

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker at 11:33 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. Erickson, Mr. Christians, Mr. Morse, Mr. Hardy, and Mr. Walker. Absent: Ms. Meyette.

Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Beverly Schultz, Weare Township resident; and Mr. John Cavanagh, *Oceana's Herald-Journal*, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the August 25, 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.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Ms. Beverly Schultz, Weare Township resident, provided a statement regarding her concerns with Commissioner Erickson's residence.

MOTION NO. 2022-04 – WEST MICHIGAN SHORELINE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Erickson and supported by Commissioner Morse to approve the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission contractual agreement for the purpose of Master Plan and Recreation Plan updates. The total cost for this is \$12,000

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

Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 2022-05 – ARPA FUNDS APPROPRIATION – NO ACTION TAKEN

Motion made by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____ to approve the appropriation of \$33,800 from ARPA to the Dogwood Community Development for the purpose of a housing needs assessment.

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

There was no action taken on this motion.

MOTION NO. 2022-06 – DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Motion made by Commission Beggs and supported by Commissioner Hardy to allow for the disposal of unclaimed property as presented by the Oceana County Sheriff.

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

Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 2022-07 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Motion made by Commissioner Hardy and supported by Commissioner Erickson to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for September 8, 2022 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE	\$351,725.28
GIS	-0-
FOC	1,939.26
PENTWATER-HART TRAIL	3,017.62
SHELBY TWP COMM PARK	-0-
AUTOMATION R.O.D.	2,012.40
INDIGENT DEFENSE	7,708.09
K9 UNIT	998.53
LCOT	400.00
CDBG	-0-
ARPA	-0-
VETERAN AFFAIRS	14,740.04
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	-0-
CAP PROJECTS	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
FORECLOSURE	7,182.67
BUILDING DEPT	2,765.45
GENERAL	316,351.51
GRAND TOTAL	\$708,840.85

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

Motion carried.

Commissioners Reports

Mr. Morse indicated that there would be a presentation for Bella’s Place, September 14th, at 2:30 p.m., at the New Era Christian School. Bella’s Place is an outdoor educational center that was built in honor of Bella Durga, a student at New Era Christian School, who unexpectedly passed away in her sleep. He also noted his concern with the turnover of employees in Hesperia. Mr. Morse also offered an idea to the Board to ask Mr. Ed VanderVries, Oceana County Equalization Director, what the tax base would be if the population were to be increased.

Mr. Walker suggested having Mr. VanderVries provide the information based on the selling price of an average house and the impact it would have in different communities.

Mr. Beggs mentioned an email that was received from Mr. Richard Raffaelli, Shelby Township Supervisor, that showed the economic impact the proposed development would have for that township.


Mr. Christians reminded the commissioners of the MSU Stakeholder Conference to be held on September 14, 2022, by MSU Extension Services at the MSU Research Center. A tour will begin at 3:00 p.m. with a program beginning at 4:00 p.m. All commissioners are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Erickson thanked Sheriff Mast for the report on Hesperia Police Department. He also thanked Ms. Byard for the booth at the fair. He reported that the auction had a record \$260,000 in sales at the 4-H auction and that the Tom Oomen tractor pull was very successful and very well attended.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

12/28/2022

Date



Mr. Walker, Chairperson

FINANCE & EQUALIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Finance & Equalization Committee Meeting was called to order, in the Board Conference Room of the Oceana County Courthouse, by Chairperson Hardy on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

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

Also present: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Garry McKeen, Golden Township resident; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana’s Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2022 Finance & Equalization Committee meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

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

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Administrator Byard requested consideration of a motion to appropriate ARPA funds as recommended by the ARPA Committee for the purpose of a housing assessment.

Mr. Walker expressed various concerns regarding the request and suggested that no action be taken until Ms. Kitty Tuinstra, Dogwood Community Development, can be invited to speak on this assessment at the next meeting.

Administrator Byard did not read the claims for payment, 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			\$ 350,800.00	to Life EMS for the quarterly service agreement.
238 - Pentwater Hart Trail Fund			\$ 3,017.62	to Fleis & Vandenbrink for professional services. Costs covered by a grant.
256 - Automation Fund			\$ 2,012.40	to GovOS for software fees.
260 - Indigent Defense Fund			\$ 3,356.00	to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.
			\$ 1,600.00	to Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services for professional services.

518- Foreclosure Fund	\$ 1,853.67	to Title Check LLC for parcel administration.
	\$ 4,639.00	to Prince & Monton, PLC for attorney fees.
General Fund		
172 - County Administration	\$ 1,595.32	to TASC for September COBRA payment.
248 - General Services	\$ 5,000.00	to Reserve Account for postage.
265 - Courthouse and Grounds	\$ 4,544.91	to City of Hart for Utilities.
283 - Circuit Court	\$ 4,265.59	to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.
	\$ 2,750.00	to Heacock Reporting for contracted court services.
	\$ 4,265.59	to Springstead Law Offices for court appointed attorney fees.
	\$ 3,086.15	to State of Michigan for JIS fees.
286 - District Court	\$ 3,106.80	to State of Michigan for JIS fees.
301 - Sheriff	\$ 9,981.09	to Wex Bank for fuel.
	\$ 1,766.90	to Nye Uniform.
351 - Jail	\$ 4,791.57	to City of Hart for Utilities.
	\$ 2,622.65	to Gordon Food Service.
	\$ 1,292.70	to Larson and Son for equipment and supplies.
430 - Animal Control	\$ 1,774.04	to Oceana Veterinary Clinic for various services.
528 - Transfer Station	\$ 21,499.26	to American Classic Dumpster for removal of trash and recycling material.
601 - Health Department	\$ 1,106.64	to Consumers Energy.
648 - Medical Examiner	\$ 12,638.25	to WMU Homer Stryker M.D. for autopsies.
	\$	
~ Total	\$ 453,366.15	

