

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker at 11:49 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 County Clerk. Present: Mr. Christians, Mr. Morse, Mr. Erickson, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Meyette and Mr. Walker.

Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident; Ms. Erin MacGregor, Benona Township resident, Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission and Oceana County Planning Commission, and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent, were also present.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the minutes from the September 22 2022, 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.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

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

Ms. Erin MacGregor, Benona Township resident, provided and read the following statement:

"The following remarks are addressed to the Oceana County Board of Commissioners in general and to Paul Ericson specifically.

There are a lot of people in Oceana County who are very upset about the situation concerning Paul Ericson's current stated residence. If Mr. Ericson would be willing to provide a little bit of information it would help clear up suspicions of wrong-doing.

- Continuous residence in District 4 is required for the upcoming election for county commissioner and for the entire term of office.
 - Is the cabin habitable in the winter? Is it insulated? Does it have heat?
- Is Mr. Ericson paying utility bills? Please provide copies of the paid bills.
- Is Mr. Ericson paying rent? Please provide proof of payment.

- If he is paying rent: is the landlord filing the required Fed.Sch.E with his taxes?
- If he is not paying rent: since that address is being used to run for and hold the office of Commissioner for District 4 that value, by law, would be counted as an in-kind campaign contribution. Was that reported to the State of Michigan as such?

It looks like dirty politics is alive and well in Oceana County. If you have to hide or lie about what you're doing, IT'S WRONG! If you're doing what's right and good would be proud to show it off in full detail.

Shame on you, Mr. Ericson, and anyone else who is aiding and abetting dirty politics. And shame on anyone who is just washing their hands of it and doing nothing.

The citizens of Oceana County don't want or need an "elder statesman". We want clean, honest, transparent public servants who are looking out for our best interests, not wheeling and dealing to gain power and influence or line their own pockets."

She also requested that this statement be added to the minutes.

MOTION 2022-12: ARPA FUNDS APPROPRIATION

Moved by Mr. Morse and supported by Mr. Beggs to approve Motion #2022-12, to appropriate ARPA Funds for the following:

- Animal Control Flooring Repair (epoxy) in the amount of \$8,600
- Pentwater Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment in the amount of \$25,000
- Hart Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment in the amount of \$25,000
- Shelby-Benona Fire Department Personal Protective Equipment and Antennae in the amount of \$25,000
- Oceana County Firefighters Training Committee for a Public Safety Training Center in the amount of \$40,000

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

Motion carried.

MOTION 2022-13 BUDGET AND PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Ms. Meyette and supported by Mr. Hardy to adopt Motion #2022-13, which will allow the board to conduct a public hearing on proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget and property tax millage rates to be levied to support the revenue projections and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2023.

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Walker noted that the hearing must begin at the scheduled time as stated.

MOTION 2022-14 PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and supported by Mr. Erickson to approve Motion #2022-14, to allow for the payment of accounts payable and release of funds for October 13, 2022 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE	\$1,502.91
GIS	-0-
FOC	2,568.24
PENTWATER-HART TRAIL	2,539.80
SHELBY TWP COMM PARK	-0-
AUTOMATION R.O.D.	7,265.90
INDIGENT DEFENSE	19,418.40
VICTIM'S SERVICES	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	550.00
CDBG	-0-
ARPA	18,693.00
VETERAN AFFAIRS	4,508.74
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION	3,450.50
CAPITAL PROJ-EQUIP REPLAC	35,241.90
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT FUND	111.00
FORECLOSURE	4,747.21
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	27,804.07
GENERAL FUND	456,685.08
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 585,086.75

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Walker stated that the information that was received in the Commissioners' packet listed the monthly cost of placing a juvenile in a detention center was \$1,600 per month. He also noted that this has been a recurring expense for several months.

Commissioners' Reports

Mr. Morse stated that he is not comfortable with the monitoring aspect of the Zencity presentation and would like to know the opinions of other commissioners.

Mr. Walker appreciated that Mr. Morse brought this to the commissioners to explore. He felt that there is a need to reach out to all areas of the county, but was not sure that this is the right platform for the County.

