



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes March 14, 2023

A Regular Meeting & Annual Organizational Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** "Open to the Public" and offered to join by Teleconference, from the Commissioner's Boardroom, located at the Oscoda County Government Center Building, 311 S. Morenci Ave, Mio Michigan 48647.

Commissioner Varner called today's "Public Meeting" to order at 10:00 a.m.; including those joining the meeting by teleconference.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:	Commissioners Varner, Marsh, Handrich, Bondar and McCauley
Members Excused:	None
Public Present:	5
Public by Teleconference:	8
Zoom Participants:	2

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **March 14, 2023**, as presented.

McCauley/Handrich a motion to approve the Agenda for **March 14, 2023**, as presented.
2023-068

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

Bondar/McCauley a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **March 14, 2023**.
2023-069

Item #1 Unofficial Minutes for **February 28, 2023**.

Item #2 Budget Amendments

Item #3 General & Special Funds Budget Summary **February 2023**.

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **March 14, 2023**, as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$35,806.79**.

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

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

N/A

Appointments:

- 1) Mr. Monty Bolis – Proposed Camp Grayling Increase Expansion

Discussion:

- Camp Grayling is the largest training site for the National Guard within the United States.
- They currently occupy 148,000 acres of which they only utilize 50-70% of their acreage.
- On an average, the United States National Guard Training Facilities only utilizes 70,000 – 80,000 acres.
- The current COL Scott Meyers, former Adjutant General of Michigan National Guard, Gregory Vadnais and the current Adjutant General of Michigan National Guard, Paul Rogers who has explained their reason for use of the additional land for low level/impact training, which is not sufficient justification.
- The original firing point map has been removed from the internet, with thoughts of being able to get the proposal passed. We must consider what the new firing map consist of that is not being disclosed.
- It has been verified that the National Guard plans to use the additional land for testing and development of products, weapons and modern/electronic warfare.
- In July 2022, Up North Live reported on the Camp Grayling Expansion and spoke with COL Scott Meyers and asked if the plan to use the land as a testing area for testing and development of products, weapons and modern/electronic warfare and his response was “I won’t rule it out”.
- 50 years ago, there was a product called AFFF Foam, which is a firefighting foam used at Camp Grayling and as it turned out, that product poisoned our rivers (Manistee, AuSable, etc.). To this day, there are consumption guidelines in place on these rivers and along State and Federal land, because of this product.
- Mr. Randall Roth, District Supervisor at Department of EGLE who wrote an 11-page letter to Camp Grayling regarding their negligence on the PFAS contamination issue. It was his recommendation to the DNR Director was that they not grant Camp Grayling additional land because of their refusal to investigate, mediate, and re-mediate the contamination issue. It is extraordinary when you have one government environmental agency that publicly urged another government environmental agency to do or not do something.
- There are 45 other local counties in Michigan that have already approved Resolutions that are opposing the expansion proposal.

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

- 1) Resolution 2023-003; To Oppose the Camp Grayling Increase Expansion

Bondar/Handrich a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-003 to Oppose the Camp Grayling Increased
2023-070 Expansion into Oscoda County, as requested.

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

Unfinished Business/New Business:

- 1) Oscoda County Sheriff Department: Sidock Group, Inc. - Continuing Services Proposal (Design through Construction)

Compensation	
PHASE 1 – PRELIMINARY DESIGN/DESIGN DEVELOPMENT	\$ 30,000.00
PHASE 2 – CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS	\$ 67,000.00
PHASE 3 – CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION	\$ 22,000.00
Post Construction/12 mo. Warranty Review	
Fixed Fee for the Post Construction Phase:	INCLUDED-NO CHARGE
Total Fee (fixed plus estimated):	\$119,000.00

Marsh/McCauley a motion to accept the Proposal for Continued Professional Services with Sidock
2023-071 Group, Inc. (Design through Construction), in the amount of \$119,000.00, paid
out of ARPA funds (286-965-806.00 Contracted Services).

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

2) Judge Casandra Morse-Bills – Continuation of Discussion of Circuit Court File Transfer

No action required at this time. Tabled for further discussion.

3) Disband the Planning Commission

McCauley/Handrich a motion to disband the Planning Commission and authorize the Clerk’s office to
2023-072 inactivate the board members effective March 14, 2023, as requested.

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

Financial:

1) Drug Enforcement Officer Budget

Bondar/McCauley a request to add a new budget line (DEAO Insurance 265.301.912.00) to the
2023-073 Drug Enforcement Officer budget.

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

2) County Clerk & Register of Deeds – Extra Hours

No action required

3) Adult-Use Marijuana Payment

Oscoda County has received funds in the amount of \$51,841.21 from Adult-Use Marijuana, based on revenues collected in fiscal year 2022.

4) Oscoda County 2023 Gypsy Moth Spraying Quote

We will provide the same services as provided in 2022 for the variable rate:

- >1,000 acres - \$55/acre
- 1,001 - 3,000 acres - \$50/acre
- 3,001 < acres - \$45/acre

HSS will need the following from you to assure a smooth program:

- Inform HSS of intent to participate in 2023 GM Program by 3/15/2023
- Signed Contract by 4/1/2023
- Digitized maps by 5/1/2023 Minimum block size should be as close to 50 acres for the best results.

