

Board Conference Room  
August 11, 2022  
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker at 12:24 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: 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. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Morse to approve the minutes from the July 14, 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. Mr. Morse requested to add a resolution for the Register of Deeds temporary extra hours.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment at this time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 – APPROPRIATION OF ARPA FUNDS AS RECOMMENDED BY ARPA COMMITTEE**

Motion by Mr. Hardy and supported by Mr. Morse to appropriate \$662,493.95 to the following Oceana County Departments and projects from American Rescue Plan Act funds:

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| • Maintenance - Health Department   | Carpet           | \$65,839.00  |
| • Maintenance - Health Department   | Roof             | \$106,000.00 |
| • Maintenance - Health Department   | Crack/Sealing    | \$6,452.00   |
| • Maintenance - Courthouse          | Flashing         | \$3,800.00   |
| • Brownfield                        | Operating        | \$10,000.00  |
| • Drain Commission – Revolving Fund | Maintenance      | \$50,000.00  |
| • Drain Commission                  | Notification     | \$6,500.00   |
| • Parks and Recreation – Black Lake | Electric/Shelter | \$45,320.00  |

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| • Parks and Recreation – Black Lake | New Parking        | \$36,000.00  |
| • Parks and Recreation – Gales Pond | Board Walk Ren     | \$25,900.00  |
| • Register of Deeds                 | Digital Conversion | \$108,882.95 |
| • Courts                            | Work Stations      | \$160,000.00 |
|                                     | E-Filing           |              |
| • Maintenance – Health Department   | Tree Removal       | \$4,600.00   |
| • Economic Alliance                 | Part Time Asst.    | \$11,200.00  |
|                                     | FY2022 & FY 2023   |              |
| • Oceana Medical Care Facility      | Outdoor Entertain  | \$22,000.00  |

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2 – APPLICATION OF GRANT THROUGH WORK COMP CARRIER**

Moved by Mr. Christians and supported by Ms. Meyette to authorize the Oceana County Administrator to write and submit a grant proposal for up to \$5,000. The object of the grant is to purchase ergonomic equipment for employees for the purpose of injury prevention.

The Oceana County Administrator is authorized to accept a grant award from Michigan Counties Workers’ Compensation Fund, if it is awarded, on behalf of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners.

Furthermore, the Oceana County Administrator is authorized to seek for equipment for reimbursement through the grant.

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

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3 – TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE**

Moved by Mr. Christians and supported by Mr. Erickson to allow the Register of Deeds staff to work up to an additional five (5) hours per week per employee.

This would allow the staff to maintain the work load due to a staff shortage. Staffing hours would return to regular levels when the employee returns.

Furthermore, the Oceana County Administrator is authorized to make adjustments with funds to be moved from contingency.

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

Motion carried.

**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 July 28, 2022 in the tentative amounts as follows:

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>AMBULANCE</b>                   | <b>\$26,551.89</b>  |
| <b>GIS</b>                         | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>FOC</b>                         | <b>4,091.01</b>     |
| <b>PENTWATER-HART TRAIL</b>        | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>SHELBY TWP COMM PARK</b>        | <b>6,985.00</b>     |
| <b>AUTOMATION R.O.D.</b>           | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>INDIGENT DEFENSE</b>            | <b>25,107.84</b>    |
| <b>K9 UNIT</b>                     | <b>111.98</b>       |
| <b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG</b>       | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>CDBG</b>                        | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>ARPA</b>                        | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>VETERAN AFFAIRS</b>             | <b>5,732.26</b>     |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION</b> | <b>2,861.32</b>     |
| <b>CAP PROJECTS</b>                | <b>1,380.00</b>     |
| <b>PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT</b>          | <b>2,442.00</b>     |
| <b>FORECLOSURE</b>                 | <b>860.00</b>       |
| <b>BUILDING DEPT</b>               | <b>14,021.37</b>    |
| <b>GENERAL</b>                     | <b>473,900.78</b>   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$564,045.45</b> |

