



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes **November 17, 2020**

A Special Budget Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** by Teleconference, in compliance with MDHHS requirements and as allowed by Public Act 228 of 2020, 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.

Others by Teleconference: 3

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

Commissioner Yoder called the Teleconference Special Budget Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.; in compliance with MDHHS requirements and as allowed by Public Act 228 of 2020.

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **November 17, 2020 with one addition: Covid-19 MDHHS Order Response.

Varner/Bondar a motion to accept the Agenda for **November 17, 2020**, with one noted addition.
2020-309

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

**On Sunday, November 15, 2020 Governor Whitmer held a news conference and through the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) a new emergency order was issued that enacts a three-week pause targeting indoor social gatherings and other group activities in an effort to curb rapidly rising COVID-19 infection rates. Commissioner Varner along with Ogemaw, Iosco, and Alcona Board Chairs participated in a conference call with the local District Health Department for clarification. In response to the Covid-19 MDHHS Order, Commissioner Yoder read a letter addressing the Oscoda County Elected Officials and Department Heads to review the working hours and responsibility of their staff to determine the feasibility of working remotely. All county offices and buildings will be closed to the public beginning November 18th, 2020 until December 8th, 2020. Elected Officials and Department Heads are instructed to limit public entry into the building to only those required and by appointment only. County Clerk & Register of Deeds questioned the functions of county offices and that courts remaining open. Commissioner Yoder stated that the B.O.C understands the inconvenience, but ask that Elected Officials and Department Heads come up with the best preventive measures for their offices. Commissioner Varner stated that the County cannot speak for the courts and ask that everyone work

together through what the Health Department is calling a “Communitywide Spread Pandemic”. Commissioner Varner states that onsite inspections conducted by MIOSHA’s are expected and citations for non-compliance could carry a fine of up to \$7,000.

Marsh/McCauley a motion to approve the presented correspondence and send to all Oscoda County Elected Officials and **2020-310** Department Heads.
Roll Call Vote: McCauley, yes; Varner, yes; Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Marsh/Bondar a motion to close the Oscoda County Government facilities to the public, in response to MDHHS **2020-311** order issued 11/15/2020, from 11/18/2020 through 12/8/2020 and require appointments for entry.
Roll Call Vote: Varner, yes; Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Varner/McCauley a motion to post to close the Oscoda County Government facilities on the County Website and to **2020-312** advertise in the County Herald.
Roll Call Vote: Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, yes; Yoder, yes; Marsh, yes.
Motion Carried.

**The B.O.C reviewed the 2021 Special Funds. A new a School Enforcement Officer was approved at the last B.O.C meeting and is included in the Drug Law Enforcement 2021 Budget; which is funded by a millage and has a healthy fund balance. The Gypsy Moth Millage was passed. The Veteran Affairs budget needs clarification, the B.O.C Executive Secretary, Ms. Brenda Moore will reach out to the VA Director, Mr. AJ Welser before next week’s B.O.C Meeting. The B.O.C is scheduled to approve the 2021 General & Special “Proposed Budgets” at the November 24, 2020 B.O.C Meeting

Public Comment:

** The Annual Chamber of Commerce “Light Parade” for November 21, 2020 has been cancelled.

McCauley/Bondar a motion to adjourn today’s meeting (11:03 p.m.). **2020-313**
Roll Call Vote: Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, yes. **Motion Carried.**

The next Regular B.O.C Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. held by **Teleconference** in compliance with MDHHS requirements and as allowed by Public Act 228 of 2020.
***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**

