



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes October 12, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021 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, Varner, Bondar, and Marsh.

Members Excused: Commissioner McCauley

Public Present: 11

Public by Teleconference: 4

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

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **October 12, 2021, with one addition under Financial; Evan’s Auto Check Request.

Marsh/Bondar a motion to accept the Agenda for **October 12, 2021**, with one addition.
2021-299

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

The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar Items for **October 12, 2021, as presented.

Item #1 Official Minutes for **September 28, 2021**, were approved as amended.

**Motion 2021-291 to include one additional Sheriff car for sale (4-four to 5-five), per Motor Pool; minutes have been corrected.

Item #2 General and Special Funds Budget Reports for **September 2021**, were reviewed.

Item #3 Expenditures for the month of **September 2021**, were approved as received from the County Clerk’s Office. Total Expenditures **\$804,036.56**.

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
101 General Fund	\$168,196.64	\$220,315.52	\$388,512.16

102	Ambulance Equip	\$0.00	\$153,058.02	\$153,058.02
103	Sheriff Equip	\$0.00	\$2,263.33	\$2,263.33
104	911 Emergency	\$7,456.87	\$4,854.90	\$12,311.77
205	Officer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
208	Park Fund	\$6,866.77	\$12,886.61	\$19,753.38
209	D.A.R.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
210	Ambulance Fund	\$66,044.56	\$45,088.57	\$111,133.13
215	Friend/Court	\$5,985.51	\$6,286.65	\$12,272.16
216	Public Guardian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
217	Fairgrounds	\$565.16	\$1,485.97	\$2,051.13
218	Smith Lake	\$753.55	\$0.00	\$753.55
230	Hazmat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
232	Historical Comm	\$161.48	\$407.30	\$568.78
239	Gypsy Moth	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
245	Public Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
249	Building Dept.	\$4,254.12	\$11,088.41	\$15,342.53
256	R.O.D. Automation	\$0.00	\$383.25	\$383.25
258	May 4 Courthouse Fire	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
260	MIDC	\$0.00	\$14,102.20	\$14,102.20
263	Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$0.00	\$17.74	\$17.74
265	Drug Law Enforcement	\$748.36	\$1,072.20	\$1,820.56
269	Law Library	\$0.00	\$1,523.81	\$1,523.81
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	RSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
290	Social Services	\$0.00	\$9,120.00	\$9,120.00
292	Child Care	\$3,442.81	\$4,697.92	\$8,140.73
293	Soldiers / Sailors Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
294	Veterans Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
295	Airport	\$904.26	\$203.09	\$1,107.35
296	Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
297	Smile/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
298	Veterans Affairs	\$2,628.39	\$6,089.38	\$8,717.77
470	Courthouse Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535	Housing	\$0.00	\$904.04	\$904.04
616	Tax Revolving	\$0.00	\$179.17	\$179.17
	<i>SUB TOTALS</i>	\$268,008.48	\$536,028.08	\$804,036.56
201	Road Commission			\$490,098.48

Grand Total

\$1,294,135.04

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **October 12, 2021**, were approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$29,486.23**.

Varner/Bondar a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **October 12, 2021**, as **2021-300** presented.

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

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

**Mr. Michael Hunt, a previous Board of Commissioner, addressed his concerns on behalf of Greenwood Township, regarding the removal of an ambulance station. A meeting has been scheduled at Greenwood Township with the EMS Director, Bob Hunter, next week.

Appointments:

**Mr. Tom Stephenson, Broadband Solutions Manager, from Connected Nation, presented a power point. Connected Nation serves as the state's primary point of contact for Broadband, establishes and facilitates a state-level taskforce, provides technical assistance and guidance and conducts in-depth broadband community engagement. For more information visit <https://connectednation.org/michigan/>.

**Ms. Jennifer Martin, 44-North presented an overview of the 2021 Plan Utilization Performance and presented the Oscoda County's 2022 Health Insurance Renewal. Ms. Martin stated the County renewal cost is -5.23% which is very good; many counties received an increase in their premiums. The B.O.C made a motion to continue with the Counties health benefits and made a motion to OPT-OUT of the PA 152 and to continue with the same employee HRA contributions per month. The following motions were made:

Varner/Marsh a motion to adopt **Resolution 2021-011** the "Oscoda County Health Insurance for **2021-301** the Calendar Year of 2022" as written and to OPT-OUT of the PA152 for 2022.

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

Marsh/Varner a motion to authorize the County Clerk's Office to deduct from payroll the employees' **2021-302** Health Insurance Premiums, HRA contributions \$40 single, \$70 two-person and \$80 for family, out of 24 pay-periods and the pre-tax HSA contributions in compliance with Section 125, Administered by 44-North, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

**The B.O.C acknowledged the notifications from Sheriff Grace and Ms. Ann Galbraith, County Clerk & Register of Deeds.

Varner/Bondar a motion to acknowledge the employee status change, of Brandon Buchanan, from a **2021-303** non-union part-time deputy to a POAM Union full-time deputy, effective **October 10, 2021**.
4 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

Marsh/Varner a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Diane Hill, as a full-time Deputy Clerk Register of **2021-304** Deeds, effective **November 1, 2021**, per motion 2021-269.

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

Unfinished Business/New Business:

**Commissioner Yoder addressed the Gypsy Moth Spraying Program FY2022. Commissioner Yoder did reach out to another spraying company, MSU Extension and discussed with Ms. Amber Woehlert, Equalization Director the options for the 2022 Gypsy Moth Spraying Program. At this time, it appears that the County will have to look at a block program, where there would be an assessment done to locate large mass of gypsy moths present and spray those area's only, with an option for homeowners to opt-out of the spraying program; the spraying companies do not want to spray anything less than 40 acres. Commissioner Yoder would like to still look into a large acreage cost-sharing program, if that is possible. A "Ground-Based Spraying Program" for those small property owners will be offered. Commissioner Yoder stated that MSU extension maybe able to assist with an egg mass survey and Ms. Amber Woehlert is willing to oversee the Gypsy Moth Spraying Program if the B.O.C would be willing to take here position from a part-time to a full-time status. County Clerk & Register of Deeds, Ann Galbraith, asked about her other equalization obligations and the length of her full-time status. Commissioner Yoder stated he did address that with Ms. Woehlert and she feels confident her other obligations will not interfere, especially if she can work from home. Commissioner Yoder stated that the Gypsy Moth Millage is for another three-years the B.O.C can address Ms. Woehlert full-time status at that time; it was the consensus of the B.O.C that Ms. Woehlert would be an asset to the Gypsy Moth Spraying Program. Commissioner Yoder will be working with Ms. Woehlert on the details of the 2022 Gypsy Moth Spraying Program and will keep the B.O.C posted.

Marsh/Bondar to move Amber A. Woehlert, from a part-time Equalization Director to a full-time **2021-305** Equalization Director, to include the responsibilities of the Gypsy Moth Coordinator, with County Benefits, at her current salary, 35 hours per week (between scheduled office hours and working from home) effective **October 25, 2021.**

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

**Mr. Jim Vance, Oscoda County Manager, gave a brief up-date on the County Park. The garage roof project has been completed. The Park will offer seasonal campers to store their campers right at the park for \$25.00 per month; owners will have to sign a liability waiver. Mr. Vance presented a sample brochure for the B.O.C to review. Mr. Vance would like to offer rustic seasonal sites next year; he has campers that are interested, it was the consensus of the B.O.C to allow him to move forward. The Park held their annual "Halloween Camp Event" it was a great success; fun by all. Commissioner Bondar was praised for a job well done. Commissioner Bondar wanted to thank everyone who donated funds and/or their time to the event.

Varner/Bondar a motion to authorize the Treasurer's Office to create a new revenue line (208-000-667-**2021-306** 01) for Camper Storage, and so amend the budget.

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

Financial:

**Commissioner Varner stated that himself, Commissioner Bondar, County Treasurer, Bill Kendall and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Brenda Moore met with Mr. Bob Hunter, EMS Director, regarding the short-fall in the 102 Equipment Budget; Mr. Hunter looked at the Budget incorrectly. Also, reviewed was the Temp. Office Clerk position. Commissioner Varner stated there was some misunderstandings regarding the hiring procedure. Mr. Hunter continues to expressed the need to catch up on administrative duties and since this position is only temporary, Commissioner Varner and Commissioner Bondar recommended to extend the position to November 9, 2021. The following motions were made:

Varner/Bondar 2021-307 A motion to authorize the Treasurer's Office to move \$30,000.00 from appropriations 101-965-999.10 (Ambulance Trans. Out), (moved from contingency), to Special Fund (102) Ambulance Equipment (Trans. In 102-000-699.00), to cover the purchase of an Ambulance and to avoid a fund deficient, and to freeze the 102 Ambulance Equipment Budget for the balance of 2021, and so amend the budget.

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

Varner/Bondar 2021-308 a motion to extend the employment of Jesseca Pfaff (motion 2021-288), temporary EMS Assistant Office Clerk, to work up to 21 hours per week, \$14.31 per hour, through **November 9, 2021**; to be reevaluated on November 9, 2021, to assist & catch up with administrative duties, and so amend the budget.

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

**Commissioner Yoder received notification from Mr. Rod Marsh, Motor Pool Supervisor that while Evans Auto was doing the repairs to the Maintenance Vehicle (Claim #4A21088A5D6-002) it was discovered that additional repairs were needed due to the accident. Although, the Board of Commissioners questioned why they were not notified prior of the additional repairs, they authorized payment of \$10,259.59 to Evans Auto, but will be requesting that the additional amount of \$3,444.23 be reimbursed back to the county as part of the claim.

Bondar/Marsh 2021-309 a motion to authorize the Clerk & Treasurer's Office to issue a check to Evan's Auto, in the amount of \$10,259.59, for repairs done to the Maintenance Truck, 2008 Chevrolet Silverado (Claim #4A21088A5D6-0002), and submit the additional amount of \$3,444.23 to the insurance company for payment, and so amend the budget.

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

Committee Reports:

**It was the consensus of the Board to waive presenting committee reports.

Public Comment: (Limited to three minutes per person).

**A couple of residents in the audience presented the B.O.C with pictures of Gypsy Moths just on their property. They stated they were happy that the County is taking the Gypsy Moth problem serious and taking measures to at least suppress them; they offered their assistance.

**The Annual "Pink Out" Volleyball Game, Mio AuSable School against Fairview Area School is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6 p.m.

**Mr. Michael Hunt thanked the B.O.C.

**Sheriff Grace stated he will be working on the Jail Contract, that is up for renewal, and the Sheriff Equipment Millage language that will be placed on next year's election ballot.

**Commissioner Yoder thanked the audience for attending and those participating in today's meeting by teleconference and called for a motion to adjourn.

Varner/Marsh 2021-310 a motion to adjourn today's meeting (12:45 p.m.).

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

The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, October 26, 2021 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**