



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes October 11, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on **Tuesday, October 11, 2022 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.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:	Commissioners Yoder, Bondar, Marsh, McCauley and Varner
Members Excused:	0
Public Present:	8
Public by Teleconference:	3
Zoom Participants:	1

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

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **October 11, 2022 as presented, with one change to Unfinished Business/New Business.

Change: Added Budget Workshop Meeting Revision

Varner/McCauley 2022-242 a motion to approve the Agenda for **October 11, 2022**, with one change.

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

Item #1 Official Minutes for **September 27, 2022**, were approved.

Item# 2 Budget Amendments were reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners, as presented.

Veterans Affairs:

- A request to add new budget lines; 298-682-716.00 V.A BCN / VSP / DELTA, 298-682-718.00 V.A. Retirement, 298-682-719.01 End of Yr. Unused PTO, 298-682-722.00 V.A. Life Insurance and 298-682-838.00 V.A. LT/ST Madison.

LATCF Fund:

- A request to add a new fund (287 LATCF Fund) with appropriate lines to County budget; 287-000-001.00 Cash, 287-000-002.01 MI Class Saving LATCF Funds, 287-000-202.00 Accounts Payable, 287-000-390.00 Fund Equity, 287-000-528.00 LATCF Funds Revenue, 287-000-665.00 LATCF Interest, 287-965-775.00 LATCF Equip Non-Capital, 287-965-806.00 Contracted Services, 287-965-883.00 Community Support, 287-965-977.00 Equip Capital Over \$5,000 and 287-965-999.00 LATCF Transfer to Other Funds.

Item #3 General and Special Funds Budget Reports for **September 2022**.

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **October 11, 2022**, were approved, as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$20,606.54**.

Marsh/Bondar a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **October 11, 2022**.
2022-243

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

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

Mr. Richard Landry, Veterans Affairs

- Discussed planning for the Veterans Memorial Site
- BOC suggestions included; the Veterans Affairs hold a presentation at the local townships, requested a concept drawing for the site to be sent to the BOC via email and mentioning the millage funds to come in 2023 (verbiage allows construction expenditures).

Mr. Jimmy Vance, Park Manager

- Gave an update on the Forest Service Grant project.
- Gaylord Electric has begun trenching for electrical sites at the Oscoda County Park.

Ms. Ann Galbraith, County Clerk

- Will be out in December 2022.
- Expressed the urgency for the HR Position.

Appointments:

- 1) Mr. Marvin Taylor, Superintendent @ Mio-AuSable Schools
 - 2022 Sinking Fund Millage Proposal
 - Examples of improvements will include Parking lot, Roof, Track, PA System, Playground Upgrade, A/C in Auditorium, Ceiling vent for the High School Gym and upgrades to provide safety and security at the main entrance of the school.

2) Ms. Jenny Cronkright, Deputy Clerk/Payroll Specialist – HSA Contribution

- Per Resolution 2021-011 the BOC approved that Oscoda County will contribute \$1,000 for single enrollees and \$2,000 for double/family enrollees into their HSA.

**Marsh/Varner
2022-244** a motion to approve the Oscoda County’s contribution portion is pro-rated based on months, to HSA for all new hire employees enrolling during the remainder of the year 2022.

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

3) Ms. Jenny Cronkright, Deputy Clerk/Payroll Specialist – MERS Employer Contribution

- Each year MERS computes Employer Contribution percentages for use by the County the following year. There are two options to choose from; 1) the No Phase-in Percentage, and 2) the Phase-in Percentage. In 2020 we used the Phase-in option. In 2021 and 2022, we used the No Phase-in option. For 2023, MERS will bill the County using the No Phase-in option UNLESS we contact them otherwise.

**Varner/McCauley
2022-245** a motion to approve basing MERS 2023 Employer Contributions using the No Phase-In option, with an Estimated Annual Contribution amount of \$613,464.00.

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

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

1) AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority – Appoint Board of Director Position

**Varner/Bondar
2022-246** a motion to appoint Ms. Amy Knepp to the Board of Director position with AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority.

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

Unfinished Business/New Business:

1) Ms. Amber Woehlert, Equalization Director – Appraiser II Position

**Varner/McCauley
2022-247** a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Cory Spencer, as a full-time union employee to fill the position of Appraiser II, with a hire date of Monday, October 3, 2022, working 35 hours per week at a starting wage of \$14.81 per hour per the current POAM contract, and eligible for County benefits.

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

2) Ms. Brenna Kirkpatrick, Trial Courts - Collections/Family/Assignment Clerk Position

**McCauley/Bondar
2022-248**

a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Ms. Allison Herrell, as a full-time union employee to fill the position of Collections/Family/Assignment Clerk Position, with a hire date of Monday, October 3, 2022, working 35 hours per week at a starting wage of \$15.07 per hour per the current United Steelworkers contract, and eligible for County benefits.