McCauley/Handrich a motion to approve the quote received from Hatfield Spraying Service, Inc., as
2023-074 written for the 2023 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program Contract, to be paid out of expense line 239.428.806.01 (Gypsy Moth – Contract Spray).

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

5) Ms. Brenna Kirkpatrick, Trial Courts - Juvenile Officer/Juvenile Probation Officer Position

Marsh/McCauley a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Vincent Ruchala, as a full-time union
2023-075 employee to fill the position of Juvenile Officer/Juvenile Probation Officer, with a hire date of March 6, 2023, working a standard 35 hours per week at a starting salary of \$41,085.00 annually per the current United Steelworkers contract, and eligible for County benefits.

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

6) Clark Construction Company - Review and Execution of Standard Form of Agreement & General Conditions between Oscoda County and Construction Manager, Clark Construction Company

Marsh/Handrich a motion to review and Execution of Standard Form of Agreement between
2023-076 Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor where the basis of payment is the Cost of the Work Plus a Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price, Document A133-2019 and General Conditions, Document A201-2017 between Oscoda County and the Construction Manager, Clark Construction Company and authorize the Chairman to sign, as requested.

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

Public Comments (Limited to three minutes per person):

Mr. Jeremy Card, County Surveyor & Remonumentation Representative:

- The State of Michigan is behind on the Remonumentation contracts. The application was submitted in December 2022. Mr. Norm Caldwell is the Representative, and has notified Mr. Jeremy Card that he no longer uses computers. The plan has been approved and the contract requires a digital signature.

- Mr. Jeremy Card requested approval for Mr. William Kendall, Treasurer to be the Administrator of Remonumentation.
- Will return to the Board of Commissioners once Contracts are ready for review and consideration.

Ms. Lee Ann Fischer, Housing:

- An Executive Order from Governor Whitmer signed last month regarding the release of MEDC funds in the amount of \$1.5 billion to the State of Michigan Housing Program. A kickoff meeting regarding these funds is scheduled and Ms. LeeAnn Fischer plans to attend on April 6, 2023 and obtain additional information. These funds are used for single family home repairs, facilitate new construction at local level to increase accessibility and visibility statewide throughout Michigan. Request for submission from Municipalities, Non-profit agencies, Commission on Aging and Disability networks. The County is not eligible to apply.
- There is funding is available for the Mission Mod Program (modular unit). The program is coming back due to the housing demand and to increase availability to buyers.

Mr. Mike Bowers, Emergency Management:

- March 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. at Big Creek Township Hall; Weather Spotter Course. Mr. Mike Bowers will be sending out an email to invite Department Heads to attend.
- CWPP Grant Status; Currently waiting for a decision letter, should have an answer by April 2023.
- May 2023 - American Red Cross joining with the Cert Team to hold a shelter in place class.
- June 17, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. @ Fair Grounds - Cert Team: Emergency Response Expo.
- May 7-9, 2023 - Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference. An invitation will be sent to the schools for school safety.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Bondar:

- Card to sign for Mr. Jimmy Vance, Park Manager following his surgery.
- VA Planning Committee Meeting
 - Memorial Site, raised approx. \$6,000.00 in brick sales.
 - Flagpoles
 - Meet with 61 veterans in 2023
 - Mailers have been mailed out to county residents to raise awareness of their existence
 - \$50,000 Grant that is available, Ms. Rene Welser, BOC Executive Secretary has met with Mr. AJ Welser, Veterans Director to discuss the Grant opportunity. The Letter of Intent has been submitted, and Mr. AJ Welser has plans to continue pursuing the Grant.
- NE Michigan Council and Government
 - Announced grant opportunity for body cams to Sheriff Grace
- NE Michigan Association of Counties
 - Legislature Updates; Zoom to get back to pre-covid rules.
 - Whitmer has signed lowering Michigan cost plan into law cutting taxes by \$1 billion for working families and seniors.
- Opioid Funds of \$22,000.00 were recently received
- MOA Landfill Meeting
 - Michigan Works – MOA Landfill is looking for seasonal workers
 - Ingestion well will be complete in June 2023

- Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport
 - RFQ (Open after 5:00 p.m. today), Consultant Selection is required to be submitted to MDOT & Selected Consultant. Commissioner Varner, Commission Bondar and Ms. Rene Welser will meet on March 15, 2023 to open submission packet as required. Documents will be submitted to MDOT following the Consultant Selection.

Commissioner Marsh:

- 211 Meeting
- New Director

Commissioner Varner:

- Community Mental Health Meeting
- MOA Landfill Meeting

Commissioner Handrich:

- EDC Meeting
 - Currently working through some issues with the EDC Board.
- Comins Township Meeting
 - Re-doing the sidewalks in Fairview, MI

Commissioner McCauley:

- Library Meeting
 - New representative from Comins Township
- MTA Meeting
 - Camp Grayling Presentation
- Greenwood Meeting Tonight
- Big Creek Meeting (Thursday)

Adjournment:

Marsh/Bondar a motion to adjourn today’s meeting at 12:44 p.m.
2023-077

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

The B.O.C will hold their “Regular Meeting” at their Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** held in the **B.O.C Boardroom or join the meeting by Teleconference** by dialing 989-826-1163 (Pin#353).

**Chuck Varner, Oscoda County
 Board of Commissioners Chairman**

**Ann Galbraith, Oscoda County
 Clerk & Register of Deeds**