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

Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Morse to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for August 11, 2022, in the tentative amounts as follows:

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>AMBULANCE</b>             | <b>\$1,621.11</b> |
| <b>GIS</b>                   | <b>-0-</b>        |
| <b>FOC</b>                   | <b>4,762.32</b>   |
| <b>PENTWATER-HART TRAIL</b>  | <b>713.82</b>     |
| <b>SHELBY TWP COMM PARK</b>  | <b>1,917.00</b>   |
| <b>AUTOMATION R.O.D.</b>     | <b>2,422.99</b>   |
| <b>INDIGENT DEFENSE</b>      | <b>9,526.37</b>   |
| <b>K9 UNIT</b>               | <b>-0-</b>        |
| <b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG</b> | <b>-0-</b>        |

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| <b>CDBG</b>                        | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>ARPA</b>                        | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>VETERAN AFFAIRS</b>             | <b>6,179.85</b>     |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATION</b> | <b>1,247.92</b>     |
| <b>CAP PROJECTS</b>                | <b>4,300.00</b>     |
| <b>PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT</b>          | <b>-0-</b>          |
| <b>FORECLOSURE</b>                 | <b>22,322.67</b>    |
| <b>BUILDING DEPT</b>               | <b>15,168.29</b>    |
| <b>GENERAL</b>                     | <b>398,370.21</b>   |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$468,552.55</b> |

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.

**Commissioners Reports**

Mr. Morse apologized for his late entry today and expressed his regret for missing the Crystal Dam report and the EMS report. He also stated that he plans to attend the MAC conference in September and would appreciate support for his attendance.

Mr. Christians noted that Pentwater’s Homecoming is this weekend.

Mr. Erickson reported that he attended the dedication of Getty Park in Shelby last Saturday along with Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission; Mr. Dan Lord, DNR Grant Division; Mr. Paul Inglis, Shelby Village President; and Mr. John Wilson, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, who were instrumental in securing a grant for this project.

Mr. Hardy thanked the Board for their approval of the ARPA funds resolution.

Ms. Meyette reported that our Senators are in support of the Wagner-Peyser proposed rules through the Department of Labor. She mentioned that there would not be any updates until after the first of the year.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, reported that the new stairway at Cedar Point Park is open for use. Mr. McKeen was also excited to announce that Countywide Recreation Committee is in the works. Mr. McKeen noted that Senator Jon Bumstead also attended the Getty Park dedication and the AG Farm Field Day, last Tuesday, at Caleb Coulter’s farm. Mr. McKeen encouraged the Board of Commission members to be part of these programs.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:50 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, August 11, 2022, at 11:08 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. Tom Stephenson, Connected Nation; Mr. James Kelley, MSU Extension; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Walker asked to add an item to the agenda to consider allowing temporary additional hours for Register of Deeds office.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

Mr. Tom Stephenson, Connected Nation, provided a presentation regarding county-wide broadband.

Ms. Byard brought forth consideration of a resolution for the appropriation of ARPA funds as recommended by the committee. She read the recommendations as follows:

|                                     |                    |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| • Maintenance - Health Department   | Carpet             | \$65,839.00  |
| • Maintenance - Health Department   | Roof               | \$106,000.00 |
| • Maintenance – Health Department   | Crack/Sealing      | \$6,452.00   |
| • Maintenance -Courthouse           | Flashing           | \$3,800.00   |
| • Brownfield                        | Operating          | \$10,000.00  |
| • Drain Commission – Revolving Fund | Maintenance        | \$50,000.00  |
| • Drain Commission                  | Notification       | \$6,500.00   |
| • Parks & Recreation – Black Lake   | Electric/Shelter   | \$45,320.00  |
| • Parks & Recreation – Black Lake   | New Parking        | \$36,000.00  |
| • Parks & Recreation – Gales Pond   | Board Walk Ren     | \$25,900.00  |
| • Register of Deeds                 | Digital Conversion | \$108,882.95 |
| • Courts                            | Work Stations      | \$160,000    |
|                                     | E-Filing           |              |
| • Maintenance – Health Department   | Tree Removal       | \$4,600.00   |

- Economic Alliance Part Time Asst. \$11,200.00  
FY2022 & FY 2023
- Oceana Medical Care Facility Outdoor Entertain \$22,000.00

Ms. Byard sought consideration of a resolution to apply for a \$5,000 grant through the County's Work Comp carrier. This would allow for purchasing of ergonomic equipment for departments that are interested.

Ms. Byard requested consideration of a resolution for extra hours in the Register of Deeds office for a short period.

Ms. Byard facilitated discussion regarding motions for the next agenda.

Ms. Byard did not read the claims for payment, but the following was provided for July 28, 2022 and for August 11, 2022:

| 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>  |         |            |              |  |
| 210 - Ambulance Fund  |         |            | \$ 2,200.00  | to Ferry Township Area Fire for 2nd quarter MFR fees.                                      |
|   |         |            | \$ 12,430.00 | to Grant Township Area Fire for 2nd quarter MFR fees.                                      |
|   |         |            | \$ 2,970.00  | to Hesperia Area Fire for 2nd quarter MFR fees.  |
|   |         |            | \$ 1,980.00  | to Shelby - Benona Fire Department for 2nd MFR fees.                                       |
|   |         |            | \$ 4,950.00  | to Walkerville Area Fire for 2nd quarter MFR fees.   |
|   |         |            | \$ 1,965.40  | to MMRMA for quarter liability insurance.  |
| 215 - Friend of the Court Fund  |         |            | \$ 2,194.08  | to Image Soft for professional services.   |
| 239 - Shelby Twp Community Park Fund  |         |            | \$ 4,040.00  | to Kennari Consulting for professional services. Fully reimbursed via private donations.   |
|   |         |            | \$ 2,945.00  | to Mind Over Marketing, LLC for marketing support. Fully reimbursed via private donations. |
| 260 - Indigent Defense Fund   |         |            | \$ 6,996.00  | to Good Law for court appointed attorney fees.   |
|   |         |            | \$ 11,507.00 | to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.                              |
|   |         |            | \$ 3,430.00  | to MKG Law Office, PLLC for court appointed attorney fees.                                 |
| 292 - Child Care Fund   |         |            | \$ 1,699.20  | to Fountain Hill Center for out-of-home placement.   |
| 405 - Capital Projects  |         |            | \$ 1,380.00  | to Standard Supply & Lumber.   |
|   |         |            | \$ 3,869.20  | to M. S Seal Coat Professionals LLC for the resealing of the parking lots.                 |

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| 445 - Public Improvement Fund  | \$ 2,442.00  | to Mika Myers, PLC for professional services.   |
| 549 - Building Department Fund | \$ 3,491.30  | to Randy Miller for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.   |
|                                | \$ 4,529.70  | to Richard Story for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.  |
|                                | \$ 3,548.60  | to Randy Neuman for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.   |
| <b>General Fund</b>            |              |   |
| 101 - Board of Commissioners   | \$ 8,522.22  | to MAC for Dues.  |
|                                | \$ 6,225.00  | to Smith, Haughey, Rice and Roegge for legal services.  |
| 172 - County Administration    | \$ 1,595.32  | to TASC for August COBRA payment.   |
| 208 - Insurance                | \$ 47,829.35 | to MMRMA for quarter liability insurance.   |
| 223 - County Auditing          | \$ 9,185.00  | to Gabridge & Company, PLC for final billing for 2021 financial statement audit report.   |
| 248 - General Services         | \$ 21,481.50 | to Lakeshore Regional Entity for 50% of the Convention Facility Tax (Liquor Tax) for the provision of mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services. |
| 257 - Equalization             | \$ 18,150.00 | to V&V Assessing for equalization and assessing services.   |
| 262 - Elections                | \$ 10,530.72 | to Spectrum Printers, Inc. for voter ID cards and freight.  |
|                                | \$ 1,059.00  | to Oceana's Herald Journal for general election notices.  |
| 265 - Courthouse and Grounds   | \$ 3,115.92  | to City of Hart for Utilities.  |
| 283 - Circuit Court            | \$ 2,813.45  | to Heacock Reporting for contracted court services.   |
|                                | \$ 4,015.59  | to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.  |
|                                | \$ 4,015.59  | to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.   |
| 294 - Probate Court            | \$ 1,350.00  | to Barkow Law for conservatorship guardian fees.  |
| 301 - Sheriff                  | \$ 13,273.92 | to Wex Bank for fuel.   |
|                                | \$ 12,817.39 | to Enterprise for fleet vehicle management.   |
|                                | \$ 1,746.46  | to Cardmember Service for employee travel and equipment purchases.  |
|                                | \$ 3,482.66  | to Nye Uniform.   |



