



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes

April 14, 2020

A Special Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, April 14, 2020** at **10:00 a.m.** by Teleconference (In compliance to the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-15) from the Commissioner's Boardroom, at the Oscoda County Government Center, Mio Michigan 48647.

Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Commissioners Yoder and Varner.

Members by Teleconference: Commissioner Bondar, Marsh and McCauley.

Members Excused:

Commissioner Yoder called the Teleconference Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

(In compliance to the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-15)

Others by Teleconference: 5 members of the public.

**The B.O.C cancelled the Work Session.

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **April 14, 2020, with two additions that included Expenditures for March 2020 under the Consent Agenda Item#3 and under Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions, Hazard Pay correspondence.

Varner/Marsh a motion to accept the Agenda for **April 14, 2020**, with additions.
2020-120

Roll Call Vote: Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; McCauley, yes;
Varner, yes; Bondar, yes. **Motion Carried.**

The B.O.C approved the Consent Agenda for **April 14, 2020.

Item #1 Official Minutes & Closed Session Minutes for **March 31, 2020**, were approved as presented.

Item #2 Claims and Audit Docket for **April 14, 2020**, were approved, as received, from the County Clerk's. Total Claims & Audit **\$58,509.35**.

Item #3 Expenditures for **March 2020**, were approved, as received, from the County Clerk's. Total Expenditures **\$465,562.32**.

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
101 General Fund	\$164,405.95	\$98,754.89	\$263,160.84
102 Ambulance Equip	\$0.00	\$1,007.41	\$1,007.41
103 Sheriff Equip	\$0.00	\$1,080.20	\$1,080.20
104 911 Emergency	\$6,633.17	\$1,888.52	\$8,521.69
205 Officer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
208 Park Fund	\$1,216.44	\$615.62	\$1,832.06
209 D.A.R.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
210 Ambulance Fund	\$58,901.06	\$15,910.34	\$74,811.40
215 Friend/Court	\$5,696.43	\$2,068.50	\$7,764.93
216 Public Guardian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
217 Fairgrounds	\$0.00	\$310.25	\$310.25
218 Smith Lake	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
230 Hazmat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
232 Historical Commission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
239 Gypsy Moth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245 Public Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
249 Building Dept.	\$4,263.27	\$2,856.10	\$7,119.37
256 R.O.D. Automation	\$0.00	\$1,011.55	\$1,011.55
258 May 4 Courthouse Fire	\$0.00	\$3,108.00	\$3,108.00
260 MIDC	\$0.00	\$40,430.00	\$40,430.00
263 Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$0.00	\$12.50	\$12.50
265 Drug Law Enforcement	\$3,917.26	\$1,517.40	\$5,434.66
269 Law Library	\$0.00	\$289.75	\$289.75
271 Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274 Council/Aging	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
281 EDC Revolving Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
285 RSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
290 Social Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
292 Child Care	\$0.00	\$21,244.55	\$21,244.55
293 Soldiers / Sailors Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
294 Veterans Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
295 Airport	\$736.96	\$125.52	\$862.48
296 Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00
297 Smile/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
298 Veterans Affairs	\$2,214.58	\$4,561.17	\$6,775.75
470 Courthouse Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535 Housing	\$0.00	\$1,188.54	\$1,188.54
616 Tax Revolving	\$0.00	\$2,721.39	\$2,721.39

<i>SUB TOTALS</i>	\$247,985.12	\$217,577.20	\$465,562.32
201 Road Commission			\$247,170.89
<i>Grand Total</i>		\$712,733.21	

Varner/Bondar a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for April 14, 2020.
2020-121

Roll Call Vote: Varner, yes; Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes;
 Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Public Matters & Comments (Limited to three minutes per person).

Appointments:

**Ms. Amber Woehlert, Equalization Director, presented the Annual 2020 Equalization Report, as required by PA135 of 1991; by teleconference. Ms. Woehlert will address the B.O.C with the Tax Certification for Taxes Levied in 2020, after the State Equalization in May. The following motions were made:

Bondar/Varner a motion to go into an Equalization Session, as required by PA 135 of 1991 (10:07a.m).
2020-122

Roll Call Vote: Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes; Marsh, yes;
 McCauley, yes; Varner, yes. **Motion Carried.**

McCauley/Bondar a motion to adjourn the Equalization Session and return to the Regular Board Meeting (10:12 a.m.).
2020-123

Roll Call Vote: McCauley, yes; Varner, yes; Marsh, yes;
 Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Marsh/Varner a motion to accept the Oscoda County 2020 Equalization Report, with the total equalized value of \$480,069,015 as prepared & received by the Oscoda County Equalization Director, Amber Woehlert, and authorize the Chairman and the County Clerk to sign.
2020-124

Roll Call Vote: Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, yes;
 Yoder, yes; Marsh, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

**The B.O.C adopt Resolution 2020-006, as requested by Ms. Lee Ann Fischer, Housing Consulting Services LLC, to allow the Oscoda County to apply for the USDA Housing Preservation Grant.

