



COUNTY OF OSCODA

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Official Minutes July 22, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on **Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** “Open to the Public” and offered to join by Teleconference and zoom, from the Commissioner’s Boardroom, located at the Oscoda County Government Center Building, 311 S. Morenci Ave, Mio Michigan 48647.

A. Call to Order

Commissioner Varner called today’s “Public Meeting” to order at 10:00 a.m.; including those joining the meeting by teleconference and zoom.

B. Invocation and/or Pledge

Pledge to the Flag

C. Roll Call of Board Members

Roll Call: Commissioners Breough, Handrich, Bondar, McCauley and Varner

Members Excused:	N/A
Public Present:	10
Public by Teleconference:	6
Zoom Participants:	4

D. Approval of Agenda

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **July 22, 2025**, as presented.

McCauley/Handrich a motion to approve the agenda for **July 22, 2025**, B.O.C Regular Meeting, as presented.
2025-208

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

E. Approval of the Consent Calendar Items for July 22, 2025.

Breough/Bondar a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **July 22, 2025**.
2025-209

Item #1 Unofficial Minutes for **July 8, 2025**, as presented.

Item #2 Budget Amendments

Treasurer: a request to add a new budget line 101-000-503.00 Federal Grant – Elections to the General Fund budget.

Child Care: a request to decrease funds from Counseling budget line 292-662-802.00 and increase funds to RDSS Travel/Expense budget line 292-662-861.01, in the amount of \$4,000.00, and so, amend the budget.

Child Care: a request to decrease funds from Counseling budget line 292-662-802.00 and increase funds to CCF Staff Training budget line 292-662-960.00, in the amount of \$3,000.00, and so, amend the budget.

Courthouse Grounds: a request to increase in the Courthouse Grounds Mich-Con Gas budget line 101-265-922.00 in the amount of \$7,000.00, and so, amend the budget.

Courthouse Grounds: a request to increase in the Courthouse Grounds Electric budget line 101-265-920.00 in the amount of \$13,000.00, and so, amend the budget.

Item #3 Expenditure Report for June 2025

JUNE 2025 EXPENDITURES

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
101 General Fund	\$198,527.06	\$258,235.40	\$456,762.46
102 Ambulance Equip	\$0.00	\$93,123.99	\$93,123.99
103 Sheriff Equip	\$0.00	\$17,926.96	\$17,926.96
104 911 Emergency	\$11,029.60	\$19,495.60	\$30,525.20
205 Officer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$398.84
208 Park Fund	\$7,702.56	\$25,152.21	\$32,854.77
209 D.A.R.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
210 Ambulance Fund	\$80,285.34	\$29,705.16	\$109,990.50
215 Friend/Court	\$6,895.40	\$3,416.03	\$10,311.43
217 Fairgrounds	\$1,564.70	\$2,289.23	\$3,853.93
218 Smith Lake	\$0.00	\$13.50	\$13.50
230 Hazmat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
232 Historical Comm	\$1,219.13	\$424.60	\$1,643.73
239 Gypsy Moth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245 Public Improvement	\$0.00	\$34,469.04	\$34,469.04
249 Building Dept.	\$5,053.18	\$16,210.46	\$21,263.64
256 R.O.D. Automation	\$0.00	\$1,041.14	\$1,041.14
258 May 4 Courthouse Fire	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
260 MIDC	\$0.00	\$85,991.21	\$85,991.21
263 Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$0.00	\$1,560.19	\$1,560.19
265 Drug Law Enforcement	\$10,441.35	\$2,013.90	\$12,455.25
269 Law Library	\$0.00	\$411.03	\$411.03
274 Council/Aging	\$0.00	\$58,000.00	\$58,000.00
281 EDC Revolving Loan	\$0.00	\$30,310.00	\$30,310.00
285 OPIOID Settlement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
286 ARPA FUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
290 LATCF FUND	\$0.00	\$121,181.56	\$121,181.56

292	Child Care	\$9,195.42	\$4,449.06	\$13,644.48
293	Soldiers / Sailors Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
294	Veterans Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
295	Airport	\$911.32	\$12,923.29	\$13,834.61
296	Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
297	Smile/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
298	Veterans Affairs	\$3,833.19	\$19,221.97	\$23,055.16
469	Building Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
470	Courthouse Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
516	DTRF	\$0.00	\$56,218.37	\$56,218.37
518	Foreclosure Fund	\$0.00	\$586.75	\$586.75
535	Housing	\$0.00	\$504.14	\$504.14
616	Tax Revolving	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
891	Perry Lk Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	SUB TOTALS	\$336,658.25	\$895,273.63	\$1,231,931.88

201	Road Commission			\$701,405.77
	Grand Total		\$1,933,337.65	

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **July 22, 2025**, as received from the County Clerk’s Office in the amount of **\$69,548.28**.

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

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

N/A

G. Appointments:

- 1) Ms. Frances Ommani, NEMCSA Strategy & Development Director – 2024 NEMCSA Annual Report
- 2) Ms. Julie Darnton, MSU Extension District 4 Director – 2024 Michigan State University Extension Annual Report

H. Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

- 1) Ms. Connie McQuarrie, NEMCSA Administrative Assistant – 2026 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services

McCauley/Bondar **2025-210** a motion to review and approve the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging proposal of the 2026 Draft Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services as required by the Michigan ACLS Bureau.

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

I. Unfinished Business/New Business:

1) Ms. Christina Tappan – Float Safe Life Jacket Loaner Stations Initiative Discussion

Bondar/McCauley
2025-211 a motion to accept the life jacket stand, life jackets, and buoys to foster water safety awareness and potentially reduce drowning risks for families in our area, and authorize the chair to sign.

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

2) Ms. Kristi McGregor, Prosecutor - Prosecutor's Office Staffing

Breaugh/Bondar
2025-212 a motion to acknowledge the resignation from Ms. Lisa Moscato, as a full-time Legal Secretary position, effective Monday, July 14, 2025.

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

Varner/McCauley
2025-213 a motion to acknowledge the transfer of Ms. Kelli Carter, to the Legal Secretary-Victim Advocate position, with an increased wage to \$21.63 per hour, effective Sunday, July 27, 2025 and to allow her to work up to 40 hours per week until the Legal Secretary position is filled and during the training period of up to 3 months following the hiring for the position.

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

Handrich/Breaugh
2025-214 a motion to advertise and hire a replacement for the Legal Secretary position, as a full-time non-union position, working 35 hours per week with a starting wage of \$18.00 per hour, and eligible for County benefits.

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

3) Michigan State Housing Development Authority

Varner/Bondar
2025-215 a motion to give authorization to Ms. Rene Welser, BOC Executive Secretary to be provided with her own login credentials and to have access to the MSHDA grant, per the requirement of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority.

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

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

Handrich/McCauley
2025-216 a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Scott Woodward, as a part-time employee to fill the Courthouse Security position, working a combined average of 25 hours per week, with a start date of Monday, July 14, 2025, at a starting wage of \$18.00 per hour, not eligible for County benefits, and so, amend the budget.

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

Handrich/Bondar
2025-217 a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Jody Coon, as a part-time employee to fill the Courthouse Security position, working a combined average of 25 hours per week, with a start date of Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at a starting wage of \$18.00 per hour, not eligible for County benefits, and so, amend the budget.

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

McCauley/Handrich
2025-218 a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Ms. Leah Blair, as a non-union employee to fill the Youth Liaison Officer position, working up to 35 hours per week, with a hire date of Monday, July 21, 2025, at a starting wage of \$18.00 per hour, and eligible for County benefits, and so, amend the budget.

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

J. Financial:

1) Mr. Chris Fuhr, Motor Pool Supervisor – Sealed Bids

Handrich/Bondar
2025-219 a motion to advertise and accept sealed bids for the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN#1GNFK03089R180554, to be sold as is, and to be awarded to the selected bidder, and for funds to be deposited into the 103 Sheriff Equipment budget, as requested.

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

2) Mr. Richard Burton, Maintenance Supervisor – Tree Removal

McCauley/Breough
2025-220 a motion to approve the quote from The Tree Surgeon for the removal of trees at the Government Center and Sheriff Department grounds in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be funded out of Contingency 101-890-965.00 and to be paid for out of Courthouse/Grounds Service Contract budget line 101-265-809.00, and so, amend the budget.

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

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

Mr. Rob Pallarito, District Director Michigan Senate 36th District – Gave an update from Lansing, MI and explained how the One Big Beautiful Bill Act is impacting the State of Michigan’s budget.

Commissioner Varner gave an update regarding debris removal in Oscoda County.

L. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Bondar:

- Attended M.O.A Landfill Authority Board Meeting
- Attended Council on Aging Meeting
 - Roof has been repaired by installing a beam on the inside of the building for support.
- Reviewed M.O.A Landfill Claims & Account
- Attended Big Creek Township Meeting

- Concerns of debris removal.
- The former President of Northern Michigan County Association retired about 1 1/2 years ago. Since then, MSU Extension has been trying to fill his position. At this time, Mr. Jimmy Johnson will be the acting President until the position is filled.

Commissioner McCauley:

- Attended District Library Board Meeting
 - Completed review of budget,
 - The District Library pays for royalties on the movies that are played during community events,
 - Items that are available for rental at the library are being inventoried and will be posted onto their website soon.
- Planning to attend AuSable Valley Natural River Zone Review Board meeting in two weeks
- Attended Big Creek Township Board Meeting
- Attended Greenwood Township Board Meeting

Commissioner Breaugh:

- Nothing to report

Commissioner Handrich:

- Reviewed Claims & Audit
- Attended Mid-Year Budget Review Meeting
- Economic Development Committee (EDC) Meeting was cancelled
- The Northern Michigan Relief Sale will be held on August 1-2, 2025 at the Oscoda County Fairgrounds
- Steiner Museum update:
 - Began working on budget,
 - Friends of Steiner gave their report,
 - Received a donation from the pancake breakfast.

Commissioner Varner:

- Attended Wellvance Buildings and Grounds/Facilities Committee Meeting in Tawas, MI
- Attended Wellvance Program Committee Meeting
- Attended M.O.A Landfill Authority Board Meeting
- Attended Wellvance Executive Finance Committee Meeting
- Attended In-House Meetings with the Treasurer, County Administrator & BOC Executive Secretary
- Reviewed Claims & Audit
- Attended Elmer Township Board Meeting

M. Adjournment

Handrich/McCauley a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 11:37 a.m.
2025-221

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

The Board of Commissioners will hold their "Regular B.O.C Meeting" scheduled for **Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** held in the Board of Commissioners Boardroom.

- Join the meeting by Teleconference by dialing 989-826-1163 (Pin#353)

- Join the meeting by Zoom by using the link below along with the Meeting ID and passcode
<https://zoom.us/j/95321452263?pwd=enN2MTFFMnYxeFRnOFUzQWVqSUIrZz09>
Meeting ID: 953 2145 2263
Passcode: 676747

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

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