



# COUNTY OF OSCODA

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## Official Minutes July 28, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, July 28, 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: 7

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 28, 2020** with three additions.

Correspondence #2 Planning Commission - Resignation Notification.  
Financial #2 Park - Lawnmower Purchase.  
Financial #3 Sub Completion Certificate.

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to accept the Agenda for **July 28, 2020** with noted additions.  
**2020-207**

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar for **July 28, 2020**, as presented.

**Item #1** Official Minutes for **July 14, 2020**, was approved with one noted correction to the minutes and motion 2020-201 to reflect the correct date for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

**Item #2** Claims and Audit Docket for **July 28, 2020**, was approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$61,126.43**.

**Bondar/Marsh** a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **July 28, 2020**.  
**2020-208**

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

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

**Appointments:**

\*\*Mr. Rob Murphy, Planning Commission Chairman (By Teleconference), presented the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and briefed the B.O.C on the status of the Master Plan. The Oscoda County Planning Commission is responsible for yearly reviewing and updating this plan, both to remove completed improvements, make needed changes and to add new planned improvements. Mr. Murphy, representing the Planning Commission, did express a concern with the future projects at the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport the current expenses out way the current revenue and asked the B.O.C if there were any long-term plans to increase revenue, at the Airport. Commissioner Varner stated the Airport is a vital part of the County and Mead & Hunt Inc. has been a great asset as the County's Airport Consultant Firm. The T-Hangar Project will increase revenue but agreed the County needs to continue to look at the revenue, Mr. Murphy offered the Planning Commission assistance. Mr. Murphy stated that the Planning Commission Board continues to work on the Master Plan, it is taking time to compile all the necessary details but progress is being made. The "Capital Improvement Program" for FY2020-2025 is available for review on the County website [www.oscodacountymi.com](http://www.oscodacountymi.com).

**Marsh/Varner** a motion to accept the Oscoda County "Capital Improvement Program" for **2020-209** FY2020-2025, as recommended by the Planning Commission Board.

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

**Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:**

\*\*The B.O.C addressed their decision to go with just a Gypsy Moth Millage instead of an Invasive Species Millage stating it was primarily due to timing to get the millage on the November ballot and all the details that are necessary; where the County had information on Gypsy Moth, it was a start and the millage has a good chance to pass. Commissioner Varner stated that the B.O.C could look at the Millage, if passed, and amend the language to include invasive species in the future. The B.O.C adopted the "Oscoda County Gypsy Moth Control Millage"; Commissioner Yoder read the resolution.

**Varner/Marsh** a motion to adopt **Resolution 2020-010** "Oscoda County Gypsy Moth Control Millage **2020-210** Proposal", as written and approved by Bond Attorney, Ms. Laura Bassett from Dickinson & Wright PLLC.

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

\*\*The B.O.C accepted Mr. Ron Bruner letter of resignation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Rob Murphy stated that Mr. Bruner was a great asset to the Board.

**McCauley/Bondar** a motion to accept the resignation of Mr. Ron Bruner, from the Planning **2020-211** Commission, effective July 27, 2020 and authorize the Planning Commission to advertise for a new member.

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

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

\*\*Commissioner Yoder stated that there was no up-date information on the COVID-19 pandemic. The County is still at 17 cases.

**Financial:**

\*\* The B.O.C awarded **\$16,359.72** Title III Funds. Mr. Brad Bolton, District Ranger Forest Service, reviewed the three applicants and supported the funding, stating that all applicants fulfill the criteria for expenditures. Title III project must include: 1. Fire Wise Community Programs 2. Reimburse for Emergency Services Performed on Federal Land. 3. Develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans. An AD will be placed in the Herald and on the County Website [www.oscodacountymi.com](http://www.oscodacountymi.com). Public comments will be accepted until September 11, 2020, at the B.O.C. Office.

\*\*Mentor Township/McKinley Fire Dept. #1 = **\$5,811.42** to purchase a new Hydraulic Piston Motor for the new CAFS (Compressed Air Foam System) to assist with U.S. Forest Service on Forest Fires.

\*\*Tri-Town Fire Department = **\$3,493.75** for Fire Wise use for Smoke Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Detector and Green 911 signs; to be distributed to make homes safer. The purchase of structural firefighting boots and buckets of Class-A foam to be used with U.S. Forest Service on Forest Fires.

\*\*Luzerne Fire Department = **\$7,054.55** to be used towards the purchase of parts for #7 –Type 4 Wildland Engine including several USFS certified equipment to be used for Emergency Services performed on Federal Land.

**Marsh/McCauley** a motion to award a total of **\$16,359.72** from 2020 Title III Funds, awarding **2020-212** Mentor Township/McKinley Fire Dept#1, in the amount of **\$5,811.42**, Tri Town Fire Dept., in the amount of **\$3,493.75** and Luzerne Fire Dept., in the amount of **\$7,054.55**, and authorize the County Treasurer to issue checks, in the awarded amounts, at the end of the advertised 45-days, and so amend the budget.

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

\*\*Ms. Holly Stoner, Park Manager, who was on the line, stated the importance of a new lawnmower. Commissioner Yoder asked about how the Park was doing. Ms. Stoner stated that reservations are coming in and it's been busy. The County Park budget was briefly discussed. Commissioner Marsh asked about deposits. Commissioner Yoder and Bondar will get with Ms. Stoner to discuss Park deposits and go over the budget to see if future appropriations are needed to cover the purchase of the lawnmower.

**Varner/Bondar** a motion to approve the purchase of a lawnmower, in the amount of \$3,499.99, from **2020-213** Sensenigs Repair, paid out of the Park Budget 208 (Expense line 208-751-775.00 Non-Capital) and so amend the Budget.

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

\*\*The B.O.C authorized Chairman Yoder to sign a Certificate of Substantial Completion.

**Marsh/Varner** a motion to authorize the Oscoda County Chairman to sign the “Certificates of **2020-214** Substantial Completion”, as presented and requested by Wolgast Corporation.

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

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Commissioner Bondar**

- \*\*Attended the Landfill Claims & Accounts Board Meeting.
- \*\*Participated in walk-through of the Government Center Building with Commissioner Yoder, Joe Breaugh, Maintenance Supervisor, and Wolgast Corporation.
- \*\*Attended the Big Creek Township Board Meeting.
- \*\*Participated in a meeting at Greenwood Township along with Commissioner McCauley and Bob Hunter, EMS Director with Greenwood Township representatives to discuss a future EMS service & station.
- \*\*Attended the Landfill Board Meeting.
- \*\*In contact with Ms. Holly Stoner, Oscoda County Park Manager/Administrator.
- \*\*In contact with Mr. Joe Breaugh, Maintenance Supervisor, regarding Fairgrounds a tree destroyed building in the last week's storm; insurance has been notified.

### **Commissioner Yoder**

- \*\*E-mails with Mr. Joe Quandt, Attorney, following-up on insurance the settlement.
- \*\*Notified the Veteran Affairs Board – VA Millage Funds cannot be used toward the Veterans Memorial Project. VA is moving forward on the Memorial Project.
- \*\*Attended the Planning Commission Board Meeting.
- \*\*Participated in walk-through of the Government Center Building with Commissioner Bondar, Joe Breaugh, Maintenance Supervisor, and Wolgast Corporation. Another walk-through, around the 11<sup>th</sup> month, will be scheduled in the future.
- \*\*Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for July 28, 2020; as part of the Finance Committee.

### **Commissioner Varner**

- \*\*Attended a Mediation Board Meeting.
- \*\*Attended the N. MI Substance Abuse Board Meeting.
- \*\*In contact with Mr. Gary King, Labor Attorney regarding TPOAM Union Contract.
- \*\*Attended the Landfill Board Meeting.
- \*\*Attended the District Health Department #2 Board Meeting.
- \*\*Handled an Elmer Township resident concern.
- \*\*Attended an ASVCMH Board Meeting.

### **Commissioner Marsh**

- \*\*Attended the CHOICES Board Meeting.
- \*\*Attended the DHSS Board Meeting.
- \*\*MEDC – starting to review grant applicants for funding through the CARES Act.
- \*\*Attended the HSCC Board Meeting.

### **Commissioner McCauley**

- \*\*Attended the Greenwood Township Board Meeting.
- \*\*Attended the Big Creek Township Board Meeting
- \*\*Attended the Library Board Meeting by teleconference.
- \*\*Participated in a meeting at Greenwood Township along with Commissioner Bondar and Bob Hunter, EMS Director with Greenwood Township representatives to discuss a future EMS service & station.
- \*\*Attended the Road Commission Board Meeting.
- \*\*Electronic Recycling Event scheduled September 12, 2020 at the Tri-Township Fire Department Parking Lot.

**Public Comment:**

\*\*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. Jail population has increased and complains up from last year; busy couple of weeks.

\*\*Mr. Bob Hunter, EMS Director, announced the new EMS Ambulance is licensed and on the road.

\*\*Commissioner Yoder thanked the public on the line for participating in today’s teleconference and called for a motion to go into a scheduled closed session (for a written legal opinion within the attorney-client privilege).

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to go into **Closed Session** (11:42 a.m.), for written legal opinion within the **2020-215** attorney-client privilege, in accordance with the “Open Meetings” (1976 PA267 MCL 15.261 et seq.) (Section 8-H).

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

**Marsh/Varner** a motion to return to the B.O.C Meeting (11:55 a.m.).

**2020-216**

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

\*\*Upon returning from Closed Session the B.O.C made the following motion:

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to approve the “Agreement and Release” among Oscoda County and U.S. **2020-217** Specialty, as written and discussed in Closed Session, regarding Claim# 180364 (May 4, 2016 Courthouse Fire), and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of Oscoda County.

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

\*\*Commissioner Yoder asked if any of the members had any other business. Commissioner Bondar asked to discuss the County Park further. Commissioner Bondar asked if the County could appropriate funds to the County Park for projects in need of repair, possibly out of the Landfill annual appropriations the County receives; Commissioner Varner stated that the Landfill appropriations are never guaranteed funds. Commissioner Yoder agreed that the County could appropriate funds for such projects like the stairway project at the County Park and timber projects if funds are available. Commissioner Yoder asked Ms. Holly Stoner, the Park Manager, to research the options available to the Park for these two projects to present to the B.O.C for consideration yet this fall and/or included in the 2021 Budget. Commissioner Yoder reminded the B.O.C and Ms. Holly Stoner about grants available for Parks & Recreation, including the expansion of the Electric Sites that will need to be prepared and submitted by next April. Commissioner Yoder and Bondar will schedule a meeting with Ms. Holly Stoner in the near future to review the Oscoda County Budget and future projects.

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

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to adjourn today’s meeting (12:10 p.m.).

**2020-218**

**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, August 11, 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**