

**Board Conference Room
February 8, 2024
Board of Commissioners Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker, on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 11:39 a.m.

Chairperson Walker led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll was called by Clerk Anderson. Present: Mr. Erickson, Mr. Morse, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Hardy, and Mr. Walker.

Also Present: Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent; Hon. John Middlebrook, 79th District Court Judge; and Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and supported by Mr. Hardy to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Walker asked if any commissioners wished to declare any conflicts of interest on the agenda items. No conflicts were declared.

Chairperson Walker asked if there were any additions to the agenda. Mr. Hardy mentioned that the Motion #2024-22 be removed as no action will be taken. No additions were mentioned.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Agenda Items

MOTION #2024- 19– VILLAGE OF HESPERIA LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AGREEMENT

Moved by Mr. Beggs and supported by Mr. Hardy to approve the Village of Hesperia Law Enforcement Service Agreement with Oceana County to expire on December 31, 2024, to be retroactive to January 1, 2024, and allow the Chair to sign.

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

Motion carried.

MOTION #2024 – 20 – APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Moved by Mr. Erickson and supported by Mr. Beggs to appoint Mr. Erik Bengston to the Parks & Recreation Commission for an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

MOTION #2024 – 21 – DESIGNATION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and supported by Mr. Erickson designating the following financial institutions for the deposits and investments for Oceana County Funds to be utilized at the discretion of the Oceana County Treasurer during the fiscal year 2024:

- Shelby State Bank
- Fifth Third Bank
- West Shore Bank
- Huntington Bank
- Flagstar Bank
- Lake Osceola Bank
- Multibank Securities
- Michigan CLASS Investments
- CDARS-Government Authorized Investment Group
- CIBC formerly known as Private Bank

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

Motion carried.

Mr. Erickson commended Ms. Phillips, Oceana County Treasurer, regarding the management of investments for the county. Mr. Walker agreed.

MOTION #2024-23 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and supported by Mr. Beggs, to adopt Motion #2024-23, approving the payment of accounts payable and release of funds for February 8, 2024.

AMBULANCE	\$12,499.02
GIS	-0-
FOC	-0-
PENTWATER-HART TRAIL	-0-
SHELBY TWP COMM PARK	1,160,783.24
BROWNFIELD	-0-
AUTOMATION R.O.D.	1,200.00
INDIGENT DEFENSE	4,691.15
LCOT	-0-
K9 UNIT	-0-
CJT	-0-
CDBG	-0-
ARPA	60,501.67
VETERANS AFFAIRS	6,084.95
TECH & INNOVATION	5,732.87
CAPITAL PROG/EQUIP REP	-0-
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
FORECLOSURE	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	2,806.08
GENERAL FUND	284,613.97
	\$1,538,912.95
GRAND TOTAL	

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

Motion carried.

Commissioner’s Reports

Mr. Beggs requested of the administrator to get a date set for the walk through of the Health Department, County Building and the Sheriff Department storage area. It was decided to make a walk through of the Health Department after the next board meeting.

Mr. Hardy mentioned Life EMS has funds set aside for CAD to CAD. 911 is working to activate the system. Mr. Walker suggested a virtual tour of Life EMS Dispatch in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Morse felt that discussions are good for making good decisions. In the Michigan Works meeting it was brought up that the company Goshen (battery plant) in Grand Rapids is finding it difficult to find people to work and meet the qualifications the company has set in place.

Mr. Erickson reported that there have been some investments in the village of Walkerville. He reported that the Medical Care Facility census is around 89 beds and the losses have leveled off. The staffing is getting better. He also stated that the DHHS building on Polk Road has very few employees working in the building, most are working from home. There have been interviews for a new director due to the retirement of Ms. Janet Vyse-Staszak.

Mr. Walker stated there was a very productive Land Bank meeting last week. The bank is looking at bigger projects which included Hart Co-op and Barber Steel. Brownfield has the ability to take on larger projects. There are other small projects being done with some of the townships. He commended Mary Lou Phillips leadership that has helped the Land Bank come a long way. He asked everyone to take a moment and think about the loss of one of our former commissioners who was lost last week and the value the person brought to our county.

Public Comment

District Court Judge Middlebrook requested the board to reconsider and approve the \$1.00/hour raise for Adriana Facundo. Mr. Erickson had spoken with the judge regarding the issue. Mr. Walker recommended a meeting with the personnel committee regarding the issue.

Ms. Anderson reminded the board the deadline to file for the May election is February 13. If the Council on Aging chooses to have the millage removed from the May ballot, the Board would need to rescind the resolution that authorized it to be on the ballot, or the Council on Aging would need to withdraw the request for it to be on the May ballot. This would need happen prior to the next board meeting.

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 Administration Committee

The Finance and Administration Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hardy on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 10:31 a.m., in the Board Conference Room.

Present: Mr. Erickson, Mr. Morse, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Hardy.