Administrator's Report *(as written by Administrator Byard):*
Fair Booth

The WMSRDC information was provided at the County Fair Booth. Garry McKeen worked with those attending the booth to complete surveys. There were QR codes available for community members to scan to gather survey information relating to the Parks and Recreation and the Hazard Mitigation Plan. We had two people sign up for the notifications for the public participation. The booth also provided information regarding our parks and emergency management. A quick thank you to Stacey Becker, Trisha Marsh, Jessica Long, Garry McKeen, Troy Maloney, and Ron Christians for working the booth.

Workforce Development

Bids were due in on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Two bids were received and a group will be meeting to decide on which vendor will be selected for the project.

Heritage Grant

The grant documents were submitted on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 for the grant that was requested during our last Board of Commissioners meeting. Grant recipients will be notified in October 2022. If awarded, projects will begin promptly.

Public Comment

Mr. Garry McKeen, Golden Township resident, stated that he was on the Oceana Community Foundation Board when three Economic Development reviews were funded that included Hesperia, Shelby, and Pentwater areas in which housing issues were included in the review. Data should be available for Dogwood Community Development to consider as an alternative to a new study.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Hardy adjourned the Finance & Equalization Committee meeting at 11:22 a.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, September 8, 2022, at 10:09 a.m.

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

Also present: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator; Mr. Craig Mast, Oceana County Sheriff; Mr. Troy Maloney, Oceana County Emergency Manager; Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent.

Chairman Beggs requested approval of the August 11, 2022 minutes. Mr. Walker requested that an addition statement regarding a discount that was applied for the Life EMS quarterly billing be included. He stated that the discount applied was approximately \$105,000.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2022 Law and Safety Committee minutes as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Beggs inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Mr. Erickson requested to add a report regarding the Hesperia Police Department, by Sheriff Mast, after Dr. Moore's report.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator, provided an update regarding Indigent Defense. September 30th is the end of the grant year and the Fiscal Year 2023 Grant has been submitted to the State. The State responded that there was an expense that was incorrectly listed and that this would need to be re-submitted. It was re-submitted for the August 23rd meeting, however the MIDC Board did not have a quorum and was unable to act. She was assured that the grant will be approved. Administrator Byard inquired about an email regarding audits. Dr. Moore replied that she is a supporter of the conduct of audits and that they are in place to assure the reporting is properly submitted.

Sheriff Mast requested consideration for unclaimed property disposal and provided a list of the items to be disposed. He also noted that Mr. McKeen was interested in some of the items to be used for the Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission. Sheriff Mast asked if there were any objections to Mr. McKeen's request. It was suggested that the Sheriff ask for an opinion from the Prosecuting Attorney regarding other departmental use of unclaimed

property rather than send those items to auction. If the opinion is favorable, Sheriff Mast may schedule a time for Mr. McKeen to view the items of interest.

Sheriff Mast reported on current incidents and the progress of the investigations.

Mr. Erickson inquired about the coverage for the Village of Hesperia Police. Sheriff Mast intimated that a signed contract was not received from the Village of Hesperia. Newaygo County Sheriff's Department did not receive a signed contract from the Village of Hesperia either. Both counties are attempting to assist as necessary without a contract in place. Sheriff Mast has been contacted by LEIN Field Services and was informed that the ORI number (a unique identifier specific to each agency) for Hesperia Police Department is being considered for suspension due to inactivity.

Mr. Troy Maloney, Oceana County Emergency Manager, reported that Mason-Oceana 911 is working on radio encryption processes. He also reported that there was an active shooter exercise, hosted at the new school in Ludington, where a large number of individuals were in attendance. The information learned from this exercise will be shared with the schools in Oceana County.

Mr. Beggs attended an exercise hosted at Shelby Public Schools last week and was a participant in the scenario. He reported that it was very well attended.

Mr. Beggs also requested to add department head reports to the agenda on a regular basis. Mr. Walker suggested that department head reports be added to all the committee meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, expressed the need for the Parks & Recreation Commission does have a need for the items from the unclaimed property. Mr. McKeen reminded the board that the tools that are currently being used are the members of the commission's personal tools and that there is no allowance for the replacement of items with public funds.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Beggs adjourned the Law and Safety Committee meeting at 10:59 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, September 8, 2022, at 10:02 a.m.

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

Also present: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Planning Commission; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald - Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

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

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Planning Commission, expressed a desire for the board to approve the contractual agreement with West Shore Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) for the Master Plan and Recreation Plan. He stated that the Oceana County Planning Commission and the Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission have worked together and have agreed to a combined five-year plan and recreation plan which would be a savings to the county. The total cost will be \$12,000 of which \$7,000 would be paid from the County's General Fund and \$5,000 would be paid from the Parks & Recreation budget.

Administrator Byard sought consideration to approve the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission (WMSRDC) Contractual Agreement in regards to the Master Plan and Recreation Plan updates. She stated that the cost was in the budget for 2022.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk