



COUNTY OF OSCODA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Official Minutes April 28, 2026

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on **Tuesday, April 28, 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 Mio Community Center, 305 9th Street, Mio, MI 48647.

A. Call to Order

Commissioner McCauley 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 McCauley, Breough and Handrich
Members Excused:	Commissioners Varner and Jagiello
Public Present:	8
Public by Teleconference:	Unavailable
Zoom Participants:	Unavailable

D. Approval of Agenda

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **April 28, 2026**, as presented.

Handrich/Breough
2026-097 a motion to approve the agenda for **April 28, 2026**, B.O.C Regular Meeting, as presented.

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

E. Approval of the Consent Calendar Items for April 28, 2026

The B.O.C. approved the Consent Calendar Items for **April 28, 2026**.

Breough/Handrich
2026-098 a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **April 28, 2026**.

Item #1 Unofficial Minutes for **April 14, 2026**, as presented.
Item #2 Budget Amendments

Ambulance Equipment: a request to increase funds to the Amb New Equip-Capital-Over-\$5k budget line 102-651-977.00 in the amount of \$50,000.00 to cover the expense of equipment purchase previously approved and supported by Motion#2026-093, and so, amend the budget.

Item #3 General & Special Fund Budget Summary for **March 2026**

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **April 28, 2026**, as received from the County Clerk's Office in the amount of **\$109,510.67**.

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

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

N/A

G. Appointments:

- 1) MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation

Following the announced March 2026 closure of the Oscoda County Area Transit Service (OCATS), the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners is evaluating three options presented by MDOT Office of Passenger Transportation and the Roscommon County Transportation Authority to maintain local public transit. Options include establishing a county-operated department, using a contracted service model, or partnering with a neighboring authority, with a decision pending to ensure continued service.

H. Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

- 1) FY 2026-2029 Millage Language **Resolution 2026-003** "Proposed Oscoda County Department of Veteran Affairs Millage Language".

Breaugh/McCauley 2026-099 a motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-003**, "Oscoda County Department of Veteran Affairs Millage Language Proposal", as written.

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

- 2) FY 2026-2029 Millage Language **Resolution 2026-004** "Proposed Oscoda County Sheriff Equipment Millage Proposal".

Handrich/McCauley 2026-100 a motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-004**, "Oscoda County Sheriff Equipment Millage Proposal", as written.

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

- 3) FY 2026-2029 **Resolution 2026-005** "Proposed Emergency Medical Service Equipment Millage Language".

Handrich/Breaugh 2026-101 a motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-005**, "Oscoda County Emergency Medical Service Equipment Millage Proposal", as written.

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

- 4) FY 2026-2027 **Resolution 2026-006** “Proposed Emergency Medical Services Operation Millage Language”.

Breaugh/Handrich
2026-102 a motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-006**, “Oscoda County Emergency Medical Services Operation Millage Proposal”, as written.

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

- 5) **Resolution 2026-007** “Proposed Electorate Authorization Of The Telephone Surcharge For Emergency Telephone Services (911 Services)”.

Handrich/Breaugh
2026-103 a motion to adopt **Resolution 2026-007**, “Oscoda County Electorate Authorization Of The Telephone Surcharge For Emergency Telephone Services (911 Services)” Proposal, as written.

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

I. Public Hearing:

- 1) Ms. LeeAnn Fischer, Housing – Public Hearing to review Michigan Community Development Block Grant

Breaugh/Handrich
2026-104 a motion to hold a Public Hearing at 10:34 a.m. and required under the Open Meetings Act (1976 PA 276, MCL 15.261 et seq.) to review the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) application, as advertised.

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

Commissioner Handrich read the public hearing notes as follows:

MSHDA CDBG - \$295,000.00 = Rehab \$241,900.00 + Admin \$53,100.00

Eligible Households – Income at or below 80% of Area Median Income

Eligible Properties – Single, family property

- Permanent owner occupied
- Current on mortgage payments
- Current property taxes
- Not subject to foreclosure, court-ordered receivership or nuisance abatement
- Has utilities service on
- Affixed to Permanent foundation

Eligible Rehab cost – actual cost of rehab

- Interior & exterior improvement to meet the applicable rehab standards & code requirements
- Energy related repairs
- Improvements for accessibility needs
- Remediate lead-based paint

Type of improvements include –

- Repair of roof
- Windows

- Doors
- Insulation
- Furnaces & hot water heaters
- Electrical upgrades

Loan Terms –

CDBG assistance of \$10,000 or less will be a grant to the homeowner with no repayment, mortgage or mortgage note required.

CDBG assistance of \$10,001 up to \$25,000 shall be a zero interest, zero payment, forgivable after 5 years. Loans will be secured by a second mortgage, forgiven in full at the end of 5 years.

- Mortgage & Mortgage Note are between the homeowner and MSHDA.
- Subordination of mortgage is not allowed
- Prorated if property is sold, or refinanced

Grants is for 24-month Period

Public Comments: (Regarding Public Hearing)

N/A

Breaugh/Handrich
2026-105 a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 10:37 a.m. and return to the Regular Board Meeting.

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

2) Ms. LeeAnn Fischer, Housing – Michigan Community Development Block Grant Resolution

Breaugh/Handrich
2026-106 a motion to officially adopt **Resolution 2026-002** “To Authorize A Grant Application For Michigan State Housing Development Authority Community Development Block Grant Funds”, as written.

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

J. Unfinished Business/New Business:

1) Ms. Libby Marsh-Shephard, Clerk/Register of Deeds – Clerk/Register of Deeds Office Staffing

Breaugh/McCauley
2026-107 a motion to acknowledge the retirement from Ms. Jenny Cronkright, Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds, effective Saturday, August 1, 2026.

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

Handrich/Breaugh
2026-108 a motion to advertise and hire a replacement for the Deputy Clerk/Register of Deeds position, as a full-time non-union position, working 35 hours per week with a starting wage of \$16.86 per hour, and eligible for County benefits.

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

2) Mr. Rick Burton, Maintenance Supervisor – Maintenance Department Staffing and Seasonal Help

Breaugh/Handrich
2026-109

a motion to acknowledge the re-hiring of Mr. Herbert Baker as a seasonal part-time employee to fill the position at the Oscoda County Fair Grounds (217) and Smith Lake (218), effective Friday, May 1, 2026 through Wednesday, September 30, 2026, working 28 hours per week at a starting wage of \$14.25 per hour, and so, amend the budget.

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

3) Ms. Deb Coulon, EDC Board Chair – EDC Board Member

Handrich/Breaugh
2026-110

a motion to accept and to recommend to the Chair of the Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent of the County Board of Commissioners, shall appoint the members of the Board of Directors, the appointment of Mr. Peter Malan, as a board member to the Oscoda County Economic Development Corporation & Brownfield Board, for the remainder of a four-year term expiring December 31, 2028, per Section 125.1604, Economic Development Corporations Act 338 of 1974.

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

K. Financial:

1) Steiner Museum Ice Storm Damage Repairs

Breaugh/Handrich
2026-111

a motion to amend the previous Motion#2026-044 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 232-803-930.00, and so, amend the budget.

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

2) Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport - 2026-2027 Pollution Liability Insurance Renewal

Handrich/McCauley
2026-112

a motion to approve the quote for the renewal with EnviroSure Agency, Inc (Mid-Continent Casualty Company), in the amount of \$500.00 for Oscoda County's Pollution Liability Coverage at the Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport, effective July 11, 2026 through July 11, 2027 and authorize the Chair to sign, on behalf of the County.

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

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

N/A

M. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Handrich:

- Review Oscoda County Claims & Audit

- Attended Materials Management Planning (MMP) & Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Meeting
- Attended District Health Department #2 Board Meeting

Commissioner McCauley:

- Attended Oscoda County Road Commission Meeting
 - Hiring summer help
- Attended District Health Department #2 Board Meeting
 - A recent sting operation targeting illegal cigarette sales to minors resulted in three store violations

Commissioner Breaugh:

- Attended Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Board Meeting
- Attended Airport Pre-Construction Meeting
- Attended NE Michigan Consortium (Michigan Works) Board Meeting

N. Adjournment:

Handrich/McCauley a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 10:44 a.m.

2026-113

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

The Board of Commissioners will hold their next scheduled "Regular B.O.C Meeting" on **Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** held at the Oscoda County Courthouse Annex 105 S. Court Street. Mio, MI 48647.

**Tom McCauley, Oscoda County
Board of Commissioners Vice Chairman**

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