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

Moved by Mr. Morse and supported by Mr. Beggs to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2024 Finance and Administration Committee meeting as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Hardy asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No additions were mentioned.

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.

Agenda Items

Administrator Byard brought forth the Parks and Recreation Appointment of Erik Bengston. Garry McKeen stated a few words about Mr. Bengston.

Administrator Byard brought forth the Designation of Financial Institutions for Deposits and Investments.

Administrator Byard brought forth the Council on Aging Change to Date Ballot Proposal. Discussion about what this would entail and how it would affect the other entities in the area ensued. Oceana County is only allowed one mill for senior resources. It was agreed there would be no further action taken at this time. It was suggested The Council on Aging bring forth some further information as to how the money is used and if there is any surplus.

Administrator Byard brought forth discussion regarding combination of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds. A benefit brought forth was the possible saving of money. There was continued discussion of the pros and cons of this decision. The consensus was that a majority of the board members were not in favor of this moving forward.

Ms. Byard did not read the claims for payment, but the following was provided:

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

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	\$ 4,400.00	to Hesperia Fire Department for 4th Quarter 2023 MFR costs
	\$ 7,150.00	to Pentwater Fire Department for 4th Quarter 2023 MFR Costs
239 - Shelby Twp Community Park	\$ 576,693.73	to Hallack Contracting, Inc for project services.
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256 - Automation Fund R.O.D.	\$ 1,200.00	to GovOS, Inc for software fees.
286 - ARPA	\$ 41,400.00	to Karpel Computer Systems, Inc. for Prosecuting Attorney's case management software
	\$ 1,701.67	to Karpel Computer Systems, Inc. for Prosecuting Attorney's case management software
	\$ 17,400.00	to BS&A Software for cloud based software implementation
293 - Veterans Affairs	\$ 2,000.00	to Raymer Water Wells for indigent veteran expense
298 - Technology and Innovation	\$ 3,770.16	to SHI International Corp for Machinery & Equipment and software
549 - Building Department Fund	\$ 1,102.08	to BS&A Software for software renewal
General Fund		
265 - Courthouse & Grounds	\$ 1,242.50	to Republic Services for trash removal

301 - Sheriff	\$ 1,192.70	to AT&T mobility
	\$ 6,851.04	to Wex Bank for fuel purchases
351 - Jail	\$ 1,429.80	to Gordon Food Service for inmate boarding
	\$ 1,383.15	to City of Hart for Utilities
	\$ 1,475.36	to City of Hart for Utilities
595 - Airport	\$ 3,500.00	to Jacobsen/Daniels Associates, LLC for independent fee estimate for County Airport
648 - Medical Examiner	\$ 7,095.42	to Mid Michigan Medical Examiner Group for 3rd Quarter 2023 Medical Examiner Fees
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~ Total	\$ 1,272,172.54	

Administrator's Report Items *(as written by Tracy Byard)*

Administrator Byard attended a meeting with four county administrator's for a Materials Management meeting. More info will be forthcoming in March.

Administrator Byard had a meeting with Amy Delinke from MAC regarding opioid settlements.

Department Head Reports

There were no department head reports at this time.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Chairperson Hardy asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk

Courts and Public Safety Committee

The Courts and Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beggs, on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 10:03 a.m. in the Board Conference Room.

Present: Mr. Erickson, Mr. Morse, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Beggs.

Also Present: Mr. Jeff Stockhill, Director of North Operations, Life EMS; Gary McKeen, Planning Commission; Troy Maloney, Oceana County Emergency Manager; Ms. Byard, Oceana County Administrator; Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent; and Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk.

Moved by Mr. Morse and supported by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2024, Courts and Public Safety Committee Meeting as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Beggs asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were mentioned.

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

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Agenda Items

Mr. Jeff Stockhill, Director of North Operations, Life EMS discussed the LIFE EMS Quarterly Report. There was discussion regarding EMS timing to locations, as well as inner hospital transfers.

Ms. Byard, brought forth the Village of Hesperia Law Enforcement Services Agreement. Additional wording was requested at the last meeting and was given. She indicated that the contract will be made retroactive to January 1, 2024. Undersheriff has been in contact with the attorney regarding the timeframe of when this would be brought forth (prior to the end of the year) for renewal in the coming year.

Mr. Troy Maloney, Oceana County Emergency Manager, explained plans to build trust in government as well as the status with Haz-Mit Code Red renewal. He reported that there was recently a fire in Greenwood at Cushman Creek Supply Seed where there was a total loss of buildings. He also reported that there was a housefire in the Village of Shelby, where there was one fatality. In addition, he discussed helping EGLE with water soluble fertilizer.

Department Head Report

Gary McKeen, Oceana Planning Commission, discussed five-year plan and building trust between the county and townships.

Public Comment

There were no public comments at this time.

Chairperson Beggs asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk