



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes November 8, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, November 8, 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 Varner, McCauley, Marsh and Bondar
Members Excused:	Commissioner Yoder
Public Present:	8
Public by Teleconference:	3
Zoom Participants:	0

Commissioner Varner 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 **November 8, 2022** as presented.

McCauley/Bondar a motion to approve the Agenda for **November 8, 2022**, as presented.
2022-271

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

Bondar/McCauley a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **November 8, 2022**.
2022-272

Item #1 Unofficial Minutes for **November 1, 2022** and **November 8, 2022**.

Item #2 Budget Amendments

- **County Park**: A request to decrease funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 from budget line Mio Pond Land/Snow/Grass 208-751-935.00 and increase funds in the amount of \$3,000.00 to budget line Mio Pond Equip Repair/Maint 208-751-931.00, and so, amend the budget.
- **County Park**: A request to decrease funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 from budget line Mio Pond Land/Snow/Grass 208-751-935.00 and increase funds in the amount of \$1,000.00 to budget line OC Park Office/Operation Supplies 208-751-729.00, and so, amend the budget.

- Friend of Court: A request to increase funds in the amount of \$255.00 in budget line FOC ST/LT Madison 215.141-838.00, and so, amend the budget.
- Jail: A request to increase funds in the amount of \$89,000.00 in budget line Jail-Lodging Other Jails 101.351-821.00, and so, amend the budget.

Item #3 General & Special Fund Summary for October 2022.

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **November 8, 2022**, as received from the County Clerk’s Office.

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

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

- 1) Smith Lake Park Swing Set – Completed installation

Appointments:

- 1) Ms. Frances Ommani, Communication & Development Director – 2021 NEMSCA Annual Report Presentation
 - Discussion covered the following topics:
 - Services provided by NEMSCA, Financial Overview, Program Impact, Cares Relief & Recovery Services, Foster Grandparent Program, Volunteer Statistics, Homeless Prevention, CSFP Program and Weatherization Program.
 - Community Needs Assessment for Oscoda County is available on NEMSCA’s website.
 - Executive Director’s Report was distributed to the Board of Commissioners for review.

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

- 1) Ms. Jennifer Wanstead, 44North Account Executive will be doing a presentation of your 2023 benefits as well as Open Enrollment on Monday, November 14, 2022 @ 12:00 noon at the Community Center. Spouses are welcome to attend and lunch will be provided.

- 2) Mr. Michael Bowers, Emergency Management – Resolution 2022-023; Oscoda County Dam Supports Economic Impact Study of Dams
 - Commissioner Bondar and Mr. Mike Bowers, Emergency Management have had conversation in regards to the Resolution for Oscoda County.
 - Mr. Mike Bowers, Emergency Management – Plans to offer a class for all County Employees on December 9, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m. This will be hands only CPR, Stop the Bleed, Run Hide fight and active shooter class. He will be sending out a “Save the Date” flyer to Ms. Rene Welser, B.O.C. Executive Secretary for distribution.
 - Commissioner Bondar, Ms. Ann Galbraith, County Clerk & Ms. Rene Welser, B.O.C. Executive Secretary attended a Zoom call with MAC in regards to the Grass Roots. This is involving various counties that are being impacted.
 - Ms. Coco Soodek w/Seasongood Law, Inc., President of Lake Alleghany County Association attended via teleconference. She is heading up the efforts in Southwestern Michigan. We are taking the review by consumers is serious! Draw attention to the fact the this is a Statewide issue. Everyone is alarmed by the devastating effect of the decommissioning of the dams. Commissioner Jim Story in Lake Allegan is taking a stance against the thought of decommissioning these dams. Funding for Economic Impact Study for 13 dams and needs to be performed by an independent agency and funded by the Federal Government. The next steps are to look to Consumers Energy to fund an environment impact study as well.

Bondar/Marsh
2022-273

a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-023 and requests the local Economic Development Commission takes the necessary and immediate measures to secure funding and assistance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to conduct a full economic impact study of each dam (five of which exist on the AuSable River); as requested by Mr. Michael Bowers, Emergency Management and authorized by the Board of Commissioners Chairman and/or Vice Chairman and the County Clerk to sign.

