



# COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners  
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## Official Minutes

April 28, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** by Teleconference, in compliance to the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-48 (Rescission of Executive Order 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. 2020-48 (Rescission of Executive Order 2020-15).

Others by Teleconference: 9 members of the public.

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **April 28, 2020**, with three additions under Unfinished Business/New Business: Economic Development Projects discussion, County Park discussion and Essential Employee discussion.

**Varner/Marsh** a motion to accept the Agenda for **April 28, 2020**, with three additions.  
**2020-130**

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Consent Agenda for **April 28, 2020**.

**Item #1** Official Minutes for **April 14, 2020**, were approved as presented.

**Item #2** General Fund Budget Amendments.

\*\*The B.O.C approved budget amendments to the General Fund, as listed, to reflect true expenses.

Liability Insurance	101-115-912.00	Increase	\$5,968.00
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Contingency	101-890-965.00	Decrease	\$5,968.00
211 Dues	101-115-807.03	Increase	\$1,306.00
Contingency	101-890-965.00	Decrease	\$1,306.00
Rebuild Non-Cap.	101-371-775.00	Increase	\$2,332.87
Contingency	101-890-965.00	Decrease	\$2,323.87

**Item #3** Claims and Audit Docket for **April 28, 2020**, was approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$45,241.84**.

**Marsh/Bondar** a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **April 28, 2020**.  
**2020-131**

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

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

\*\*Ms. Laura Bowen from the U.S. Census Bureau was on the line and asked the B.O.C to help spread the word through their districts to fill out the 2020 Census.

**Appointments:**

**Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:**

\*\*Sheriff Grace sent a request to the B.O.C to pay his essential/frontline employees a onetime stipend of \$1,000.00. Sheriff Grace outlined a savings to his budgets, which included the Jail that could cover the stipend. Commissioner Varner and Yoder both stated that the B.O.C does appreciate our essential/frontline employees, including our EMS, and each of you do deserve recognition. Commissioner Yoder stated the legislators is looking at State/Federal funding to honor essential/frontline employees and would recommend the B.O.C wait. After discussion, it was the consensus to review the County Budget's and come back with a recommendation to recognize our essential/frontline employees for the B.O.C to consider. Sheriff Grace stated he was disappointed with the no action of the Board today.

**Varner/Bondar** a motion to acknowledge the correspondence, as written, from Sheriff Kevin Grace, **2020-132** regarding "Hazard Pay" for Oscoda County Sheriff department employees and to look at a "Hazard Pay Formula" that includes the Emergency Medical Service employees, at the May 12, 2020 B.O.C Meeting, for Board consideration.

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

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

\*\*The B.O.C cancelled the "Grand Opening" for the Government Center and made a motion to continue to comply with Executive Orders, as presented by Governor Whitmore, for the State of Michigan.

**Bondar/McCauley** a motion to cancel the Oscoda County Government Center Grand Opening, scheduled **2020-133** for Monday, May 4, 2020.

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

**Varner/Marsh 2020-134** a motion for Oscoda County Government to continue to comply with Executive Orders, as presented by Governor Whitmore, 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, until further notice.

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

\*\*Commissioner Yoder stated it is unclear in the Executive Order, if County employees must wear facemask while at work when the County is closed to the public; facemask will be available to any employee. Commissioner Bondar asked about the definition of essential employee's, referring to the Executive Order. The two mobile trailers will need some tear down before they can be removed and lawn care for the County grounds both could be done keeping social distancing, questioning if Maintenance Department employees could come back to work. Commissioner Varner & Yoder both stated that the Maintenance Supervisor has been working his staff, as other department heads, in compliance with the executive order to perform basic operations at this time.

\*\*Commissioner Bondar talked about the County Park. Ms. Holly Stoner, Park Manager, was on the line and added to the conversation. Ms. Stoner was asked by Ms. Brook Taggart, Consumers Energy Company, to provide an action plan or guidelines to open the County Park. Commissioner Bondar stated that a few ideas were to only allow self-contained campers, close the rustic areas and close the bathhouse for now. Ms. Stoner asked if seasonal campers could have their camper's set-up prior to the scheduled opening of May 15, 2020 as long as they did not occupy them. Commissioner Yoder stated that more research would need to be done.

\*\*Commissioner Yoder stated he was asked to provide an "Economic Development Project List" to NEMCOG as part of the COVID-19 recovery plan for possible funding opportunities. The B.O.C discussed projects that were already list and others to be included. Some of those items included adding the County Park electric project and up-dating the bathhouse and paving Weaver road. Commissioner Yoder will compile a list to send to NEMCOG, based on today's conversation and the deadline of May 6, 2020. Commissioner Yoder will provide a copy.

