and Mr. VanderVries has expressed mutual interest as well by submitting a renewal agreement to the county for consideration by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed renewal agreement beginning August 1, 2022 and expiring July 31, 2025 states that the annual equalization services fee shall be fixed for each of the three (3) years at \$217,800 per year.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board approves a three (3) year renewal agreement with Mr. Edward VanderVries, through his company V & V Assessing LLC, and further authorizes the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and Oceana County Clerk to sign the agreement.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5 – RENEWAL OF CONTRACTUAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MGT OF AMERICA CONSULTING FOR THE COUNTY’S ANNUAL COST ALLOCATION PLAN**

Moved by Mr. Hardy and supported by Mr. Erickson to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Oceana County is required under both federal and state mandates to prepare an annual cost allocation plan that has the primary purpose to identify the cost of services that one department provides to another such as the cost of technology, maintenance, and administrative services, to name just a few examples, that can be used for grant reimbursements such as federal cost reimbursement programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Oceana County’s agreement with MGT of America Consulting expired following completion of the cost allocation plan for Fiscal Year 2020 that was completed in November 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oceana County Administrator ("Administrator") desires to renew an agreement with MGT of America Consulting for three (3) years to prepare the annual cost allocation plan and MGT of America Consulting has expressed mutual interest as well by submitting a renewal agreement to the county for consideration by the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed renewal agreement will provide Oceana County with cost allocation plans for Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023 at an annual cost of \$8,000.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board approves a three (3) year renewal agreement with MGT of America and further authorizes the Administrator to sign the agreement.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6 – AUTHORIZATION OF A CONTINGENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR LAND RELATED TO THE PROPOSED NEW JAIL FACILITY AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFICES**

Moved by Mr. Beggs and supported by Mr. Hardy to approve 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 recommending a purchase agreement be negotiated between the Board and the property owner contingent upon approval of the ballot proposal by the electorate.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board authorizes the Administrator to work with legal counsel to negotiate a purchase agreement for the parcel identified in this resolution 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; Ms. Meyette – yes; Mr. Erickson – yes; Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; and Mr. Walker – yes.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7 – ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION**

Moved by Mr. Christians and supported by Mr. Beggs to authorize a one-time appropriation of \$20,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act Fund (#286) to the Village of

Pentwater to assist with a dredging project for the channel connecting Pentwater Lake to Lake Michigan; contingent upon the Oceana County Administrator confirming with the county's auditors that the project represents an eligible expenditure.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO.8 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for May 12, 2022 in the tentative amounts as follows:

<b>AMBULANCE</b>	<b>\$889.53</b>
<b>GIS</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>FOC</b>	<b>1,879.94</b>
<b>PENTWATER-HART TRAIL</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>SHELBY TWP COMM PARK</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>
<b>AUTOMATION R.O.D.</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>INDIGENT DEFENSE</b>	<b>8,053.56</b>
<b>LCOT</b>	<b>396.00</b>
<b>K9</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>CDBG</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>ARPA</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>VETERAN AFFAIRS</b>	<b>2,337.96</b>
<b>TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION</b>	<b>5,775.74</b>
<b>CAP PROJECT-EQUIP REP</b>	<b>40,206.67</b>
<b>FORECLOSURE</b>	<b>2,232.54</b>
<b>BUILDING DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>24,388.94</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>309,071.83</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 398,432.71</b>

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

Motion carried.

**Commissioners Reports**

Mr. Morse specified that he agreed that mental health is real and complex issue that needs to be dealt with, however, he does have some world view issues as well. He also pointed out that this Board under, the guidance of Dr. Sobie, has many positive accomplishments and listed them individually. Mr. Morse also supported the recommendation to appoint Ms. Loera to the Oceana County Planning Commission.

Mr. Christians added to the list of accomplishments from Mr. Morse and thanked the board members for their support of ARPA funds to assist with the Pentwater Channel dredging project.

Mr. Erickson concurred with the list of accomplishments and was very pleased with the special board meeting last week and looks forward to the ballot proposal.

Mr. Beggs stated that initially the Pentwater Channel did not seem to be an issue that the County should be involved with but now has a better understanding of how this could potentially have a negative economic effect on the county. He suggested that regarding the ballot proposal for the construct of a new jail facility, the public needs to be informed that the millage generated would also be used for operational costs as well as construction.

Mr. Hardy noted that he has attended many township meetings lately where he has encountered several questions regarding the ballot proposal for a new jail. He also noted that many of those in attendance were unaware of the ARPA applications that are available.

