



COUNTY OF OSCODA

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Official Minutes August 26, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, August 26, 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 Bondar, McCauley, Varner, Breough and Handrich

Members Excused:	N/A
Public Present:	2
Public by Teleconference:	2
Zoom Participants:	4

D. Approval of Agenda

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **August 26, 2025**, as presented.

Handrich/McCauley a motion to approve the agenda for **August 26, 2025**, B.O.C Regular Meeting, as presented, with one addition to Unfinished/New Business.

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

E. Approval of the Consent Calendar Items for August 26, 2025.

McCauley/Handrich a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **August 26, 2025**.
2025-245

Item #1 Unofficial and Closed Session Minutes for **August 12, 2025**, as presented.

Item #2 Budget Amendments

Treasurer: a request to add a new budget line 701-000-231.14 Jury Duty to the Trust and Agency budget.

Govt Admin: a request to increase funds to Govt Admin Jaws Training & Maint budget line 101-115-807.00, in the amount of \$500.00, due to an increased support rate for 2025-2026, and so, amend the budget.

Govt Admin: a request to increase funds to Govt Admin MAC Dues budget line 101-115-807.01, in the amount of \$299.31, due to increased fees for 2025, and so, amend the budget.

Govt Admin: a request to increase funds to Govt Admin Property Clean Up budget line 101-115-807.09, in the amount of \$532.80, due to expenses paid out to Big Creek Township for Tire & Electronic Recycle for 2025, and so, amend the budget.

Govt Admin: a request to increase funds to Govt Admin Audit budget line 101-115-818.00, in the amount of \$1,594.00, due to expenses paid out to CPA & Auditor for 2024 Annual Audit, and so, amend the budget.

Govt Admin: a request to increase funds to Govt Admin Liability Insurance budget line 101-115-912.00, in the amount of \$3,499.11, due to the increase of replacement value coverage on County Buildings (Sheriff & Veterans Affairs), and so, amend the budget.

Executive Secretary: a request to increase funds to Executive Secretary Travel budget line 101-102-861.00 and decrease funds from Executive Secretary Employee Training budget line 101-102-960.00, in the amount of \$38.50, and so, amend the budget.

EDC: a request to decrease funds from Contracted Services budget line 101-728-806.00 and increase funds to Legal Consult budget line 101-728-820.00, in the amount of \$3,500.00, and so, amend the budget.

Trial Courts: a request to decrease funds from Computer Service budget line 101-130-819.00 and increase funds to TC Jury Fees budget line 101-130-803.00, in the amount of \$3,281.00, and so, amend the budget.

Trial Courts: a request to decrease funds from Equip Repair/Maint budget line 101-130-931.00 and increase funds to TC Appellate Assignment budget line 101-130-814.02, in the amount of \$1,200.00, and so, amend the budget.

Trial Courts: a request to decrease funds from ADA Fees budget line 101-130-820.00 and increase funds to TC Appellate Assignment budget line 101-130-814.02, in the amount of \$1,500.00, and so, amend the budget.

Trial Courts: a request to decrease funds from TC Equip Non-Capitol budget line 101-130-775.00 and increase funds to TC Appellate Assignment budget line 101-130-814.02, in the amount of \$528.00, and so, amend the budget.

Fairgrounds: a request to decrease funds from Fairgrounds Rubbish Disposal budget line 217-751-937.00 and increase funds to Fairgrounds LP Gas budget line 217-751-922.00, in the amount of \$105.54, and so, amend the budget.

Ambulance: a request to decrease funds from Ambulance Vehicle Repair/Maint budget line 102-651-932.00 and increase funds to Ambulance Rig Insurance budget line 102-651-912.00, in the amount of \$275.00, and so, amend the budget.

Ambulance: a request to decrease funds from Ambulance Vehicle Repair/Maint budget line 210-651-931.00 in the amount of \$2,705.00 and increase funds to the following lines: Amb Maint/Supplies budget line 210-651-726.00 in the amount of \$190.00, Ambulance Office Supplies 210-651-729.00 in the amount of \$14.00, Ambulance Postage 210-651-730.00 in the amount of \$25.00, Ambulance Uniform Allowance 210-651-741.00 in the amount of \$1,850.00, Equipment Non-Capitol 210-651-775.00 in the amount of \$580.00, and Reimbursement to Individuals 210-651-806.07 in the amount of \$46.00, and so, amend the budget.