Mr. Christians mentioned that he attended the Broadband meeting where the question was raised about the access for all residents to the internet. Ms. Byard added that there are monies available through grants to help with the broadband initiative.

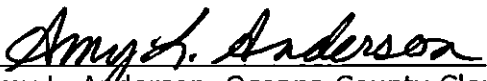
Ms. Meyette reported that the Department of Veterans Affairs will host two fund raisers for the purchase of a department vehicle to assist with transport of veterans to/from doctor appointments. She also stated that the information is on their website.

Mr. Walker asked if it was possible to send a mass email the minutes to all units of government once they have been approved. He felt that it might generate interest with the local units of government and encourage them to attend the Commissioners meetings.


Public Comment

Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, invited the Board to attend the dedication of the Cedar Point Park deck and stairs that will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. He also reminded that this project was completed via private donations. He also noted that whether it is via Zencity or another similar platform, this would be a great opportunity for the Oceana County Planning Commission to be able to also reach out to the community.

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.



Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk



Date



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, October 13, 2022, at 10:35 a.m.

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

Also present: Ms. Tracy Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Amy Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Ms. Merav David, Zencity 360; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2022 meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Hardy asked if there were any additions to the agenda at this time. Ms. Byard suggested adding the Department Head report after Administrator's report.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Ms. Merav David, Zencity 360, provided a presentation regarding community engagement platforms for local governments.

Ms. Meyette expressed concerns with this type of platform.

Mr. Walker expressed his concerns about the ability to reach all areas of the county.

Mr. Morse expressed his concerns with the monitoring portion of this platform, but questioned if the focus could be on the survey portion of the platform.

Ms. Byard brought forth consideration of motion #2022-12, to appropriate ARPA funds as recommended by the ARPA Committee.

Ms. Byard requested consideration of a motion to set the public hearing in regards to the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget and property tax millage rate to be levied.

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				
238 - Pentwater Hart Trail Fund			\$ 3,968.80	to Fleis & Vandenbrink for professional services. Costs covered by a grant.

256 - Automation Fund	\$ 7,265.90	to GovOS for software fees.
260 - Indigent Defense Fund	\$ 5,401.00	to Good Law for court appointed attorney fees.
	\$ 4,324.00	to MKG Law Office, PLLC for court appointed attorney fees.
	\$ 4,931.00	to Hayes Law Office for court appointed attorney fees.
286 - American Rescue Plan Fund	\$ 18,693.00	to Pro-Tech Security Sales for equipment.
292 - Child Care Fund	\$ 1,699.20	to Fountain Hill Center for out-of-home placement.
298 - Technology and Innovation Fund	\$ 2,968.00	to ESRI for annual software maintenance contract.
361 - Ambulance Debt Retirement Fund	\$ 25,825.00	to The Bank of New York for annual bond payment.
381 - Airport Term Debt Serv Fund	\$ 20,600.00	to The Bank of New York for annual bond payment.
391 - MCF Debt Retirement Fund	\$ 237,050.00	to The Bank of New York for annual bond payment.
405 - Capital Projects	\$ 31,991.90	to Inmar Marine Group for patrol boat and trailer.
	\$ 3,250.00	to EPS for video installation security system.
549 - Building Department Fund	\$ 6,383.80	to Randy Miller for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
	\$ 10,635.94	to Richard Story for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
	\$ 6,820.50	to Randy Neuman for permits, residential plan reviews, and commercial plan reviews.
General Fund		
101 - Board of Commissioners	\$ 1,090.00	to Smith, Haughey, Rice and Roegge for legal services.
	\$ 6,410.13	to H Security & Investigation for courthouse security for October and September OT.
172 - County Administration	\$ 1,595.32	to TASC for October COBRA payment.
257 - Equalization	\$ 18,150.00	to V&V Assessing for equalization and assessing services.
283 - Circuit Court	\$ 2,750.00	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.