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| 351 - Jail             | \$ 14,107.00         | to Advanced Correctional Healthcare for on-site medical services per contract. |
|                        | \$ 2,126.59          | to Correctional Recovery for medical billing services.                         |
|                        | \$ 3,964.93          | to City of Hart for Utilities.   |
|                        | \$ 4,280.40          | to Dash Medical Gloves for supplies.   |
|                        | \$ 2,747.85          | to Gordon Food Service.  |
|                        | \$ 1,719.68          | to EPS for security system.  |
| 528 - Transfer Station | \$ 24,419.03         | to American Classic Dumpster for removal of trash and recycling material.      |
| 595 - Airport          | \$ 13,617.20         | to AvFuel for fuel.  |
|                        | \$ 2,146.28          | to Optical Scientific for annual service contract for weather system.          |
|                        | \$ 1,425.00          | to QT Petroleum on Demand for Annual Agreement.                                |
| 648 - Medical Examiner | \$ 6,888.78          | to Mid Michigan Medical Examiner Group for administrative services.            |
| ~ <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 327,219.31</b> |  |

Oceana County Administrator

REVIEW OF CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT (>= \$1,000 and Other Noteworthy Expenditures)

| <b>Fund #</b>                        | <b>Dept. #</b> | <b>Dept. Name</b> | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Special Revenue Funds</b>         |                |                   |               |  |
| 215 - Friend of the Court Fund       |                |                   | \$ 2,194.08   | to Image Soft for professional services.   |
| 239 - Shelby Twp Community Park Fund |                |                   | \$ 1,917.00   | to Mind Over Marketing, LLC for marketing support. Fully reimbursed via private donations. |
| 256 - Automation Fund                |                |                   | \$ 2,223.00   | to GovOS for software fees.  |
| 260 - Indigent Defense Fund          |                |                   | \$ 5,416.67   | to Indigent Defense Consultants for managed assigned counsel services.                     |
| 298 - Technology and Innovation Fund |                |                   | \$ 1,202.92   | to SHI International for computer equipment.   |
| 405 - Capital Projects               |                |                   | \$ 4,300.00   | to EPS for video installation security system.   |
| 518- Foreclosure Fund                |                |                   | \$ 22,172.67  | to Title Check LLC for parcel administration.  |
| 549 - Building Department Fund       |                |                   | \$ 3,351.10   | to Randy Miller for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.        |
|                                      |                |                   | \$ 3,075.15   | to Richard Story for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.       |
|                                      |                |                   | \$ 3,978.70   | to Randy Neuman for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.        |

| <b>General Fund</b>          |                      |   |
|------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 101 - Board of Commissioners | \$ 6,345.50          | to H Security & Investigation for courthouse security for August and July OT.   |
| 248 - General Services       | \$ 19,972.00         | to Lakeshore Regional Entity for 50% of the Convention Facility Tax (Liquor Tax) for the provision of mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services. |
| 262 - Elections              | \$ 1,016.89          | to Oceana's Herald Journal for general election notices.  |
|                              | \$ 11,477.36         | to Spectrum Printers, Inc. for ballots.   |
| 283 - Circuit Court          | \$ 5,063.08          | to Newaygo County Treasurer for judge reimbursement costs.  |
| 286 - District Court         | \$ 1,686.15          | to Newaygo County Treasurer for judge reimbursement costs.  |
| 296 - Prosecuting Attorney   | \$ 3,854.00          | to PAAM for software maintenance contract.  |
| 301 - Sheriff                | \$ 11,133.04         | to Wex Bank for fuel.   |
|                              | \$ 1,113.81          | to AT&T Mobility.   |
| 351 - Jail                   | \$ 14,107.00         | to Advanced Correctional Healthcare for on-site medical services per contract.  |
|                              | \$ 1,451.00          | to Eaton Corporation for equipment purchases.   |
|                              | \$ 3,179.54          | to Gordon Food Service.   |
|                              | \$ 6,490.00          | to ID Networks for service contract on fingerprinting system.   |
| 430 - Animal Control         | \$ 1,610.00          | to Oceana Veterinary Clinic for various services.   |
| 528 - Transfer Station       | \$ 16,289.05         | to American Classic Dumpster for removal of trash and recycling material.   |
| 601 - Health Department      | \$ 1,139.06          | to Consumers Energy.  |
| ~ <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$ 155,758.77</b> |   |

**Administrator's Report (as written by Ms. Byard)**

**Department Head Meeting**

A meeting was held with County Department Heads. We provided them with information pertaining to the FY2023 budget and deadlines for the budgets to be submitted. We also discussed the opportunity to apply for a grant through our Workers' Compensation for ergonomic equipment for all employees for claims prevention. Department Heads were asked to poll their employees to get a list of the items that will need to be ordered if the Board of Commissioners were to pass the resolution allowing for submission of the grant. A Security

Meeting is being held as a requirement of the grant submission in which the ergonomic equipment will be discussed.

### **Health Insurance**

Stacey and I have been meeting with Benefit Consultants as it relates to the county's health insurance asking that they provide any avenue that relates to possible savings to the county along with opportunities for better benefits for the employees.

### **Broadband**

MSU Extension provided a presentation via zoom with Tom Stephenson, Connected Nation. The presentation focused on the funding being made available through the state for broadband as well as new maps that will be created showing the areas of coverage throughout the state. Tom was also present to provide information and answer questions with local leaders along with Stellar Broadband and Nokia at the City of Hart to discuss next steps. Tom suggested that NDA's be signed with any broadband group we will be working with

### **ARPA Funds**

The ARPA Committee met after receiving the final rule from the National Association of Counties. The Group asked that clarification for several requests be provided by the county auditors. The group plans to meet again on August 10<sup>th</sup> to review the response along with the remaining requests.

### **Economic Alliance**

A meeting was held with Ron Maynard, Executive Director, Oceana County Economic Alliance and American Classic to discuss the grant that was submitted by Steve Bruch pertaining to materials management. The grant was submitted in February. Ron is reviewing and provide information on next steps.

### **MAC Policy Summit**

A MAC Policy Summit was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2022. Presentations relating to workforce housing, understanding the political landscape, Michigan's trail network and maximizing infrastructure dollars were held. The workforce housing presentation provided information relating to funds available through My HOPE program of \$30 million. There was also an additional \$150 million through Missing Middle. MAC also provided a legislative update stating that they had included an additional \$4 million for the Raise the Age. The state revenue sharing has been increased by 5%. There is \$1.3 billion set aside for build out relating to broadband. They have named Eric Fredrick as the Chief Connections Officer. They stated that there is still discussion pertaining to the Open Meetings Act and allowing remote participation. There hasn't been much movement as it relates to this but they are still working on it. There is a FOIA bill that has been presented but MAC is not in favor of what is being presented and are fighting to make sure it doesn't go through. HB 6062 was discussed as it relates to public notices. Governmental municipalities would be allowed to post on their website and send to the newspapers but would not be required to publish.

### **WMSRDC Meeting**

We had a zoom meeting with WMSRDC to prepare for the County Fair booth. WMSRDC is preparing survey's that will be provided at the fair. There will be a QR code available to scan to submit the surveys. We also asked for documentation from any departments to distribute

at the booth. The Administrator's office will be manning the booth during the day when possible but are asking for any volunteers to help out as well.

### **West Central Michigan County Alliance**

The West Central Michigan County Alliance quarterly meeting was held at the Whirlpool Dunrovin Conference Center on July 25<sup>th</sup>. A legislative update was provided for the meeting but unfortunately MAC was unable to attend. Sarah Luca, Deputy Director, Office of Rural Development, State of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development presented and discussed the housing issue many are facing along with workforce issues.

### **Aerial Imagery Acquisition**

An email was received from Ed VanderVries of our Equalization Department regarding a presentation that will be held with the State of Michigan and their aerial imagery and lidar vendor. He asked that we consider looking into aerial imaging for Oceana County.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. James Kelly, MSUE Director, provided a quarterly update on programs offered. There will be an event held at the MSU Research Station on September 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. called "Meet Michigan" The College of Agriculture and Natural Research. The leadership team of the college will be present to collect feedback at this event.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Hardy adjourned the Finance and Equalization Committee meeting at 12:12 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 August 11, 2022, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Also present: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Mark Meijer and Mr. Jeff Stockhill, Life EMS; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2022 Law and Safety Committee minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

Mr. Jeff Stockhill, Life EMS, provided an update for the second quarter. There was a 7.5% increase in transports during this period. He stated that the Electric Forest Festival was the largest event that they covered. Staffing is still an issue, but they do have a few new recruits.

Mr. Christians asked for the requirements for staff in an ambulance. Mr. Mark Meijer responded that a basic EMT and a paramedic are the minimum requirement.

Mr. Meijer also provided an update on the educational and training programs available. This schoolyear, Life EMS will be going to the local high schools to encourage students to enroll in their program.

Mr. Erickson inquired about the response time and coverage in the Hesperia area. Mr. Meijer replied that a piece of property has been acquired that is located at M-20 and 126<sup>th</sup> Ave. for a third station in the County. This location was chosen for quicker response times to the Hesperia area, but also to assist with calls in the Shelby area if needed. The building of this station should begin next spring.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Beggs adjourned the Law and Safety Committee meeting at 11:07 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, August 11, 2022, at 9:03 a.m.

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

Also present were: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Lee Hyslop, Crystal Township Supervisor; Mr. Paul Forton, Spicer Group; Ms. Chris Hinsch, Crystal Township resident; Ms. Chris Conroy, Protect Pentwater Harbor; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald - Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

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

All agreed to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Lee Hyslop, Crystal Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for their cooperation in further exploring the options for the Crystal Dam and provided a presentation explaining the importance of the Crystal Valley County Park to the community and the people that live and work in the area.

Mr. Paul Forton, Spicer Group, presented the Crystal Valley Dam feasibility study findings.

Mr. Hyslop suggested that there is a need for further investigation to determine the responsibilities for the maintenance.

Mr. Christians asked for clarification on the results of the soil samples.

Mr. Garry McKeen asked what the typical age expectancy of a dam similar to this is.

Ms. Chris Conroy, Protect Pentwater Harbor, stated that if there were to be a hydraulic dredging project they would be interested in partnering with the County.

Mr. Chris Hinsch, Crystal Township resident, asked if an estimate had been acquired to fill Crystal Pond with sediment.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks and Recreation Commission, introduced Mr. DJ Shook, Conservation Resource Alliance biologist and project manager, and Ms. Fallon Chabala,

Environmental Program Manager West Michigan Regional Shoreline Development Commission (WMSRDC), who have been beneficial in assisting with the Stony Creek project.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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