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

Change

3) Budget Workshop Meeting Revision

**Varner/McCauley
2022-249**

a motion to re-schedule the Special Budget Meeting from Wednesday, October 19th, 2022 to our Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

- Tuesday, October 25, 2022 Regular B.O.C Budget Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 1, 2022 Special B.O.C Budget Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 8, 2022 Regular B.O.C Budget Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
 - Scheduled to “Adopt a PROPOSED Budget”.
- Tuesday, December 13, 2022 Regular B.O.C Budget Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
 - Scheduled to “Adopt the 2023 County Budget”.

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

Financial:

1) Mr. William Kendall, Treasurer – Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund for Eligible Revenue Sharing Counties

- This is part of the America Rescue Plan.
- Most counties within Michigan qualified for these funds.
- Oscoda County qualified for a total of \$826,000, receiving \$413,000 in 2022 and will receive an additional \$413,000 in 2023.
- The Treasurer is required to report in March 2023.
- Funds can’t be used for Lobbying.

- ARPA Funds are currently invested in a Money Market account and we will be gaining additional interest. Commissioner Varner stated that these funds will come in useful for the Sheriff Department rebuild.

K. Contract/Agreement Renewals

- Ms. Rene Welser, B.O.C. Executive Secretary is currently working on contract renewals and will begin sending those out the week of October 17, 2022 for review and renewal.

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

Mr. William Kendall, Treasurer:

- A Celebration of Life for Ms. Lynnette Sposato will be held at the Mio Moose Lodge on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ms. Brenna Kirkpatrick, Trial Courts:

- Delay in hire date, moved to November 1, 2022. Motion was amended to acknowledge the revision.

Original Motion:

**McCauley/Marsh
2022-214**

a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Mr. Donald Wilce, as a full-time union employee to fill the position of Juvenile Officer/Juvenile Probation Officer, with a hire date between September 26-28, due to travel, 35 hours per week at a starting salary of \$40,335.00 annually per the current United Steelworkers contract, and eligible for County benefits.

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

Amended Motion:

**Varner/McCauley
2022-250**

a motion to post-pone the hire date for Mr. Donald Wilce, as a full-time employee to fill the position of Juvenile Officer/Juvenile Probation Officer until further notice from the Trial Court Administrative Office.

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

Commissioner Marsh

- Annual Pink Out Volleyball Game, Tuesday, October 25, 2022 @ Fairview School at 6:00 p.m.

Sheriff Kevin Grace

- Encouraged providing support towards the Friends Together organization located in Alpena, Michigan. They are a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to help people in Northwest Michigan after cancer diagnosis.
- Drug Take Back Day is October 29, 2022 at The Oscoda County Sheriff's Department.
- Requested extension for budget review.

Mr. Robert Hunter, EMS Director

- Budget meeting with Ms. Rene Welser, B.O.C. Executive Secretary on October 12, 2022 to review the Ambulance budgets.

Ms. Ann Galbraith, County Clerk

- Chamber of Commerce Events:
 - Halloween Trick or Treat will begin at 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2022
 - Blue Collar will be cooking hot dogs on October 31, 2022
 - Wine Tasting at the Community Center on November 12, 2022
 - Planning for the Holiday Light Parade on November 26, 2022

M. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Yoder

- Plans to attend the Spectrum Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Boney Park in Fairview, MI. Fiber Optic is being brought into the area.
- Plans to attend a Meeting with Sidock on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 to review plans.

- Will be absent at the BOC Meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Commissioner Varner

- Currently working on bonds for the injection well at the Landfill.
- Meeting with 44North on Wednesday, October 12, 2022 regarding 2023 insurance benefits.

Commissioner Bondar

- Seasonal campers made contributions towards the recognition plaque for Dan Money that is located at the Oscoda County Park.
- Halloween weekend was a great success at the Oscoda County Park. A huge appreciation to everyone who contributed their time and efforts.
- Attended EMS Meeting
- Attended a cook-out at the Oscoda County Dennis Memorial Airport on Saturday, October 8, 2022.
- Attended Oscoda County Council on Aging

Commissioner McCauley

- Attended Library Meeting
- Attended MTA Meeting
- Oscoda County Road Commission has laid off their seasonal help
- Plans to attend a Greenwood Township Meeting
- Plans to attend a Recycling Meeting in Gaylord, MI

Commissioner Marsh

- Attended DHHS Meeting
 - The State is ruling out their review process.
 - Approximately 80% of the staff remains to be working remotely.
- HSC/Project Connect
 - This year was an in-person event and well attended.
 - They are considering moving the timing of this event to be held earlier in the summer.

N. Adjournment

Marsh/Varner a motion to adjourn today's meeting 11:22 a.m.
2022-251

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

The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, October 25, 2022 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).

**Kyle Yoder, Oscoda County
Board of Commissioners Chairman**

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