



# COUNTY OF OSCODA

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**Oscoda County Board of Commissioners**  
**Work Session**  
**9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 28, 2020**

Members Present: Commissioners Yoder, Varner, Bondar, Marsh and McCauley.

Members Excused:

Others Present: 31 members of the public were in attendance.

Chairman Yoder called the Work Session Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

\*\*Agenda Items for the B.O.C “Work Session” included:

\*\*Mr. Al Chaney & Mr. Joe Stone addressed the B.O.C supporting the Second Amendment and making Oscoda County a Sanctuary County; there was 31 residents in the audience to show their support. Mr. Stone addressed the concerns in the State of Virginia and stated Michigan wants to follow suit. Mr. Stone stated it is important that Counties be proactive to let our State & Federal Representatives know how the residents of Michigan stand. It is the goal to go across Michigan and ask all Counties to pass a resolution to make their Counties a “Sanctuary County”; many already have and/or are in the process. A petition was formed here in Oscoda County and 563 (Non-Parisian) signatures were obtain in support. Mr. Chaney addressed the concerns with the United States mental health and the gun issues and the arbitral actions of some police force agencies, due to the legal process. Mr. Chaney stated we need to focus on the illegal gun issues here in Michigan. Counties need to start some place before it gets out of hand, a resolution to make a symbolic statement where we stand supporting the Second Amendment and make Oscoda County a Sanctuary County is a beginning. It was the consensus of the Board to support. Mr. Joe Stone asked the B.O.C to move the proposed resolution to the Regular Board Meeting for a vote. Commissioner Yoder open the floor for discussion. Many residents in the audience shared their support and respect for the Sheriff’s Department their support of the second amendment; working to make our County a safe place. The B.O.C were thanked for being opened and showing their support. The Resolution is available on the County Website ([www.osocodacountymi.com](http://www.osocodacountymi.com)) for review.

\*\*Commissioner Yoder asked for Committee Reports. Commissioner Yoder will give his Committee Report during the Regular Board Meeting, due to time restraints.

**Commissioner Bondar**

\*\*Met out at Fairgrounds regarding the cutting of Hazard Trees.

\*\*Transferred the County Parks Propane Tanks from Suburban to Ferrell Gas.

\*\*Attended the Big Creek Township Board Meeting.

\*\*Met with Dave Kauffman along with Commissioner Varner regarding the Airport plow truck.

\*\*Attended the Landfill Board Meeting.  
\*\*Waiting for detailed quote from MERIT regarding the future internet service at the new Government Building.

### **Commissioner Varner**

\*\*Attended the Community Mediation Services Board Meeting.  
\*\*Attended the ASVCMH Finance Committee Board Meeting.  
\*\*Participated in a tour of the Kirtland Community College and met with Mr. Tom Quinn, President, along with County Clerk & Register of Deeds, Jeri Winton.  
\*\*Participated in a meeting along with Commissioner Yoder (Finance Committee) and County Treasurer, Bill Kendall, to balance the 2019 year-end budgets.  
\*\*Met with Dave Kauffman along with Commissioner Bondar regarding the Airport plow truck.  
\*Note – Thank you to Mr. Rod Layman, Road Commission, who was able to fix the Airport plow truck.  
\*\*Attended the Landfill Board Meeting.  
\*\*Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for January 28, 2020; as part of the Finance Committee.  
\*\*Attended the ASVCMH Invitational Meeting along with Commissioner McCauley, to discuss the State of MI Redesign of Mental Health Services.  
\*\*Attended the DHD#2 Board Meeting.  
\*\*Attended the ASVCMH Board Meeting.

### **Commissioner Marsh**

\*\*Attended the DHHS Board Meeting.  
\*\*Attended the Historical Commission Board Meeting.

### **Commissioner McCauley**

\*\*Attended the Greenwood Township Board Meeting.  
\*\*Attended the Big Creek Board Meeting.  
\*\*Attended the Road Commission Meeting.  
\*\*Attended the ASVCMH Invitational Meeting along with Commissioner Varner, to discuss the State of MI Redesign of Mental Health Services.  
\*\*Attended the DHD#2 Board Meeting.

