



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes May 12, 2020

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, May 12, 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, Bondar and McCauley.

Members by Teleconference: Commissioner Varner and Marsh.

Members Excused:

Commissioner Yoder called the Teleconference Meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. (technical difficulties); in compliance to the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-48 (Rescission of Executive Order 2020-15).

Others by Teleconference: 6 members of the public.

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

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **May 12, 2020, with one addition under Unfinished Business/New Business: Government Center Building Landscaping Project.

Bondar/McCauley a motion to accept the Agenda for **May 12, 2020**, with one addition.
2020-144

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

The B.O.C approved the Consent Agenda for **May 12, 2020.

Item #1 Official Minutes & Closed Session Minutes for **April 28, 2020**, were approved as presented.

Item #2 General and Special Funds April 2020 Budget Summary, were reviewed and approved as presented.

Item #3 Expenditures for **April 2020**, were approved as received from the County Clerk's Office.
Total Expenditures **\$789,648.20**.

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
101 General Fund	\$160,588.88	\$253,212.94	\$413,801.82
102 Ambulance Equip	\$0.00	\$150,102.34	\$150,102.34
103 Sheriff Equip	\$0.00	\$2,153.74	\$2,153.74
104 911 Emergency	\$7,055.50	\$6,174.47	\$13,229.97
205 Officer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
208 Park Fund	\$3,682.88	\$3,390.77	\$7,073.65
209 D.A.R.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
210 Ambulance Fund	\$57,593.36	\$33,706.73	\$91,300.09
215 Friend/Court	\$5,806.66	\$5,112.04	\$10,918.70
216 Public Guardian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
217 Fairgrounds	\$0.00	\$177.72	\$177.72
218 Smith Lake	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
230 Hazmat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
232 Historical Commission	\$0.00	\$54.50	\$54.50
239 Gypsy Moth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245 Public Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
249 Building Dept.	\$4,401.80	\$1,841.75	\$6,243.55
256 R.O.D. Automation	\$0.00	\$6,181.20	\$6,181.20
258 May 4 Courthouse Fire	\$0.00	\$41,517.92	\$41,517.92
260 MIDC	\$0.00	\$8,082.50	\$8,082.50
263 Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$0.00	\$27.05	\$27.05
265 Drug Law Enforcement	\$3,917.25	\$2,750.70	\$6,667.95
269 Law Library	\$0.00	\$289.75	\$289.75
271 Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274 Council/Aging	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
281 EDC Revolving Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
285 RSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
290 Social Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
292 Child Care	\$0.00	\$10,418.60	\$10,418.60
293 Soldiers / Sailors Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
294 Veterans Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
295 Airport	\$750.54	\$778.32	\$1,528.86
296 Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$937.50	\$937.50
297 Smile/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
298 Veterans Affairs	\$1,983.35	\$5,251.00	\$7,234.35
470 Courthouse Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535 Housing	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
616 Tax Revolving	\$0.00	\$2,721.39	\$1,466.44

<i>SUB TOTALS</i>	\$245,780.22	\$545,122.93	\$789,648.20
201 Road Commission			\$322,479.38
<i>Grand Total</i>		\$1,112,127.58	

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for May 12, 2020, as received from the County Clerk’s Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$15,930.78**.

Varner/Marsh a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for May 12, 2020.
2020-145

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

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

Appointments:

Ms. Amber Woehlert, Equalization Director, (By Teleconference) presented Resolution **2020-007 “Tax Certification for Taxes Levied in 2020”.

Varner/McCauley a motion to adopt Resolution **2020-007** the “Tax Certification for Taxes Levied in **2020-146** 2020” as requested by the Oscoda County Equalization Director, Amber Woehlert.

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

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

**The B.O.C acknowledged Sheriff Grace Correspondence.

McCauley/Marsh a motion to acknowledge the increase in hours and pay, due to the COVID 19, for **2020-147** Deputy J. Esch, as requested by Sheriff Grace, effective May 10, 2020.

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

Unfinished Business/New Business:

**Commissioner Yoder addressed the County re-opening the Government Center Building. Governor Whitmore will have guidelines that the County will have to implement. The County will also be provided direction from our District Health Department#2. Commissioner Yoder would like to set a committee to start working towards reopening and suggested the B.O.C plan on reopening June 1, 2020 if possible. Commissioner Bondar asked that Department heads be included in the plans to reopen. Commissioner Varner reiterated that the County needs to continue to follow the Governor’s Executive Orders but agrees the County should start looking ahead; Commissioner Marsh agreed to assist Commissioner Varner to work with all parties to come up with a reopening plan of action. Commissioner Varner also added that Oscoda County is still at (5)-five COVID-19 cases; with one death. The following motions were made:

Bondar/Marsh a motion to keep the Government Center Building CLOSED to the public until June 1, **2020-148** 2020.

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

McCauley/Bondar a motion to appoint Commissioner Varner and Commissioner Marsh to a “Re-Opening Committee” to work with Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Bowers and County Department Heads to come up with a re-opening action plan for the

Government Center Building.

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

**The B.O.C approved the request from Joe Breough, Maintenance Supervisor, to move forward on the landscaping ground work at the Government Center Building that is not covered by insurance.

Bondar/Varner 2020-150 a motion to move forward with the “Landscaping Project” for the Government Center Building grounds and approve the quote received from Morse Concrete & Excavating, with the total project not to exceed \$10,500.00; funds moved from Contingency to the General Fund 101/371 Rebuild and so amend the budget.

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

Financial:

**The B.O.C discussed in the request to approve a stipend for the Sheriff and EMS essential/frontline employees. Commissioner Yoder and Varner, as the Finance Committee, reviewed the budget for the entire County, which included the Sheriff and EMS. Commissioner Yoder stated revenue is down and with events being cancelled all around us there are too many uncertainties the County may face in the future; he could not support a stipend at this time. Commissioner Varner stated that other Department Heads reached out to him and expressed their opposition to a stipend just for the Sheriff and EMS employees and asked that their department employee’s be considered. Commissioner Bondar stated that the legislators are looking at several bills from waiving taxes for second homes and agreed that the County is subject to many budget uncertainties plus legislators are looking at stimulus packages that will honor for those essential/frontline employees. Commissioner McCauley agreed that the Sheriff and EMS are our essential/frontline employees and deserved to be recognized, however other department heads and their employees are essential and should be looked at. Commissioner Marsh stated that the Sheriff and EMS are the Counties frontline employees and should not be compared to other Department Heads or their employee’s. Commissioner Varner agreed and stated this Board of Commissioners have had all County employees’ best interest from the beginning. The County has avoided lay-offs, continued to cover benefits and pay employee’s full wages by allowing the Department Heads to work with their staff to minimize their hours, where the Sheriff and EMS employees have been working every day. Commissioner Varner thanked the Sheriff and EMS employees and reiterated their importance, which was echoed by the entire B.O.C, but stated it is just not the appropriate time to honor a stipend. The following two motions were made, both motions failed.

Marsh/McCauley 2020-151 a motion to authorize the County Clerk’s Office, to pay in a separate check, a one-time “Hazard Pay” stipend, in the amount of \$500.00, for those essential/frontline Sheriff Department employees, as listed, paid out of the Sheriff’s Department 101/301 Budget (stipend expense line) and so amend the budget; stipend subject to reimbursement from State/Federal funding for “Hazard Pay”.

Roll Call Vote: Varner, no; Marsh, yes; Yoder, no; Bondar, no; McCauley, yes. **Motion Failed.**

McCauley/Marsh 2020-152 a motion to authorize the Treasurer’s Office to create a EMS “Stipend” expense line and authorize the County Clerk’s Office, to pay a one-time “Hazard Pay” stipend, in the amount of \$500.00, for those essential/frontline EMS Department employees, as listed, paid out of the EMS Department 210 Budget (stipend expense line) and so amend the budget; stipend subject to reimbursement from State/Federal funding for “Hazard Pay”.

Roll Call Vote: Bondar, no; McCauley, yes; Varner, no; Yoder, no; Marsh, yes. **Motion Failed.**

**Mr. Mike Bowers, Oscoda County's Emergency Manager, was on the line today and explained the two Homeland Security Grants that were approved to purchase handheld and mobile car radios for the Sheriff's Department; both are subjected to reimbursement by the Homeland Security Grant, approximately 90-120 days from receipt of purchase.

McCauley/Varner a motion to approve the advance payment, in the amount of \$3,190.00 for registration **2020-153** and programming of (11)-eleven handheld radios for the Sheriff's Department, as part of a Homeland Security Grant approved; payment will be reimbursed back to the County upon receipt of the cancelled checks, and so amend the reflected revenue and expense budget lines.

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

Bondar/McCauley a motion to approve the advance payment, in the amount of \$17,093.50, for (5)-five **2020-154** 800 mhz mobile car radios for the Sheriff Department, as part of a Homeland Security Grant approved; \$15,402.36 from the FY17 EMPG Grant Funds will be reimbursed back to the County upon receipt of the cancelled checks, the Sheriff's Department will pay \$1,691.14 toward to complete the project, and so amend the reflected revenue and expense budget lines.

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

**The B.O.C renewed the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport Liability Insurance.

Marsh/Bondar a motion to approve the invoice, and authorize the Chair to sign, for the Oscoda County **2020-155** Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport Liability Insurance, from Avsurance Corporation, in the amount of \$1,512.00 for the Annual Premium May 14, 2020 through May 14, 2021 and continue with the multi-year policy (3-years); and decline the purchase of terrorism coverage.

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

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

McCauley/Varner a motion to authorize the Oscoda County Chairman to sign the "Certificates of **2020-156** Substantial Completion", as presented and requested by Wolgast Corporation.

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

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Bondar

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

**County Park – Teleconference with Commissioner Yoder and Holly Stoner, Park Manager.

**Landfill Board Meeting. – Teleconference.

**Met with Joe Breaugh, Maintenance Supervisor regarding Government Center Building grounds.

**Met with McDonald Modular Solutions Representative and Joe Breaugh, Maintenance Supervisor.

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

**Participated in a Teleconference with Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Bowers.

Commissioner Marsh

- **HHSC – Up-dates on March and April food banks; increased households due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Participated in a Teleconference with Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Bowers.

Commissioner McCauley

- **Correspondence received from AuSable Valley Natural River Zone Review Board.
- **In contact with NEMCOG regarding recycling.
- **In contact with the Road Commission.

Commissioner Varner

- **Finance Committee Meeting to review County Budget, along with Commissioner Yoder and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Brenda Moore; in compliance with Social Distancing.
- **Reviewed the Claims & Audit Docket for May 12, 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.
- **Participated in a Teleconference with Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Bowers.

Commissioner Yoder

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- **Phone conference call with Joe Quandt, Attorney along with Commissioner Bondar.
- **NEMCOG - Completed & Submitted Project list.
- **Working with Joe Breaugh, Maintenance Supervisor.
- **Participated in a Teleconference with Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Bowers.
- **Received a phone call from Love Inc. regarding the AuSable Valley Triathlon, scheduled in June. It was the consensus of the B.O.C for Love Inc. to review the Governor’s Executive Order and follow social distancing.

Public Comments & Matters:

- **Sheriff Grace stated he was disappointed in the B.O.C lack of action today. The Sheriff employee’s deserve to be recognized as essential/frontline employees and no disrespect but should not be compared to other department heads and employees. Sheriff Grace thanked Commissioner Marsh and McCauley for their support. Bob Hunter, EMS Director reiterated the comments made by Sheriff Grace and his disappointment stating the EMS employees also should be recognized they are on the frontline every day and should not be compared.
- **Commissioner Marsh stated that the County is seeing a lot of visitors.

**Commissioner Yoder thanked everyone for participating in today’s teleconference and again thanked Sheriff Grace and his employees and Bob Hunter, EMS Director, and his employees, and the Department Heads and all County employees for their service and flexibility during this time.

Commissioner Yoder called for a motion to adjourn the teleconference.

The next Regular B.O.C Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26, 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)***

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

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