Dr. Sobie mentioned that he has been working with Sheriff Mast and Undersheriff Schiller to create a document to be made available to the public regarding some of the questions that are arising regarding the ballot question for a new Jail and Sheriff's Department facility. He also noted that this is most likely his last meeting and how much he has enjoyed working for Oceana County for the past six years.

Mr. Walker stated that when speaking publicly and/or privately he points out the reduction in mills that will take place. He also stated that he has seen a unity for the public good.

Undersheriff Schiller thanked Dr. Sobie for his efforts over the time that he has been here. He also concurred with Mr. Walker regarding the unity for public good.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Garry McKeen, Golden Township resident, also thanked Dr. Sobie for his guidance over the last six years.

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, voiced her displeasure with some members of the Board.

Ms. Meyeette expressed that during her six years on this board, the need for a new jail has been pointed out many times, this is not something that has recently come about.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

  
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Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

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Mr. Walker, Chairperson

## **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, May 12, 2022, at 10:32 a.m.

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

Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Joe Bizon, Oceana County Prosecuting Attorney; Ms. Heather Rowe, Oceana County Prosecuting Attorney Office Manager, Oceana County Prosecutor's office; Mr. Ryan Schiller, Oceana County Undersheriff; Mr. Chris Brown, Pentwater Village Manager; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

Dr. Sobie requested to add discussion with Mr. Chris Brown, Pentwater Village Manager, regarding the Pentwater Channel.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

Mr. Joe Bizon, Oceana County Prosecuting Attorney, requested consideration of a resolution to amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the Prosecuting Attorney's office. Mr. Bizon provided the requested data to support the need for a temporary increase of hours for the office manager and legal secretary to decrease the backlog of data entry. Mr. Erickson noted that he had reviewed of the data provided and asked what would be needed to alleviate the backlog. Ms. Heather Rowe, Oceana County Prosecuting Attorney Office Manager, stated that hiring a temporary employee would not be the answer as it would take additional time for training purposes. She indicated that updating the files is a process that is time consuming due to the detailed nature that requires each file to be reviewed.

Mr. Chris Brown, Pentwater Village Manager, stated that the Pentwater Channel has a need for dredging. He explained that an excess amount of sand has washed into the channel over the winter months. The channel's current depth is approximately four feet and should be twelve feet to allow for larger vessels to enter and depart Pentwater Harbor. The Village Council is concerned that boats will not be able to utilize the channel, therefore, tourism will be impacted negatively. Mr. Brown stated that all permits have been processed. He also stated that the total cost of the dredging project is approximately \$100,000. He reported that the Village has appropriated \$30,000, a Pentwater Township resident has donated \$30,000 on behalf of the Township, there is \$23,000 available from the Community Foundation Budget



and requested the County Board of Commissioners to consider an appropriation of \$10,000 - \$15,000 to assist with the project.

Discussion continued regarding the eligibility to use ARPA funds for this type of project. Dr. Sobie indicated that there are two reasons that the use of ARPA funds may be allowed: 1.) all of the ARPA allocation funds for the County were classified as revenue lost, it could be used as a more direct benefit to the citizens; and 2.) the economic impact that Pentwater has on the area. He stated that he would contact the auditors to confirm that this would be allowed.

Dr. Sobie sought consideration of a resolution to renew a contractual services agreement with V&V Assessing LLC for Equalization services.

Dr. Sobie solicited consideration of a resolution to renew a contractual services agreement with MGT of America Consulting for the County's Annual Cost Allocation Plan.

Dr. Sobie and Undersheriff Schiller commenced discussion and deliberation regarding a proposed resolution to authorize a contingent purchase agreement for land related to the proposed new Jail Facility and Sheriff's Department Offices.

Dr. Sobie 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
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>				
239 - Shelby Twp Community Park Fund			\$ 3,200.00	to Kennari Consulting for professional services. Fully reimbursed via private donations.
260 - Indigent Defense Fund			\$ 5,416.67	to Indigent Defense Consultants for managed assigned counsel services.
298 - Technology and Innovation Fund			\$ 3,540.00	to Ergotech Controls, Inc. for portable data network.
405 - Capital Projects			\$ 6,447.41	to Garmin International Inc. for GPS.
			\$ 33,759.26	to Haworth, Inc. for office furniture.
518- Foreclosure Fund			\$ 1,842.54	to Title Check LLC for parcel administration.
549 - Building Department Fund			\$ 13,176.00	to Randy Miller for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
			\$ 4,139.95	to Richard Story for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
			\$ 3,266.10	to Randy Neuman for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
<b>General Fund</b>				
101 - Board of Commissioners			\$ 5,835.00	to H Security & Investigation for courthouse security for May and April OT.

223 - County Auditing	\$ 1,400.00	to Watkins Ross & Co. for preparation of the 2021 OPEB report.
248 - General Services	\$ 10,000.00	to Reserve Account for postage.
257 - Equalization	\$ 16,500.00	to V&V Assessing for equalization and assessing services.
265 - Courthouse and Grounds	\$ 1,200.57	to DTE Energy for utilities.
	\$ 4,165.00	to Martech for equipment repairs.
	\$ 2,284.08	to City of Hart for Utilities.
283 - Circuit Court	\$ 4,868.57	to Newaygo County Treasurer for judge reimbursement costs.
286 - District Court	\$ 1,686.15	to Newaygo County Treasurer for judge reimbursement costs.
351 - Jail	\$ 3,445.20	to Gordon Food Service.
	\$ 1,936.35	to DTE Energy for utilities.
	\$ 1,547.11	to Correctional Recovery for medical billing services.
	\$ 14,107.00	to Advanced Correctional Healthcare for on-site medical services per contract.
	\$ 3,513.92	to City of Hart for Utilities.
	\$ 4,584.03	to Wolverine Power Systems for generator repairs & service.
528 - Transfer Station	\$ 15,546.17	to American Classic Dumpster for removal of trash and recycling material.
605 - Contagious Disease	\$ 3,900.00	to DMC Technology Group, Inc. for equipment and software.
~ Total	\$ 171,307.08	

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

**Administration**

We received a quarterly revenue sharing payment from the state in the amount of \$87,477.

I anticipate that Gabridge & Co. will complete the audit for fiscal year 2021 ahead of the June 30 deadline, allowing on-time or early submission of the report to the state.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Hardy adjourned the Finance and Equalization Committee meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson  
Oceana County Clerk

**BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Buildings, Grounds and Insurance Committee Meeting was called to order, in the Board Conference Room of the Oceana County Building, by Chairperson Meyette on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Mr. Walker, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Christians, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Morse and Ms. Meyette. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Amy Trudell, City of Hart resident; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart Resident; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Walker to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2022, Buildings, Grounds, and Insurance Committee Meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Meyette asked if there were any changes to the agenda items.

Dr. Sobie noted that there were no bids for the snow removal equipment, therefore, that agenda item should be removed from agenda. He also stated that he is working with Prein & Newhoff regarding this and a suggestion had been made to extend the deadline until April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. Sobie suggested that he provide a brief update on Capital Improvement Plan.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Amy Trudell, City of Hart, resident questioned if the snow removal equipment was a budgeted item.

Dr. Sobie reported a couple of items regarding the Capital Projects Fund that were previously approved. Sheriff Mast and Undersheriff Schiller have indicated that there have been some problems with the generator and the Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) that supports the facility. The generator needs to be repaired and new batteries are required for the UPS. The cost would be approximately \$6,000.

Dr. Sobie also reported that the Sheriff and Undersheriff have been working with maintenance staff regarding a new camera for the front entrance to the Courthouse. Dr. Sobie has been working with the maintenance supervisor to solicit bids for seal coating the Courthouse and County Services Building parking lots.

The County Treasurer and County Clerk's offices are scheduled to have office cubicles installed in May. There may be some disruption in services, but they will be working through this to remain open.

The County Services Building's computer network room had an air conditioning fail that will need to be replaced.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, asked if the resolutions were available currently for the public.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Meyette adjourned the Building, Grounds and Insurance Committee meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson  
Oceana County Clerk

## **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, May 12, 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: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Jodi Slinkard, Oceana County Department of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Service Officer; Ms. Tracy Blamer, Oceana County Department of Veterans' Affairs Treasurer; Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald - Journal correspondent.

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

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

### **Public comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

Ms. Tracy Blamer, Oceana County Department of Veterans' Affairs Treasurer, facilitated discussion and consideration of a proposed resolution to approve updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and Bylaws for the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Ms. Blamer provided a brief review of the revisions that were made to these documents. She also introduced the new Veteran's Service Officer, Ms. Jodi Slinkard.

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a resolution to recognize May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson, provided a brief update regarding the Parks & Recreation Commission. He spoke briefly on the progress of the Stony Creek project.

### **Public comment**

Ms. Jodi Slinkard, Oceana Veterans Service Officer, provided an outline of her background as well as her future goals. She also provided a quarterly activity report.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson  
Oceana County Clerk