



COUNTY OF OSCODA

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Official Minutes February 10, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** open to the public; in compliance with Michigan Legislature requirements and as allowed by Public Act 228 of 2020, Open Meetings Act (Excerpt) Act 267 of 1976, MCL - Section 15.263, from the Oscoda County Courthouse Annex, 105 S. Court Street, Mio Michigan 48647.

A. Call to Order

Commissioner Varner called today's "Public Meeting" to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. Invocation and/or Pledge

Pledge to the Flag

C. Roll Call of Board Members

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:	Commissioners Handrich, McCauley and Varner
Members Excused:	Commissioners Bondar and Breough
Public Present:	2
Public by Teleconference:	Unavailable
Zoom Participants:	Unavailable

D. Approval of Agenda & Annual Organizational Meeting

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **February 10, 2026**, as presented.

McCauley/Handrich 2026-037 a motion to approve the agenda for **February 10, 2026**, B.O.C Regular Meeting, as presented.

3 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

E. Approval of the Consent Calendar Items for February 10, 2026.

The B.O.C. approved the Consent Calendar Items for **February 10, 2026**.

Varner/Handrich 2026-038 a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **February 10, 2026**.

Item #1 Unofficial Minutes for **January 27, 2026**, as presented.

Item #2 Claims and Audit Docket for **February 10, 2026**, as received from the County Clerk's Office in the amount of **\$54,052.56**.

Roll Call Vote: McCauley, yes; Varner, yes; Handrich, yes. **Motion Carried.**

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

N/A

G. Appointments:

N/A

H. Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

N/A

I. Unfinished Business/New Business:

1) 2026 B.O.C Committee Appointments Assignments & Board Memberships

Varner/McCauley
2026-039 a motion to confirm the 2026 Committee Appointment Assignments and Board Memberships and advertise in the Oscoda County Herald and on the County website.

3 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

2) Sheriff Department Staffing

Handrich/McCauley
2026-040 a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Zachary Stachurski, as a union employee to fill the Full-Time Deputy position, paid out of budget line 101-301-711.01, with a hire date of Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at a starting wage of \$25.68 per hour, and eligible for County benefits.

3 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

3) Veterans Affairs Staffing

McCauley/Handrich
2026-041 a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Ms. Vanessa Neff, as a part-time Veterans Service Officer, with a start date of Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at a starting wage of \$17.60 per hour, not be eligible for County benefits, and so, amend the budget.

3 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

Handrich/McCauley
2026-042 a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Michael Hadden, as a part-time Veterans Service Officer, with a start date of Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at a starting wage of \$17.60 per hour, not eligible for County benefits, and so, amend the budget.

3 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

4) Mr. Tom Pratt, Court Administrator – Trial Court Staffing

Varner/McCauley
2026-043 a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Ms. Heidi VanWagner, part-time temporary non-union District Court Clerk, not to exceed 28 hours per week, with a hire date of Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at a starting wage of \$17.00 per hour, to be paid from budget line 101.130.703.03, not eligible for County benefits, and so, amend the budget.

3 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

J. Financial:

1) Ms. Terri Shattuck, President - Steiner Museum Ice Storm Damage Repairs

McCauley/Handrich
2026-044 a motion to amend the previous Motion#2026-016 and authorize the Steiner Museum board to enter into a contract with Rondo & Sons Builders Inc. for work related to the insurance settlement for Ice Storm damage repairs at the Steiner Museum and accept the quote as submitted in the amount of \$4,246.00 with payment terms of \$2,100.00 due upon approval and the remaining balance due upon completion, to be paid out of Historical Comm Build Repair/Maint budget line 232-803-903.00, and so, amend the budget.

Roll Call Vote: Varner, yes; Handrich, yes; McCauley, yes. **Motion Carried.**

2) Mr. William Kendall, Treasurer – Law Library Budget

Varner/Handrich
2026-045 a motion to authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$25.00 and allow the Treasurer to transfer into the 269 Law Library Special Fund budget to rectify a minor deficit for 2025, and so, amend the budget.

Roll Call Vote: Handrich, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, yes. **Motion Carried.**

3) Mr. William Kendall, Treasurer – Collection of Fees and Interest

McCauley/Handrich
2026-046 a motion to waive the collection of fees and interest to those Senior Citizens, Paraplegic, Quadriplegic, eligible Servicemen, Veterans, Widows, Blind Persons and those who are Permanently Disabled that have applied for a Homestead Property Tax Credit until 05/01/2026.

Roll Call Vote: McCauley, yes; Varner, yes; Handrich, yes. **Motion Carried.**

4) Mr. William Kendall, Treasurer – 2026 Tax Revolving Fund

Varner/Handrich
2026-047 a motion to create the 2026 Tax Revolving Fund for the purpose of purchasing the 2025 delinquent taxes, funding it with the uncommitted Reserve of Fund (516), and creating a GOF (General Operating Fund) at Huntington Bank.

Roll Call Vote: Varner, yes; Handrich, yes; McCauley, yes. **Motion Carried.**

K. Public Comments (Limited to three minutes per person):

N/A

L. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Handrich:

- Reviewed Claims & Audit
- Attended Michigan Township Association (MTA) Board Meeting
 - Mr. Robert Stankiewicz, EMS Director presented information regarding the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) software.

Commissioner McCauley:

- Attended Michigan Township Association (MTA) Board Meeting
 - Mr. Robert Stankiewicz, EMS Director presented information regarding the Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) software; and
 - A township board member mentioned the removal of the 6% sales tax at the gas pump that reduces constitutional revenue sharing for townships, cities and villages in FY 2026, effective January 1, 2026.
- Attended Oscoda County Road Commission Meeting
 - Seeking a diesel mechanic.
- Plans to attend the Greenwood Township Board Meeting this evening.

Commissioner Varner:

- Attended Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE) Meeting in Gaylord, MI
 - Commissioner Varner formally recognized Ms. Michelle Knepp, Mr. Rick Burton, and supporting staff for their diligent work in organizing and relocating employees. The staff have been moved into temporary offices to ensure continuity of daily operations. Efforts are currently underway to hire a construction crew to investigate and officially determine the cause of the flood incident. Ms. Knepp reported that the county is awaiting a joint inspection. A non-responsive participant was issued a 10-day notice starting Friday, February 6, 2026. If no response is received by the end of the notice period, the county will proceed with the investigation and recovery process independently.
- Attended Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMSCA) Board Meeting in Alpena, MI
- Reviewed Claims & Audit
- Attended Wellvance Board Meetings via Zoom

M. Adjournment:

Handrich/McCauley a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 10:21 a.m.

2026-048

3 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

The Board of Commissioners will hold their next scheduled "Regular B.O.C Meeting" on **Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** held in the Oscoda County Courthouse Annex, 105 S. Court Street, Mio Michigan 48647.

**Charles E Varner, Jr., Oscoda County
Board of Commissioners Chairman**

**Libby Marsh-Shephard, Oscoda County
Clerk & Register of Deeds**