



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes October 26, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, October 26, 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, McCauley, and Marsh.

Members by Teleconference: Commissioner Bondar

Public Present: 4

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 Bondar joined by teleconference.

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **October 26, 2021, as presented.

McCauley/Bondar a motion to accept the Agenda for **October 26, 2021**, as presented.
2021-311

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

The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar Items for **October 26, 2021, as presented.

Item #1 Official Minutes for **October 12, 2021**, were approved; with the amended Expenditures (Item#4), as received from the Clerk's Office; minutes have been corrected.

Item #2 Claims and Audit Docket for **October 26, 2021**, were approved as received, from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$26,154.64**.

McCauley/Varner a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **October 26, 2021**, as presented.
2021-312

Roll Call Vote: McCauley, yes; 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, spoke on the EMS Committee Meeting held with Greenwood Township and the EMS Director, Bob Hunter last week, regarding an EMS station in Greenwood; contracting with Albert Township and/or splinting the EMS time & staff with the Fairview Station were all ideas discussed. Another EMS Committee Meeting is scheduled on November 16, 2021.

Appointments:

**Ms. Amber Woehlert, Equalization Director, presented the Oscoda County “Annual Apportionment Report” and the B.O.C adopted Resolution 2021-012 “Tax Certification for Taxes Levied in 2021.

Varner/Marsh a motion to accept the 2021 Apportionment Report, as presented, by the Oscoda County **2021-313** Equalization Director, Amber Woehlert, at the Board of Commissioners Annual Meeting, held on **October 26, 2021** as required, under MCL 46.1.

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

Marsh/McCauley a motion to approve **Resolution 2021-012** “Tax Certification for Taxes Levied in **2021-314** 2021”, as written.

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

**Mr. Michael Benefiel, Network Support/Sales, M33Access, discussed some options for the County to bring and/or expand Broadband to the county. Mr. Benefiel explained the difference between Fiber, DSL, and Coax, and presented what M-33 Access would use. Mr. Benefiel would like the B.O.C to consider teaming up with Townships to get the county covered and addressed packaging and pricing options. Commissioner Yoder stated Broadband is one of the area’s that is well defined for AR PA Funds, therefore he will reach out to Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein, P.C, who the county hired to advised and guide the county on AR PA Funds eligibility and reporting, to schedule a conference call along with Commissioner Varner and Mr. Bill Kendall, County Treasurer, to see if the County could move forward and offer a county match to townships, businesses and/or residents who are interested in brining Broadband to the County.

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

**The B.O.C received a request to appoint a member to the 211 Northeast Michigan Board of Directors; Commissioner Marsh was appointed.

Varner/McCauley a motion to appoint Commissioner Marsh to the 211 Northeast Michigan Board of **2021-315** Directors, representing Oscoda County.

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

Unfinished Business/New Business:

Financial:

**The B.O.C approved the request, received from the Veteran Affairs Board, to create a new rent expense line and to amend the VA Budget by moving \$6,000.00 from the VA relief expense line to the travel expense line to cover expenses.

Varner/Bondar a motion to authorize the Treasurer’s Office to create a new expense line (298-682-**2021-316** 940.00) for Rent and amend the Veterans Affairs 2021 Budget (298) as requested.

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

**Commissioner Bondar was out of cell phone service and the call was lost; therefore, an absent vote was cast for the balance of the votes for today's meeting.

**The B.O.C approved the County Grounds Tree Trim/Removal Project, as requested by Mr. Joe Breugh, Maintenance Supervisor.

McCauley/Varner a motion to accept the quote from Smity's Tree Service, in the amount of \$1,090.00
2021-317 to trim/chip/remove (3 oaks) the dead wood located at the Oscoda County Play Ground, paid out of the maintenance budget moved from contingency, and so amend the budget.

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

McCauley/Marsh a motion to accept the quote from Smity's Tree Service, in the amount of \$1,700.00
2021-318 to cut down/chip/remove the dead wood from the one Big Oak Tree, located at the Government Center in the parking lot, paid out of the maintenance budget moved from contingency, and so amend the budget.

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

**The B.O.C approved the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport - CIP FY 2022-2027 that included the purchase of snow equipment and Aviation Fuel Purchase.

Varner/McCauley a motion to accept the "Capital Improvement Plan" (CIP 2022-2027) prepared by
2021-319 Mead & Hunt, Inc. and authorize the purchase order, for a John Deere 6155R or 6130R (Snow Equipment w/attachments); contingent upon the final approval for funding by MDOT, and so amend the budget.

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

McCauley/Varner a motion to purchase up to 1500 gallons of 100LL Aviation Fuel, from Av Fuel, not
2021-320 to exceed the amount of \$7,500.00 for the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport, and so amend the 2021 budget.

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

Committee Reports:

**It was the consensus of the B.O.C to waive presenting committee reports. Commissioner Marsh announced the retirement of Ms. Kim Lauterwasser, from the Department of Human & Health Services (DHHS); she served as the community resource coordinator for the Tri-Counties.

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

**The Annual "Pink Out" Volleyball Game, was a great success! The goal of \$10,000.00 was met. Commissioner Marsh stated that over \$70,000.00 has been collected for Breast Cancer with the funds kept here in Oscoda County over the years.

**Mr. Michael Hunt commented on the EMS Funding concerns and asked the B.O.C to look into grants rather than raising millages.

**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 a motion to adjourn today's meeting (11:20 p.m.).
2021-321

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

The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 9, 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