### **Financial:**

\*\*The B.O.C approved Commissioner Yoder and Bondar accommodations for the May 27, 2020 Mediation in Detroit, MI.

**Varner/McCauley 2020-135** a motion to authorize Commissioner Yoder and Bondar to make the necessary accommodations for the scheduled mediation, on May 27, 2020 in Royal Oak, between Oscoda County and Tokio Marine, HCC regarding Claim#180364; to be paid out of B.O.C Budget 101/101.

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved Invoice#15 for Wolgast and authorized Chairman Yoder to sign the Certificates of Substantial Completion. Commissioner Yoder reiterated that Wolgast Corporation will stand behind their warrantees.

**Marsh/McCauley 2020-136** a motion to authorize the County Treasurer and County Clerk to issue a check to **Wolgast Corporation** for Invoice #15, in the amount of **\$21,667.50** (minus the 10% retainage of **\$2,407.50**), and so amend the FIRE Budget 258.

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

**Varner/Marsh** a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer **\$24,075.00** out of General Fund **2020-137** 101 from line 101-965-999.32 (transfers out May 4 Courthouse Fire) to Special Fund 258 line 258-000-699.00 (transfers in May 4 Courthouse Fire), and so amend the Budget. This amount will be reimbursed to the General Fund once funds are received from the Insurance Company. The funds from insurance will be deposited into Special Fund 258 and then transferred to reimburse the General Fund.

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

**McCauley/Varner** a motion to authorize the County Treasurer and County Clerk to issue a check to **2020-138** Wolgast Corporation for the retainage portion of Invoice #15, in the amount of **\$90,935.49** from Trust and Agency Account 701-000-273.01 (Wolgast Retainage), and so amend the FIRE Budget 258.

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

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to authorize the Oscoda County Chairman to sign the “Certificates of **2020-139** Substantial Completion”, as presented and requested by Wolgast Corporation.

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

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Commissioner Marsh**

\*\*No meetings to report on.

##### **Commissioner McCauley**

\*\*District Health Department #2 Board Meeting – Teleconference.

\*\* Correspondence received from AuSable Valley Natural River Zone Review Board.

##### **Commissioner Bondar**

\*\*Landfill Claims & Audit Committee Meeting.

\*\*Park – A couple options were given to cut up the wood at the Park. A written quote & proper insurance information is needed to move forward. Commissioner Bondar & Holly Stoner to follow-up.

\*\*Landfill Board Meeting. – Teleconference.

\*\*Airport – The Propane tanks have been changed and working with Net Express on the phone & fuel system at the Airport.

\*\*Met with Net Express regarding fiber optic – waiting on a quote.

\*\*Phone conference call with Joe Quandt, Attorney along with Commissioner Yoder.

\*\*Met with Commissioner Bondar and Bob Hunter, EMS Director; in compliance with Social Distancing.

##### **Commissioner Varner**

\*\*Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for April 28, 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.

\*\*Landfill Board Meeting – Teleconference.

\*\*Met with Commissioner Bondar and Bob Hunter, EMS Director; in compliance with Social Distancing.

\*\*District Health Department #2 Board Meeting – Teleconference.

\*\*Airport – Received \$20,000.00 from the CARES ACT that will be used to cover the phone and fuel system upgrades.

\*\*ASVCMH Board Meeting – Teleconference.

**Commissioner Yoder**

\*\*Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for April 28, 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.

\*\*Phone conference call with Joe Quandt, Attorney along with Commissioner Bondar.

\*\*Contact with NEMCOG.

**Public Comments & Matters:** \*\*None

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

\*\*Commissioner Yoder called for a Closed Session for consideration of a written legal opinion within the attorney-client privilege, in accordance with the "Open Meetings" (1976 PA267 MCL 15.261 et seq.) (Section 8-H).

**Varner/Bondar** a motion to go into **Closed Session** (12:27 p.m.), for written legal opinion within the **2020-140** attorney-client privilege.

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

**Bondar/Varner** a motion to return to the B.O.C Meeting (12:33 p.m.) **2020-141**

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

\*\*The following motion was made upon returning from Closed Session.

**Varner/Bondar** a motion to authorize Attorney Joseph E. Quandt, Kuhn Rogers PLC to work up to **2020-142** additional 30 hours and approve the additional cost, up to \$8,000.00, to review the information in preparation of the Mediation scheduled for May 27, 2020 with the County's Liability Insurance Carrier, Tokio Marine HCC, regarding Claim# 180364 (May 4, 2016 Courthouse Fire).

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

**Bondar/Marsh** a motion to adjourn today's meeting (12:38 p.m.) **2020-143**

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

\*\*The next Regular B.O.C Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12, 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)\***

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

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