\*\*Chairman Yoder called to end the Work Session (9:54 a.m.).

## **Official Minutes January 28, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Commissioner's Room, Courthouse Annex Mio Michigan 48647.

Chairman Yoder called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present: Commissioners Yoder, Varner, Bondar, Marsh, and McCauley.

Members Excused:

Others Present: 25 members of the public were in attendance.

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **January 28, 2020** with one addition under Correspondence/ Reports/Resolutions:

Resolution **2020-001** “Declaring Oscoda County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County”.

**Bondar/McCauley** a motion to accept the Agenda for **January 28, 2020**, with noted addition of  
**2020-022** Resolution to support of the second amendment.  
5 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

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

**Item #1** Official & Closed Session Minutes for **January 14, 2020**.

**Item #2** 2020 B.O.C Committee Appointments Assigned.

\*\*The Board approved the 2020 B.O.C Committee Appointments as assigned. For review visit the County Website [www.oscodacountymi.com](http://www.oscodacountymi.com) under the B.O.C.

**Item #3** Claims and Audit Docket for **January 28, 2020**, as received from the County Clerk’s Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$61,362.41**.

**Marsh/Bondar** a motion to approve the Consent Calendar for **January 28, 2020**, as presented.  
**2020-023**

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

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

**Appointments:**

**Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:**

\*\*Commission Varner read the proposed resolution, as it was presented at the Work Session, “Declaring Oscoda County to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County” then the B.O.C approved unanimously; the audience clapped.

**Bondar/Varner** a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-001** “Declaring Oscoda County to be a Second  
**2020-024** Amendment Sanctuary County”, as written.

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

\*\*The B.O.C acknowledged several correspondence, one from the Sheriff Department, the EDC & Brownfield Board, the Veteran Affairs Board, the 2020 Vaccination Clinic Schedule, the Trial Court Administrator, and the Historical Commission Board. The following motions were made:

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to acknowledge the appointment of Dispatcher Ryan Blair to the position  
**2020-025** of Lead Dispatcher with a monthly stipend of \$125.00, effective January 5, 2020, in accordance to the POAM Union Contract.

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

**McCauley/Bondar** a motion to acknowledge the appointment of AJ Welser as Chair, Al Chaney as Vice-  
**2020-026** Chair and Mysty Berry as Secretary to the EDC & Brownfield Board for 2020.

5 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

**Marsh/Varner** a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Aston Evans EDC & Brownfield Board  
**2020-027** Member and authorize the EDC & Brownfield Board to advertise for new membership.  
5 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to acknowledge the appointment of Richard Landry as Chair, Al Chaney as  
**2020-028** Vice-Chair and Susan Whiting as Secretary to the Veteran Affairs Board for 2020.  
5 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

**McCauley/Bondar** a motion to advertise for two weeks for the 2020 Vaccination Clinic offered by The  
**2020-029** Elk Country Animal Shelter on February 22, 2020.

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

**Marsh/Bondar** a motion to acknowledge the resignation of Joshua Bouverette as the Trial Court Juvenile  
**2020-030** Officer, effective 2/6/2020 and acknowledge the Trial Court Administrator notification to  
move forward to fill the position.  
5 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

**McCauley/Bondar** a motion to acknowledge the appointment of George Kerschenheiter as Historical  
**2020-031** Commission Board Member and Secretary replacing Sandy Handrich, and to hold the  
2020 Regular Historical Commission Board Meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
at 6 p.m. at the Steiner Museum; amending their bylaws, Article 2 Section A.  
5 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