Item #3 Expenditure Report for **July 2025**

JULY 2025 EXPENDITURES

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
101 General Fund	\$197,564.61	\$263,740.43	\$461,305.04
102 Ambulance Equip	\$0.00	\$54,819.99	\$54,819.99
103 Sheriff Equip	\$0.00	\$3,786.50	\$3,786.50
104 911 Emergency	\$8,856.52	\$2,460.50	\$11,317.02
205 Officer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
208 County Park Fund	\$7,823.45	\$9,086.86	\$16,910.31
209 D.A.R.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
210 Ambulance Fund	\$88,597.23	\$30,711.86	\$119,309.09
215 Friend/Court	\$6,895.37	\$4,971.18	\$11,866.55
216 Public Guardian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
217 Fairgrounds	\$1,288.57	\$1,269.74	\$2,558.31
218 Smith Lake	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
230 Hazmat	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
232 Historical Comm	\$1,832.74	\$445.84	\$2,278.58
239 Gypsy Moth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245 Public Improvement	\$0.00	\$10,334.24	\$10,334.24
249 Building Dept.	\$4,633.74	\$6,567.19	\$11,200.93
256 R.O.D. Automation	\$0.00	\$4,571.79	\$4,571.79
258 May 4 Courthouse Fire	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
260 MIDC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
263 Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$0.00	\$47.23	\$47.23
265 Drug Law Enforcement	\$10,956.28	\$70,994.13	\$81,950.41
269 Law Library	\$0.00	\$234.31	\$234.31
271 Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274 Council/Aging	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
281 EDC Revolving Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
285 OPIOID Settlement Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
286 ARPA FUNDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
290 LATCF FUND	\$0.00	\$90.51	\$90.51
292 Child Care	\$9,247.11	\$9,513.45	\$18,760.56
293 Soldiers / Sailors Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
294 Veterans Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
295 Airport	\$832.46	\$4,804.38	\$5,636.84
296 Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
297 Smile/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
298 Veterans Affairs	\$3,721.25	\$6,049.74	\$9,770.99

469	Building Construction Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
470	Courthouse Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
516	DTRF	\$0.00	\$12,111.16	\$12,111.16
518	Foreclosure Fund	\$0.00	\$1,418.75	\$1,418.75
535	Housing	\$0.00	\$55,635.24	\$55,635.24
616	Tax Revolving	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
891	Perry Lk Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<i>SUB TOTALS</i>	\$342,249.33	\$594,365.02	\$936,614.35

201	Road Commission			\$565,382.49
	<i>Grand Total</i>	\$1,501,996.84		

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **August 26, 2025**, as received from the County Clerk’s Office in the amount of **\$72,157.21**.

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

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

N/A

G. Appointments:

N/A

H. Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

- Ms. Annette Wells, Executive Director of Community Mediation Services - Resolution 2025-010 “Conflict Resolution Day” and Proclamation

Breagh/Handrich
2025-246 a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-010 “Conflict Resolution Day” Community Mediation Services and Proclamation to observe Thursday, October 16, 2025 to highlighting the importance of conflict resolution and recognizing the contributions of those who work towards peaceful solutions.

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

I. Unfinished Business/New Business:

- Mr. Brian Smutek, Airport Manager - Fueling Station

McCauley/Handrich
2025-247 a motion to authorize the quote from Highland Tank LLC to purchase a 2,500-gallon Horizontal Storage Tank in the amount of \$16,554.00, and to defer payment to the 2026 calendar year, and for the expense to be paid out of Airport New Equipment Cptl over \$5,000 budget line 295-442-977.00, and allow the Chair to sign.

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

Handrich/McCauley
2025-248 a motion to authorize the quote from Oscar W. Larson aka OWL Services to perform the scope of work described in quote in the amount of \$12,185.00, and to defer payment to the 2026 calendar year, and for services to be paid out of the Airport Contracted Services budget line 295-442-806.00, and allow the Chair to sign.