McCauley/Bondar a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-006** "Housing Preservation Grant", as written.
2020-125

Roll Call Vote: Varner, yes; Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes;
 Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Varner read the two correspondence, received from the POAM and Sheriff Grace, regarding Hazard Pay. Commissioner Varner stated he did a lot of research and called several surrounding Counties. The B.O.C discussed in length. Sheriff Grace added that he is looking at a monetary value for his staff. It was the consensus of the B.O.C to continue to look into further.

Varner/Bondar a motion to acknowledge the two correspondence, as written, from POAM and Sheriff Kevin Grace, regarding Hazard Pay for Oscoda County Sheriff Department employees.
2020-126

Roll Call Vote: Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes; Marsh, yes;
McCauley, yes; Varner, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business/New Business:

Financial:

**Commissioner Yoder addressed COVID-19. Governor Whitmore has extended the State of Michigan Executive Order (temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life) “To Stay Home” “Stay Safe” until April 30, 2020. For information visit www.michigan.gov/whitmer. Commissioner Yoder and Varner both expressed their appreciation to those essential workers and thanked the Department Heads for working with their staff to reduce social distancing. Commissioner Yoder asked the B.O.C to comply with the order and allow the County Clerk’s Office to continue to pay employees. Commissioner Yoder read a “drafted letter” he wrote to Governor Whitmore and asked the B.O.C to allow him to send, representing Oscoda County B.O.C. After discussion, with some minor changes, it was the consensus of the B.O.C to send a letter to the Governor.

Varner/McCauley a motion for Oscoda County Government to comply with the Executive Order 2020-42 **2020-127** (Rescission of Executive Order 2020-21) for the State of Michigan and authorize the County Clerk’s office to continue to pay staff and retain county benefits as if employees were at work.

Roll Call Vote: Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; McCauley, yes;
Varner, yes; Bondar, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Varner/Bondar a motion to send and approve an official letter to Governor Whitmore, as amended, and **2020-128** allow the Chair & Vice-Chair to sign.

Roll Call Vote: McCauley, yes; Varner, yes; Marsh, yes;
Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Bondar

**Park – The quote for the Electric work was received, however the Grant has expired for this year.
Note: The County needs to look at other avenues to get the wood cut at the Park; it was the consensus of the B.O.C to reach out and get some quotes.
**Landfill Board Meeting. – Teleconference.
**Airport – Phone system (site-minder) down for the Fuel for a week.
Note: Suburban Propane down to 11% the Airport to change to Ferrell Gas.

Commissioner Marsh

**No meetings to report on.

Commissioner McCauley

**Several E-mails/Phone Calls.

Commissioner Varner

**Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for April 14, 2020; as part of the Finance Committee.
**COVID-19 - Continues to be in contact by phone and/or e-mail with Chair Yoder, Sheriff Grace and his Department, Bob Hunter, EMS Director, Ms. Denise Bryan, the District Health Dept#2 Health Officer, Department Heads, the Herald, and the public.

- **Several e-mails/phone calls and research regarding Hazard Pay.
- **Met along with Commissioner Yoder with Sheriff Grace; in compliance with Social Distancing.
- **Met along with Commissioner Yoder with Bob Hunter, EMS Director; in compliance with Social Distancing.
- **Phone conversations with Judge Morse-Bills and Gary King, Labor Attorney.
- **Participated in a Webinar with Senator Jim Stamas.

Commissioner Yoder

- **Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for April 14, 2020; as part of the Finance Committee.
- **COVID-19 - Continues to be in contact by phone and/or e-mail with Chair Varner, Sheriff Grace and his Department, Bob Hunter, EMS Director, Mike Bowers, Emergency Management Coordinator, Department Heads and the Public.
- **Met along with Commissioner Varner with Sheriff Grace; in compliance with Social Distancing.
- **Met along with Commissioner Varner with Bob Hunter, EMS Director; in compliance with Social Distancing.
- **NEMCOG -Awarded four local County business's the MEDC Small Business Relief Grants.
- **Participated in a Webinar with Senator Jim Stamas.
- **The Insurance Mediation

Public Comments & Matters:

- **Sheriff Grace, by teleconference, stated he is working to abide by all the Executive Orders, set by Governor Whitmore, and the Sheriff's Department is doing their best to educate our County residents; the Sheriff's Department complaints are up.
- *Sheriff Grace, by teleconference, stated the two schools continue to have their food drops; provided through a Federal Grant.
- **The Nor'easter is looking at cancelling their event this year.

**Commissioner Yoder thanked everyone for participating in today's teleconference and called for a motion to adjourn the teleconference.

Varner/Bondar a motion to adjourn today's meeting (12:05 p.m.).

2020-129

Roll Call Vote: Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, yes;
Yoder, yes; Marsh, yes. **Motion Carried.**

The next Regular B.O.C Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 28, 2020. A B.O.C Work Session will be held at **9:00 a.m.** and the Regular B.O.C Meeting at **10:00 p.m.** held by teleconference in compliance to the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-15. ***Public Welcomed by dialing 989-826-1163 (Pin#353)***

**Kyle Yoder, Oscoda County
Board of Commissioners Chairman**

**Jeri Winton, Oscoda County
Clerk & Register of Deeds**