

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker at 12:13 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.

Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Morse to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2022 regular board 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. Walker requested to add a resolution regarding environmental/archeological studies.

Moved by Mr. Erickson and supported by Mr. Christians to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There were no public comments at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AMENDMENT TO FY 2022 COUNTY AIRPORT BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the Oceana County Airport Manager ("Manager") has requested a fiscal year 2022 budget amendment for aviation and diesel fuel in the amount of \$10,000 resulting from the increased cost of both types of fuel; 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), noting that some portion of the budget increase will be offset through the sale of aviation fuel.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oceana County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Administrator to amend the fiscal year 2022 budget for the county airport in

the amount of \$10,000 for aviation and diesel fuel and that the additional funds shall come from the General Fund's contingency account.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 - AMENDMENT TO COUNTY'S OBSERVED HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

WHEREAS, Juneteenth, also known as "Juneteenth Independence Day", "Emancipation Day", and "Freedom Day" is the oldest African American holiday in observance of emancipation in the United States; and

WHEREAS, despite the Emancipation Proclamation being issued on January 1, 1863, effectively freeing all slaves in rebelling states, slavery was still practiced until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865 issuing General Order #3 freeing the last slaves; and

WHEREAS, slavery was finally and forever banished with the ratification of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution in December 1865; and

WHEREAS, the freeing of the last slaves in Galveston, Texas lead to celebrations in the streets in Galveston, marking the first ever Juneteenth celebration; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth education and celebrations declined in the early 20th century, but the civil rights movements of the 1950s and 1960s revived the idea and need for Juneteenth education efforts; and

WHEREAS, numerous communities around the country have begun sanctioned and sponsored Juneteenth events, offering opportunities not only for celebration, but reflection on past and present race relations and planning for the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Oceana County Board of Commissioners ("Board") recognizes the significance of Juneteenth and directs the Oceana County Administrator to amend Section 6.22 (Holiday Pay) of the Oceana County Policy Handbook to include Juneteenth as a paid county holiday; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, when June 19th falls on Saturday, the Juneteenth holiday shall be observed on the preceding Friday. If June 19th falls on Sunday, the Juneteenth holiday shall be observed on the following Monday; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board encourages citizens to participate in annual celebrations and reflect on this historic event.

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

Motion failed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 – RESOLUTION URGING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO
ABDANDON WAGNER-PEYSER RULE CHANGES**

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

Whereas the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Wagner-Peyser Act Staffing (Docket No. ETA-2022-0003), which would require states, with no exceptions, to use state merit staff to provide Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service (ES) services;

Whereas the proposal would reverse current federal policy that allows states maximum flexibility in staffing to provide ES services;

Whereas a 1998 settlement agreement (Michigan v. Herman) has allowed the State of Michigan to use local merit staff employees to deliver ES services through the local network of Michigan Works! Agencies to more than 86,000 job seekers in 2021;

Whereas our primary concern is the negative impacts of this proposal to Michiganders and the primary customers of the workforce development system – both job seekers and employers;

Whereas a key benefit to greater staffing flexibility is strong local strategic relationships with businesses, higher education, nonprofits, childcare, elementary and secondary education, adult education providers and other partners, which allows for more efficient customer service to connect job seekers with in-demand jobs, training opportunities and facilitates a pipeline for those students to local employers;

Whereas Michigan Works! West Central Workforce Development Board, comprised of business, labor and community leaders, is currently responsible for the effective and efficient delivery of six Michigan Works! American Job Centers in Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Newaygo, Oceana and Osceola counties using 15 ES local staff, and this rule would take away local control of Employment Services;

Whereas with this required staffing model, staff and service reductions are inevitable as services are currently provided by more than 400 Michigan Works! staff would be reduced to approximately 100 State of Michigan staff, resulting in significantly longer wait times for job seekers and delays in services for the 32,000 businesses served annually;

Whereas this change would risk the potential loss of several of the 99 full and satellite Michigan Works! American Job Centers across the state, and would negatively impact our constituents by decreased assistance filling job openings, reduction and elimination of job fairs, cutting of industry-led collaboratives and decreased or no access to job training programs; and

Whereas limiting ES staffing to state staff would eliminate the advantage of the streamlined current staffing model in Michigan, which leverages other program funding from WIOA Title II Adult Education, SNAP, TANF, TAA and others to supplement the Wagner-Peyser state allocation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Commissioners in the County of Oceana:

1. urges the USDOL to abandon this proposed rule change;

2. urges Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Congressional Delegation to support local control by the Workforce Development Boards and oppose this rule; and
3. urges Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to notify the USDOL Secretary that it would have an adverse impact on the Michigan "One-Stop" workforce development system.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be:

1. sent to U.S. Employment and Training Administration/U.S. Department of Labor;
2. sent to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer;
3. sent to our U.S. Legislators; and
4. sent to our State Legislators.

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – AUTHORIZATION TO COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the following resolution:

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 environmental and archeological 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: Mr. Beggs – yes; Mr. Hardy – yes; Ms. Meyette – yes; Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Erickson – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; and Mr. Walker - yes.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 - PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Erickson to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for June 9, 2022 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE	\$2,547.11
GIS	-0-
FOC	2,539.91
PENTWATER-HART TRAIL	3,142.50
SHELBY TWP COMM PARK	-0-
AUTOMATION R.O.D.	-0-
INDIGENT DEFENSE	10,707.74
VICTIM’S SERVICES	235.97
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	200.00
CDBG	-0-
ARPA	-0-
VETERAN AFFAIRS	5,575.79
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	7,174.75
CAP PROJECT-EQUIP REP	4,267.76
FORECLOSURE	22,500.33
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	4,015.51
GENERAL FUND	383,757.34
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 446,664.71

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

Motion carried.

Commissioners’ Reports

Mr. Beggs reminded everyone that there is an open house at the Oceana County Road Commission and encouraged all to attend.

Mr. Christians encouraged all to attend the Stony Creek Project discussion event, to be held at Benona Township Hall, on June 16th, at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Christians also noted that Shelby Township will host a ground breaking today for the Shelby Township Recreational Park.

Pentwater will begin the dredging of the Channel on June 15th. Mr. Christians and Mr. Morse have been working on details for hosting a WMSRDC meeting on July 25th in Oceana County.

Mr. Walker asked if any of the Commissioners would like to be a member or know a community member that would be interested in being a representative of the Board of Commissioners to the Mid-Michigan Community Action Board, please let him know.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, urged the Board to reconsider going forward with the jail project before the voters have a chance to vote on this subject.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson
Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

12/28/2022
Date

Robert Walker
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, June 9, 2022, at 11:07 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. George Sadler, Weare Township resident; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; Ms. Nicole Thigpen, Advisacare; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the minutes from the May 26, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardy asked if there were any additions to the agenda at this time. Mr. Walker stated that he would like to add discussion regarding approval for an environmental and archeological study to be completed.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Ms. Byard requested consideration of a proposed resolution to amend the FY 2022 County Airport budget.

Ms. Byard requested consideration of a proposed resolution to amend the County's observed holiday schedule. Juneteenth. Equity for all employees.

Ms. Meyette began discussion and requested consideration of a proposed resolution urging the U.S. Department of Labor to abandon proposed Wagner-Peyser rule changes.

Ms. Byard requested consideration of a resolution authorizing the completion of environmental and archeological study.

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				
210 - Ambulance Fund			\$ 1,257.67	to Republic Services for contracted services.

238 - Pentwater Hart Trail Fund	\$ 3,142.40	to Fleis & Vandenbrink for professional services. Costs covered by a grant.
260 - Indigent Defense Fund	\$ 4,462.00	to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.
	\$ 1,939.00	to MKG Law Office, PLLC for court appointed attorney fees.
298 - Technology and Innovation Fund	\$ 1,429.89	to Michigan Office Solutions for contracted equipment.
	\$ 4,006.86	to SHI International for computer equipment.
	\$ 1,738.00	to Micro-Tel Center for microcall renewal contract.
405 - Capital Projects	\$ 3,869.20	to M. S Seal Coat Professionals LLC for the resealing of the parking lots.
518- Foreclosure Fund	\$ 1,853.67	to Title Check LLC for parcel administration.
	\$ 20,196.66	to Bobbye Bolles for small claims.
General Fund		
101 - Board of Commissioners	\$ 5,714.65	to H Security & Investigation for courthouse security for June and May OT.
	\$ 1,008.00	to Prince & Monton, PLC for attorney fees.
223 - County Auditing	\$ 7,500.00	to MGT of America for FY 2022 CRP Billing Services
265 - Courthouse and Grounds	\$ 1,741.17	to City of Hart for Utilities.
286 - District Court	\$ 4,606.80	to State of Michigan for JIS fees.
294 - Probate Court	\$ 3,188.83	to State of Michigan for JIS fees.
301 - Sheriff	\$ 12,131.81	to Enterprise for fleet vehicle management.
	\$ 19,822.74	to Wex Bank for fuel.
	\$ 1,199.96	to Nye Uniform.
351 - Jail	\$ 3,764.32	to Gordon Food Service.
	\$ 7,744.59	to Correctional Recovery for medical billing services.
	\$ 1,441.00	to Hurst Mechanical to install a new kitchen sink faucet.
528 - Transfer Station	\$ 16,570.63	to American Classic Dumpster for removal of trash and recycling material.
	\$ 1,055.00	to Beckman Brothers Inc. for crushed asphalt.
595 - Airport	\$ 2,884.53	to Prein & Newhof for professional services.

Public Comment

Mr. George Sadler, Weare Township resident stated that he felt that he believed that approving the additional holiday to honor Juneteenth would be a cost to the County.

Ms. Nicole Thigpen, RN, Executive Director with Advisacare Home Health, appeared at this time to apologize for the tardiness and requested the presentation be rescheduled for the next meeting.

Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident, expressed her opposition to the Juneteenth holiday.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Hardy adjourned the Finance and Equalization Committee meeting at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk

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 April 12, 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

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