



# COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners  
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## Official Minutes

July 14, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** by Teleconference, in compliance to the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-129 (Rescission of Executive Order 2020-75) from the Commissioner's Boardroom, at the Oscoda County Government Center Building, Mio Michigan 48647.

Pledge to the Flag.

Roll Call:

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

Members by Teleconference: 20

Others Present: 1 member of the public were in attendance.

Commissioner Yoder called the Teleconference Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.; in compliance to the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-129 (Rescission of Executive Order 2020-75).

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **July 14, 2020** after adding COVID-19 discussion, under Unfinished Business/New Business.

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to accept the Agenda for **July 14, 2020** with one addition.  
**2020-198**

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Consent Agenda for **July 14, 2020**, as presented.

### **Item #1** Official Minutes & Closed Session Minutes for **June 23, 2020**.

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Official Minutes and both Closed Sessions Minutes 1) 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). 2.) Strategy with the negotiations of a Collective Bargaining Agreement, in accordance with the "Open Meetings" (1976 PA267 MCL 15.261 et seq.) (Section 8-C).

### **Item #2** Cancellation Notice – B.O.C 9 a.m. Work Sessions, until further notice.

\*\*The B.O.C officially cancel the regular scheduled Work Session at 9 a.m., until further notice due to the COVID-19 concerns.

**Item #3** EMS Contingent Employees - Motion 2017-306 Amended.

\*\*The B.O.C amended motion# 2017-306 to remove the Steelworkers Union Contract to reflect the TPOAM Union Contract per motions 2020-195 and 2020-196, as requested by the EMS Director, Mr. Bob Hunter.

**Item #4** General and Special Fund Budget Summary for **June 2020**, were reviewed.

**Item #5** Expenditures Report for **June 2020**, were approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Expenditures **\$648,491.48**.

	<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>101</b> General Fund	\$161,885.02	\$279,727.54	\$441,612.56
<b>102</b> Ambulance Equip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>103</b> Sheriff Equip	\$0.00	\$2,372.36	\$2,372.36
<b>104</b> 911 Emergency	\$6,967.24	\$5,663.62	\$12,630.86
<b>205</b> Officer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>208</b> Park Fund	\$3,666.36	\$3,454.28	\$7,120.64
<b>209</b> D.A.R.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>210</b> Ambulance Fund	\$59,701.24	\$33,808.63	\$93,509.87
<b>215</b> Friend/Court	\$5,806.66	\$5,959.48	\$11,766.14
<b>216</b> Public Guardian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>217</b> Fairgrounds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>218</b> Smith Lake	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>230</b> Hazmat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>232</b> Historical Commission	\$0.00	\$27.38	\$27.38
<b>239</b> Gypsy Moth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>245</b> Public Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>249</b> Building Dept.	\$4,280.00	\$7,769.39	\$12,049.39
<b>256</b> R.O.D. Automation	\$0.00	\$1,429.00	\$1,429.00
<b>258</b> May 4 Courthouse Fire	\$0.00	\$4,376.32	\$4,376.32
<b>260</b> MIDC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>263</b> Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$0.00	\$1,838.45	\$1,838.45
<b>265</b> Drug Law Enforcement	\$2,162.86	\$2,398.16	\$4,561.02
<b>269</b> Law Library	\$0.00	\$579.50	\$579.50
<b>271</b> Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>274</b> Council/Aging	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>281</b> EDC Revolving Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>285</b> RSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>290</b> Social Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>292</b> Child Care	\$0.00	\$24,148.15	\$24,148.15
<b>293</b> Soldiers / Sailors Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

294	Veterans Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
295	Airport	\$750.54	\$3,861.66	\$4,612.20
296	Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
297	Smile/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
298	Veterans Affairs	\$2,198.64	\$4,193.62	\$6,392.26
470	Courthouse Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535	Housing	\$0.00	\$12,070.02	\$12,070.02
616	Tax Revolving	\$0.00	\$2,395.36	\$2,395.36
	<b><i>SUB TOTALS</i></b>	\$247,418.56	\$401,072.92	<b>\$648,491.48</b>
201	Road Commission			\$179,561.29
	<b><i>Grand Total</i></b>		\$828,052.77	

**Item #6** Claims and Audit Docket for **July 14, 2020**, were approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$77,955.72**.

**McCauley/Bondar** a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **July 14, 2020**.  
**2020-199**

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

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

\*\*Residents on the line expressed their concerns with Gypsy Moths.

**Appointments:**

\*\*State Representative, Majority Floor Leader, Mr. Triston Cole, by teleconference, addressed the B.O.C. Representative Cole, on behalf of Oscoda County, sent a letter to Governor Whitmore's Office to have Oscoda County removed from Region 4 into Region 6 of the Michigan Safe Start Map, however was denied. Representative Cole stated his disappointment in the Governor Office decision, however he will continue to work towards what is best for the rural areas, including Oscoda County. State Representative Triston Cole can be reached at 517-373-0829 or by e-mail [TristonCole@house.mi.gov](mailto:TristonCole@house.mi.gov).

\*\*Mr. Paul Eddy and Mr. Andy Moll, by teleconference, from Greenwood Township addressed the B.O.C regarding Oscoda County EMS. Greenwood Township has formed an Ambulance Committee to work with the EMS Director, Mr. Bob Hunter and the County to work towards improving EMS Service in Greenwood Township and to work on future including constructing and manning an EMS Station. Commissioner Varner and Bondar along with EMS Director, Mr. Bob Hunter will continue to work with Greenwood Township. A meeting has been scheduled July 21, 2020 at the Greenwood Township Hall.

**Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:**

\*\*Ms. Candice Braddock, from Enbridge, was on the line, and addressed some questions regarding the Great Lakes Tunnel Project. Ms. Braddock will follow-up with Commissioner Bondar. The B.O.C adopted Resolution 2020-009 "Oscoda County In Support of Line 5".

**Varner/Marsh** a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-009** "Oscoda County In Support of Line 5", as  
**2020-200** written.

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

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

\*\*Commissioner Yoder addressed the Gypsy Moth concerns. The B.O.C discussed having an Invasion Species Millage put on the November 3, 2020 General Election, that would include 2021 Gypsy Moth Spraying Program. Ms. Kelly Sinnaeve, District Forester, from Ogemaw and Oscoda Counties and Mr. Joe Stone, County resident who overseen the last Gypsy Moth millage, were on the line for their expertise. It was recommended that the B.O.C look just at a Gypsy Moth Millage due to the number of invasive species out there. The B.O.C decided to place a Gypsy Moth Control Millage on the November 3, 2020 General Election Ballot for .50 mills for (4) - four years, with the understanding if the millage pass's millage funds do not have to be collected if there is no longer a need within those four years. Commissioner Yoder stated that a Gypsy Moth Committee will be formed to look for additional funding through grants, to provide education, assist County residents and assist to facilitate details for the 2021 Gypsy Moth Spraying Program. An Oscoda County Gypsy Moth Control Millage" "Proposed" language will be sent to the Bond Attorney for review, for the B.O.C to consider before the August 11, 2020 deadline. For residents to sign up for the "Spraying Program" for 2021 they can visit the County Website [www.oscodacountymi.com](http://www.oscodacountymi.com) and fill out a form; more information will be available as details develop.

**Marsh/Varner:** a motion to place an "Oscoda County Gypsy Moth Control Millage" on the November 2020-201 3, 2020 General Election Ballot and send the "Proposed" language for .50 mills for (4) - four years, to Bond Attorney, Ms. Laura Bassett from Dickinson & Wright PLLC for review.

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

\*\*Commissioner Yoder addressed the MEDC through the Michigan Small Business Restart Program, as part of the Senate Bill 690 Federal CARES Act funding; Oscoda County funding is \$266,000.00. Commissioner Marsh will oversee on Oscoda County's behalf; applications will be available soon.

\*\*The Veterans Affairs Board would like to create a committee to work on a Veterans Memorial. It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to allow the Veterans Affairs Board to appoint a committee to work towards creating a Veterans Memorial for Oscoda County, to present to the Board of Commissioners, at a later date, for consideration. Commissioner Yoder stated the County will check with the bond attorney to see if any millage funds can be used towards a Veterans Memorial.

\*\*Commissioner Varner and Bondar gave an up-date on the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport. The T-Hanger Design was sent out for a second IFE, which was required by MDOT, which has pushed back the T-Hanger Project until 2021. Mead & Hunt, Inc. is working on the CIP Draft 2021-2025. The Aeronautics Map Meeting will be virtual. The Airport was awarded \$20,000.00 through the Cares Act Grant which will be used to up-date the site-minder fuel system and the phone system, with any remaining funds possibly going towards the purchase of a tractor; the County is still waiting on quotes to finalize.

\*\*Commissioner Yoder addressed the new Executive Order 2020-147 "Masks". Mask are required for all "Public Areas" therefore entrance to a County Building a mask is required; notification has been placed on all entrances. Elected Officials and Department Heads have been asked to read this order and comply as they believe is appropriate and required for their office. Visit [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus) to read the order. Also, commissioner Yoder stated that overtime for our current cleaning staff maybe required and the B.O.C will have to look at hiring a professional cleaning company, if it becomes necessary. It was the consensus of the B.O.C to support Chairman Yoder to make the call to take immediate action if any extra cleaning was to arise due to COVID-19.

**Financial:**

\*\*The B.O.C approved the amendment to the General Fund for Legal Counsel.

**Marsh/McCauley** a motion to move \$20,000.00 from Contingency to the Gov't Admin. (101/115) Legal  
**2020-202** Counsel Expense Line to cover additional attorney fees and so amend the budget.

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved "Hazard Pay" and the First Responders & Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Programs; both release of funds are based on a first come bases. Sheriff Grace and EMS Director, Mr. Bob Hunter worked together to come up with eligible employee's, in accordance to the guidelines, see the application for a complete list. Commissioner Varner stated the County is subject to reimbursement from both programs, due to the provision of Senate Bill 690 and supports the "Hazard Pay" for both the Sheriff and EMS Departments.

**Varner/Marsh** a motion to authorize Oscoda County, on behalf of the Oscoda County Sheriff & EMS  
**2020-203** Departments, to apply for the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program & the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program, 2020 Public Act#123, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, as outlined in the application packet, provisions of Senate Bill 690, and authorize the Oscoda County Chairman, Kyle Yoder, to sign on the County's behalf.

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

**Marsh/Bondar** a motion to authorize the County Clerk's Office, to pay in a separate check, a one-time  
**2020-204** "Hazard Pay" in a special pay, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for those essential/frontline Sheriff Department employees, as listed, paid out of the Sheriff's Department Budgets and so amend the budget; Hazard Pay subjected to reimbursement from 2020 Public Act 123, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, provision of Senate Bill 690.

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

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to authorize the County Clerk's Office, to pay a one-time "Hazard Pay" in a  
**2020-205** special pay, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for those essential/frontline EMS Department employees, as listed, paid out of the EMS Department Budget and so amend the budget; Hazard Pay subjected to reimbursement from 2020 Public Act 123, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Public Law 116-136, provision of Senate Bill 690.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Commissioner Marsh**

\*\*No Reports.

**Commissioner McCauley**

\*\*In contact with Mr. Steve Noble (EGLE) regarding Electronic Event, scheduled in September.

### **Commissioner Bondar**

- \*\*Met with Ms. Holly Stoner, Oscoda County Park Manager/Administrator regarding trees timbered, the County may need to assist.
- \*\*Mead & Hunt, Inc. teleconference regarding the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Airport along with Commissioner Varner and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Ms. Brenda Moore.
- \*\*MDOT teleconference regarding the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Airport along with Commissioner Varner and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Ms. Brenda Moore.
- \*\*Met with Mr. Jeff Melloh, Net Express, along with Commissioner Varner, Mr. Joe Breough, Maintenance Supervisor and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Ms. Brenda Moore regarding Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Airport and Fiber Optic Options.
- \*\*Met with Mr. Dan Kauffman, IT Director along with Commissioner Varner, and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Ms. Brenda Moore regarding Fiber Optic options.
- \*\*Met with Mr. Bob Hunter, EMS Director along with Commissioner Varner.
- \*\*Attended the Landfill Board Meeting.
- \*\*Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for July 14, 2020; for Commissioner Yoder.

### **Commissioner Varner**

- \*\*Mead & Hunt, Inc. teleconference regarding the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Airport along with Commissioner Bondar and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Ms. Brenda Moore.
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- \*\*Met with Mr. Dan Kauffman, IT Director along with Commissioner Bondar, and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Ms. Brenda Moore regarding Fiber Optic options.
- \*\*Met with Mr. Bob Hunter, EMS Director along with Commissioner Bondar.
- \*\*Attended the Landfill Board Meeting.
- \*\*Attended the N. MI Substance Abuse Board Meeting.
- \*\*Attended the Clinton Township Board Meeting.
- \*\*Several calls with Mr. Gary King, Labor Attorney regarding TPOAM Union Contract.
- \*\*Several calls with Commissioner Yoder.
- \*\*Met with Mr. Bob Hunter, EMS Director.
- \*\*Attended the NEMSCA Board Meeting.
- \*\*Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for July 14, 2020; as part of the Finance Committee.

### **Commissioner Yoder**

- \*\*Several calls with Mr. Joe Quandt, Attorney, following-up on insurance the settlement.
- \*\*Attended the Veteran Affairs Board Meeting.
- \*\*Working with Mr. Joe Breough, Maintenance Supervisor and Mr. Mike Bowers, Emergency Manager regarding a generator for the Government Center Building.
- \*\*NEMCOG – Looking at creating a committee for the “Project Dark Sky”.
- \*\*Attended the Planning Commission Board Meeting.
- \*\*Several calls with Commissioner Varner.

### **Public Comment:**

- \*\*Sheriff Grace & Mr. Bob Hunter, EMS Director thanked the B.O.C for approving the “Hazard Pay” and thanked everyone involved including the B.O.C Executive Secretary, Ms. Brenda Moore, EMS Administrative Assistant, Ms. Sherry Wilson and Payroll Specialist, Ms. Shayna Szafranski, for their assistance with the application and the information needed for both the First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program & the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program.

\*\*Sheriff Grace asked for support for the “Oscoda County Sheriff Operating Millage” and the “Drug Enforcement Officer Millage” both on the August 4, 2020 Primary Election Ballot.

\*\*Ms. Ann Galbraith introduced herself as a candidate running for the County Clerk and Register of Deeds seat.

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

**McCauley/Marsh** a motion to adjourn today’s meeting (12:54 p.m.).  
**2020-206**

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

\*\*The next Regular B.O.C Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 28, 2020.** The Regular B.O.C Meeting is scheduled at **10:00 a.m.** held by **teleconference** in compliance to the Governor’s Executive Order No. 2020-129. ***\*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**