#### **Unfinished Business/New Business:**

\*\*Commissioner Yoder stated the new Government Building is moving forward the tile, carpet and some finishing work is being completed inside with the exterior lights installed outside. Commissioner Yoder stated that Wolgast will complete some landscaping in the spring. Commissioner Yoder stated that the County has not heard back from our Attorney regarding the Counties insurance claim. Commissioner Bondar addressed some concerns with floor moldings, culture stone that was removed and is still waiting on a quote to remove a portion of the Register of Deeds counter top. Commissioner Yoder stated that he did talk with Wolgast and it is estimated to cost approximately \$1,500 and involves several contractors and it would delay the construction and when the County could take occupancy. Commissioner Yoder would like to move forward and purchase additional furniture as an alternative solution for now and in the future look at possible alterations. The final construction clean is scheduled next week; the Board will look at additional deep cleaning at a later date. Commissioner Yoder and Bondar will schedule a time to meet with each office at the new Government Building to discuss moving, etc. The B.O.C received a quote from Office Central (Impact) on common area furniture and a quote from UniFirst Corporation on area rugs for the B.O.C to review and consider for the new Governmental Building. Commissioner Bondar asked Wolgast Corporation to consider an "In Kind Project" and improve the Veterans Memorial Site.

#### **Financial:**

\*\*The B.O.C approved Invoice #12 as received from Wolgast.

**McCauley/Marsh** a motion to authorize the County Treasurer and County Clerk to issue a check to  
**2020-032** Wolgast Corporation for Invoice #12, in the amount of **\$421,367.98** (minus the 10%  
retainage of **\$46,818.66**), 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 County Treasurer to transfer **\$468,186.64** out of General Fund 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 FIRE Budget 258. 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:** Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, yes; Bondar, yes. **Motion Carried.**

\*\*Commissioner Yoder introduced Ms. Holly Stoner as the new Oscoda County Park Manager. The B.O.C approved to appropriate funds for improvements to the house at the park and to amend the Park Managers wage line.

**Marsh/Varner** a motion to appropriate \$5,000.00, moved from Contingency, to the County Park Budget (208) and authorize the Treasurer's Office to move those funds, for the "House Project" and so amend expense line 208-751-775.00 (Non-Capital) 2020 Park Budget.

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

**McCauley/Bondar** a motion to increase the Park Manager expense line 208-751-703.00 in the amount of \$3,000.00 to cover Park Manager wages, and so amend the 2020 Park Budget.

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

\*\*The B.O.C made a motion for the County to continue to pay the same MERS rate for Division 02.

**Varner/Bondar** a motion to authorize MERS to keep the same phase-in rate of 19.40% for Division 02 Sheriff's Department (P.O.A.M Union).

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

### **Committee Reports:**

\*\*Committee Reports were given during the Work Session with the exception of Commissioner Yoder.

### **Commissioner Yoder**

\*\*Attended the Planning Commission Board Meeting.

\*\*Attended the LEPC/LPT Board Meeting.

\*\*Attended the EDC & Brownfield Board Meeting.

\*\*Attended the NEMCOG Board Meeting.

\*\*Attended the Historical Commission Board Meeting.

\*\*Participated in a meeting along with Commissioner Varner (Finance Committee) and County Treasurer, Bill Kendall, to balance the 2019 year-end budgets.

\*\*Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for January 28, 2020; as part of the Finance Committee.

\*\*Met with the Conservation District along with Joe Stone regarding Gypsy Moth.

Note: The County has been awarded the FY20 County Veteran Service Fund Grant; details to follow.

Note: Commissioner McCauley stated that Mr. Steve Nobel, from Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy is scheduled to attend the next MTA meeting on February 10, 2020.

### **Public Comments & Matters:**

\*\*A resident asked if Wolgast has guarantee's to cover the County for their work on the new Government Building. Commissioner Yoder and Bondar will research.

\*\*Many residents again thanked the Board of Commissioners and Sheriff Grace for their cooperation and support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment through a Resolution.

\*\*Chairman Yoder called for a motion to adjourn.

**Varner/Bondar** a motion to adjourn today's meeting (11:12 a.m.).  
**2020-037**

5 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

\*\*The next Regular B.O.C Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 11, 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.**

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

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