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

Addition

2) Mr. Tom Pratt, Court Administrator – Request for Additional Hours

Varner/Breough
2025-249 a motion to authorize that Ms. Shannon Wickham, District Magistrate and Ms. Tiffany Palek, District Deputy Clerk & Magistrate, be allowed to work up to 40 hours per week, effective Tuesday, August 24, 2025, as needed until the District Court Clerk returns from medical leave, and to be re-assessed by the Trial Court Administrator and the County Administrator, as needed, and so, amend the budget.

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

J. Financial:

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

Handrich/Bondar
2025-250 a motion to accept sealed bids for the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN#1GNFK03089R180554, to be sold as is, in working condition, to be awarded to Mr. Tom McCauley the selected bidder, in the amount of \$4,625.00 and for funds to be deposited into the 103 Sheriff Equipment budget, as requested.

Commissioner McCauley recused himself from the discussion and vote on this agenda item “Sealed Bid” due to being a person who submitted a bid for the purchase of the 2009 Chevrolet Tahoe.

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

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

Mr. Bob Stankiewicz, EMS Director:

Announced that the Paramedic class will start next Wednesday, September 3, 2025. There will be 6 Oscoda County EMTs that will be attending which will allow them the opportunity for advancement.

Daniel (via Zoom):

Inquired about sealed bids that were opened and awarded at the Board of Commissioners meeting held on August 12, 2025 for the 2006 Ford Expedition that sold for \$600.00 and the 2003 Chevrolet Blazer that sold for \$755.55.

L. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Breough:

- Attended Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- Attended Veterans Affairs Board Meeting

- Assisted with the setup for the Veterans Affairs Open House
- Attended County Commissioner Academy Webinar
 - Open Meetings Act & FOIA (Rules and Requirements)
- Attended Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Meeting
- Attended NE Michigan Consortium (Michigan Works) Meeting, Onaway, MI

Commissioner Handrich:

- Attended District Health Department #2 Meeting
 - Iosco County voted for a 3% increase of appropriations. They are working on a formula for each of the counties based on population and property values.
- Reviewed Claims & Audit
- Attended Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Meeting
 - There are funds available for business loans, and the loans are required to be completed by November 2025.
- Attended Historical Commission/Steiner Museum Meeting
 - Discussion included concerns of the building addition, and
 - The committee is working to complete their 3–5-year improvement plan. A planning meeting is scheduled on September 12-13, 2025.

Commissioner Bondar:

- Attended Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) Meeting
 - A presentation was given by 211 Northeast MI Board of Directors
- Attended M.O.A Landfill Authority Board Meeting
- Reviewed M.O.A Landfill Claims & Account
- Attended County Commissioner Academy Webinar
 - Open Meetings Act & FOIA (Rules and Requirements)
- Attended ILA Materials Management Meeting
- Oscoda County Park – Staircase Project
- Motor Pool (MDOT) Building Maintenance Discussion
- Performance Reviews
- Attended Veterans Affairs Open House

Commissioner McCauley:

- Attended District Health Department #2 Meeting
 - North of Harrisville, a free flowing well was installed that is pumping 340 gallons per minute, and was unable to be plugged which resulted in an emergency meeting be held to figure out how to maintain this. This could cost upwards of \$50K to correct the problem.
- Attended Big Creek Township Meeting
 - Upcoming Michigan Township Association (MTA) Picnic on September 8, 2025. An invitation will be sent out to all Elected Officials via email.

Commissioner Varner:

- Attended Wellvance Board Meeting, West Branch, MI
- Attended Meeting with Montmorency Commissioner, Atlanta, MI
- Attended Meeting with Ms. Rene Welser, BOC Executive Secretary
- Reviewed Claims & Audit
- Attended Meeting with Ms. Michelle Knepp, County Administrator/HR Director
 - Discussion regarding a recently attended meeting with FEMA.
- Call with Mr. Michael Bowers, Emergency Management
- Attended Webinars regarding State budget
- Attended Community Mental Health Meetings (virtually)

M. Adjournment

Handrich/Breaugh a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 11:18 a.m.
2025-251

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

The Board of Commissioners will hold their "Regular B.O.C Meeting" scheduled for **Tuesday, September 9, 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

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