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

Unfinished Business/New Business:

- 1) Ms. Brenna Kirkpatrick, Trial Courts – Rescind the offer for the Juvenile Officer/Juvenile Probation Officer position

McCauley/Bondar
2022-274

a motion to acknowledge rescinding the offer to Mr. Donald Wilce of the Juvenile Officer/Juvenile Probation Officer position.

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

- 2) Ms. Brenna Kirkpatrick, Trial Courts – Advertise and hire to fill the Juvenile Officer/Juvenile Probation Officer position

Marsh/Bondar
2022-275

a motion to advertise and hire for filling the position of the Oscoda County Juvenile Probation Officer, as a full-time position with a starting salary of \$40,335.00, per the current United Steelworkers contract, effective immediately.

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

- 3) Mr. Robert Hunter, EMS Director – Acknowledge to hire John Mattson as a Paramedic

Marsh/McCauley
2022-276

a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Mr. John Mattson, as a full-time union employee to fill the position of Paramedic, with a hire date of November 11, 2022, working 48 hours per week at a starting wage of \$18.06 per hour per the current POAM contract, and eligible for County benefits.

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

Financial:
N/A

Contract/Agreement Renewals:

- 1) Michigan State Police Rental Agreement Renewal, effective January 1, 2023.

Bondar/Marsh
2022-277

a motion to renew the “Rental Agreement” with the State of Michigan, on a month to month basis due to the anticipated demolition of the existing structure in 2023 as written, for \$200.32 per month, effective January 1, 2023 and authorize the Vice Chair to sign.

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

Public Comments (Limited to three minutes per person):

Sheriff Kevin Grace:

- Hired a part-time Deputy to help with the staffing issue and will begin working soon.
- Inmate in Flint, MI requiring 24/7 watch. This has increased hospital and overtime cost.
- 40 lbs. of medications were turned over to the DEA on Take Back Drug Day, totaling approximately 100 lbs. over the year for disposal.
- Part-time Bailiff resigned and the position is re-opened. Will continue crossing guard until further notice.
- Lien Audit was performed at the Sheriff's Department. Up to 4.9 error rate is allowable, Oscoda County had a .03 error rate, which is remarkable.
- The men's no shave November and December fundraiser has begun at the Sheriff's Department and the females dress down. The funds go towards a charitable event, person or family in the community.

Commissioner Varner:

- Informed Mr. Ted Handrich, who will become a new Commissioner effective January 1, 2023, that there are new Commissioner education schools available and that reimbursement has been authorized.
- The building will be accessible this evening following voting for the Townships to drop off their ballots.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Bondar:

- Attended Zoom Mtg for the Grass Roots call regarding the Hydroelectric Dams was very educational. It is nice to have the support from all the counties that are involved.
- Damage Assessment Class:
 - Teaches systematic process, attendance was not what they were hopeful.
 - Michigan State Police gave a presentation, response times, snow storms, solar panel, power outages, floods, fires, etc. Are we prepared for the consequences?
- Working on open meetings act, put on hold until after the election.
- Attended the Spectrum Ribbon cutting ceremony in Fairview, MI
- Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Airport:
 - Commissioner Varner has spoken with Jack Bergman to assist us from the Federal level.
- A retirement gathering will be held at EMS for Robert Hunter on December 13, 2022 following the BOC Meeting.

Commissioner Varner:

- Attended Northern Michigan Regional Entity Meeting
- Attended Substance Abuse Meeting
- Attended AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Meeting

2023 Budget Workshop:

- 1) 2023 Proposed General & Special Fund Budgets

Bondar/McCauley
2022-278

a motion to table the 2023 Proposed General & Special Fund Budgets until additional information is obtained from the Clerk's Office.

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

Commissioner Bondar:

- o Mentioned that the Board of Commissioners appropriated the Clerk's hours to work up to 40 hours per week through 2022 calendar year, per Motion#2022-134.
- o Ms. Amber Woehlert, Gypsy Moth Coordinator - Up to 40 Hours. Planning to eliminate the ground spray next year, and will be doing the aerial spray only.

Adjournment

Marsh/McCauley
2022-279

a motion to adjourn at 11:09 a.m.

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

The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, November 22, 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**