286 - District Court	\$ 1,000.00	to Michigan Department of Treasury for transmittal.
301 - Sheriff	\$ 9,165.01	to Wex Bank for fuel.
	\$ 1,061.82	to Fidlar Technologies, Inc for updated citation tickets.
	\$ 1,104.55	to AT&T Mobility.
	\$ 1,165.98	to Atlanco for uniforms.
	\$ 1,254.99	to Magnum Electronics for equipment.
331 - Marine	\$ 2,829.48	to Yacht Basin Marina for repairs.
351 - Jail	\$ 13,473.40	to Advanced Correctional Healthcare for on-site medical services per contract.
	\$ 2,631.82	to Correctional Recovery for medical billing services.
	\$ 4,773.40	to City of Hart for Utilities.
	\$ 4,111.63	to Wolverine Power Systems for repairs and maintenance.
	\$ 3,304.51	to Gordon Food Service.
528 - Transfer Station	\$ 19,636.24	to American Classic Dumpster for removal of trash and recycling material.
	\$ 1,266.00	to C M Rubber Recycling for recycling of tires.
601 - Health Department	\$ 1,056.40	to Consumers Energy.
710 - MSU Extension	\$ 28,246.25	to MSUE Business Office for the 3rd qtr assessment fee per agreement.
~ Total	\$ 525,916.15	

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

Workforce Development

A meeting was held with the Economic Alliance, WMSRDC and others to decide on the request for proposals for the workforce development grant. Ron Maynard is now preparing for a steering committee for this grant.

Material Management Grant

The contract with Recycle RSS has been signed and they are starting work on this project.

Transfer Station

A meeting is scheduled with American Waste to discuss the Transfer Station and possibilities for the future. Information will be forthcoming.

Health Insurance

Stacey and I have been meeting with health insurance agencies in an effort to improve the insurance we have but also generate some savings. Those meetings should be ending soon and those findings will be shared with you.

West Central Michigan County Alliance Meeting

The West Central Michigan County Alliance Meeting was held in Manistee on Monday, October 3rd. The Michigan Association of Counties provided an update. Revenue Sharing seems to be the main topic of discussion at this time. They are working toward 10% of the State Sales Tax to be set aside for revenue sharing to cover 50% to Counties and 50% to Cities/Villages. They are also hopeful that there will be \$350 million set aside for FY2024. They are hoping there will be a decision made by the end of the year. The Open Meeting Act is being brought to a vote next week to allow Commissioners to participate remotely. There is discussion about changing the August primary to June and eliminate the May unless there is a presidential election and it would then be held in March. The FOIA Bill is still undecided but MAC is opposed and is still working at fighting this. The bill for Secondary Road Patrol has been signed and provides a stable revenue source that would provide \$15 million from the liquor tax. They continue to work on court funding reform, fighting in opposition of the mental health bill and fighting for the Veterans Property Tax. Brian Gutowski, Manistee County Sheriff, gave a presentation talking about collaboration with the community to provide School Safety. He also stated the importance of support for our Law Enforcement and everything that is going on in the world today.

Broadband

Ron Maynard, Economic Alliance, organized The Broadband Town Hall meeting that held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at the Research Center. Tom Stephenson with Connection Michigan and Kasi Ostyn, Great Lake Energy provided presentations as it relates to the grant funding that is available, the maps for Oceana County and the build out status and plan for Truestream. WMSRDC was also in attendance and offered to assistance where possible.

Zencity

Two meetings were held with Zencity and Commissioner Morse. Zencity is a Community Engagement Platform that allows more ways to gather feedback and tailored solutions for local governments. More information will be shared during their presentation.

Ms. Byard reported that the Maintenance Supervisor has received two quotes regarding the flooding issues in the basement.

Ms. Byard also reported that she received an email from NACo yesterday that indicated Oceana was eligible to receive a federal payment of \$105,271 this year as well as next year. She will submit the necessary documents to receive the payments.

Department Head Reports

There were no Department Head Reports at this time.

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 11:40 p.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, October 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Also present: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Mr. Brian Majka, GEI Consultants Senior Restoration Ecologist; Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission; and Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald - Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Christians and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes from the September 8, 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. Morse and supported by Mr. Christians to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

Mr. Brian Majka, GEI Consultants Senior Restoration Ecologist, and Mr. Garry McKeen, Oceana County Parks & Recreation Commission, provided a brief update on the Marshville Dam/Stony Creek project.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Erickson adjourned the Health & Human Services and Parks & Recreation Committee meeting 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk