



# COUNTY OF OSCODA

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## Official Minutes

June 5, 2017

A Special Board of Commissioners Meeting was held on **Monday, June 5, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.** in the Commissioner's Room, Courthouse Annex Mio Michigan 48647.

Chair Olsen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag:

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present: Commissioners Olsen, Kischnick, Wilson and Kelly.

Members Excused: Commissioner Nutt

Others Present: Ms. Cassie Morse-Bills, County Attorney; Mr. Gary King, Labor Attorney, by telephone conference and Commissioner Nutt by telephone conference.

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **June 5, 2017;** with the removal of the Closed Session and the addition of the EMS Investigation.

**Wilson/Kischnick** a motion to accept the Agenda for **June 5, 2017,** Special B.O.C Meeting, with noted **2017-184** changes.

4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

\*\*The B.O.C discussed the receipt and independent review by each board member of the preliminary investigation report of the EMS Investigation. Commissioner Olsen called for a 10 minute recess (2:20 p.m.) to allow Commissioner Wilson and Kelly to further review the preliminary EMS Investigation report and to allow her to call Mr. Brent Wickham, the Private Investigator, to inquire on a time line to complete the investigation.

\*\*Commissioner Olsen stated that Mr. Wickham, said he would try to complete his investigation and submit a final report in the next week or two. Mr. Wickham will provide a final report to Ms. Morse-Bills. At that time, Ms. Morse-Bills and Mr. King will review to see if further action is warranted. Ms. Morse-Bills will provide a complete copy of the investigation for each of the Commissioners upon completion and submission by Mr. Wickham.

\*\*Commissioner Olsen stated it has been recommended by the county and labor attorneys to place (3) three of the EMS employees on immediate paid administrative leave pending the completion of the investigation. Commissioner Nutt who called in for the meeting stated he was supportive of the decision of the Board to move forward with immediate paid administrative leave and completion of the investigation. Based upon the preliminary investigation report and recommendation of counsel, it was determined by the B.O.C to be in the best interest of the County that (3)-three EMS employees be placed on immediate administration leave pending the completion of the EMS Investigation.

\*\* The following motions were made:

**Kelly/Wilson** a motion to place Sarah Banks, EMS, on paid administrative leave, effective  
**2017-185** immediately, and is prohibited from the EMS Facility, until the EMS Investigation  
is completed, as recommended by our County Attorney and Labor Attorney.

**Roll Call:** Kischnick, yes; Wilson, yes; Kelly, yes;  
Olsen, yes; Nutt, absent. **Motion Carried.**

**Kischnick/Wilson** a motion to place Ralph Banks, EMS, on paid administrative leave, effective  
**2017/186** immediately, and is prohibited from the EMS Facility, until the EMS Investigation is  
completed, as recommended by our County Attorney and Labor Attorney.

**Roll Call:** Wilson, yes; Kischnick, yes; Kelly, yes;  
Nutt, absent; Olsen, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**Olsen/Wilson** a motion to place Andrew Auten, EMS, on paid administrative leave, effective  
**2017-187** immediately, and is prohibited from the EMS Facility, until the EMS Investigation  
is completed, as recommended by our County Attorney and Labor Attorney.

**Roll Call:** Kischnick, yes; Olsen, yes; Nutt, absent;  
Kelly, yes; Wilson, yes. **Motion Carried.**

\*\*Commissioner Olsen stated a letter will be delivered to each of the EMS employees of today's action  
and to ensure proper service will request assistance from a court officer or deputy.

\*\*Chair Olsen called for a motion to adjourn.

**Wilson/Kischnick** a motion to adjourn today's Special B.O.C Meeting, **June 5, 2017** (2:41 p.m.).  
**2017-188**

4 ayes: 0 nays: **Motion Carried.**

\*\*The next Regular B.O.C Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 13, 2017**. A B.O.C Workshop will be  
held at **9:00 a.m.** and the Regular B.O.C Meeting at **10:00 a.m.**

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**LaNita Olsen, Oscoda County**  
**Board of Commissioners Chair**

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