



COUNTY OF OSCODA

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Official Minutes December 12, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023 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.

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.

B. Invocation and/or Pledge

Pledge to the Flag

C. Roll Call of Board Members

Roll Call of Members:

Members Present:	Commissioners McCauley, Varner, Marsh, Handrich and Bondar
Members Excused:	N/A
Public Present:	1
Public by Teleconference:	2
Zoom Participants:	4

D. Approval of Agenda

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **December 12, 2023**, as presented, with one addition to Financial.

Bondar/Handrich a motion to approve the Agenda for **December 12, 2023**, as presented, with one
2023-321 addition to Financial.

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

E. Approval of the Consent Calendar Items for December 12, 2023.

The B.O.C. approved the Consent Calendar Items for **December 12, 2023**.

Marsh/McCauley a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **December 12, 2023**.
2023-322

Item #1 Budget Amendments

Treasurer: a request to add a new budget and budget lines to the Special Fund for Building Construction Fund.

Treasurer: a request to add a new budget and budget lines to the Special Fund budget for Building Authority Debt Fund.

Treasurer: a request to add a new budget line "Appropriation Transfer Out Building Authority Debt" 101.965.999.37 to the General Fund budget.

Item #2 General & Special Funds **November 2023**.

Item #3 Claims and Audit Docket for **December 12, 2023**, as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$102,700.45**.

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

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

N/A

G. Appointments:

N/A

H. Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

N/A

I. Unfinished Business/New Business:

- 1) Mr. John Mattson, EMS Director – Staffing Changes

Marsh/Bondar
2023-323 a motion to acknowledge the change in status of Mr. Timothy Forton who is moving from a full-time paramedic to a part-time contingent paramedic, with an effective date of January 1, 2024, with a wage of \$18.99 per hour, to be paid out of Contingent EMT Shifts budget line 210.651.704.10, and not eligible for County benefits.

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

J. Financial:

- 1) Peterson McGregor Insurance - County Liability Coverage Renewal

McCauley/Handrich
2023-324 a motion to approve the renewal with Peterson McGregor, in the amount of **\$133,119.00** for Oscoda County's Liability Coverage, including Cyber Coverage and Bond, effective January 1, 2024 through January 1, 2025 and authorize the Chair to sign the required documents, on behalf of the County.

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

- 2) Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport

McCauley/Handrich
2023-325 a motion to allow the Board of Commissioners to authorize the Chair to execute a contract, not to exceed \$10,000, to conduct the required independent fee estimate (IFE) for the Airport Layout Plan Update. The reimbursement of the costs to conduct the IFE will be reimbursed to the County at 95%, per the standing FAA Airport Improvement Program funding requirements.

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

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

Sheriff Kevin Grace:

- Progress on construction site
- Official notification – Ryan Blair graduated from the Kirtland Police Academy on Friday. Won two MCOLES awards through the academy. He was sworn in on Saturday for his oath of office. His if official!

L. Committee Reports:

Commissioner Varner:

- Attended Annual Insurance Renewal Meeting
- Attended MOA Landfill Meeting
 - End of year meeting
 - The landfill has their new building;
 - Testing of the injection well within the next week, which will the starting of the savings of \$1 million annually by utilization of the injection well.
- Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport Update
 - Tree removal is complete and Mr. Brian Smutek did a fantastic job with the oversight of the tree removal project!
 - Oscoda County has regained our full provisional license.

Commissioner McCauley:

- Attended Road Commission Meeting
 - Resident on Smith Rd. who wants to have the road commission abandon the road so that individuals will stop hunting on the property across the street from his residence.
- Attended District Library Meeting
 - CPA (Tyler), findings were that the library is in good shape financially.
- Attended MTA Meeting
 - Discussion of the new septic code, property values, solar farms;
 - Lacking attendance;

- Mr. Ken Troyer passed away.

Commissioner Bondar:

- Attended Airport Meeting with MDOT, Mead & Hunt, Commissioner Varner, Mr. Brian Smutek and Ms. Rene Welser.
 - Tree removal is complete;
 - Deadline of December 26, 2023 has been met.
- Attended Michigan Works Meeting
 - Combined meeting with NEMCOG, event coming in May 2024, two sessions will be held; if interested in attending contact Allison Wallace to be added to their VIP list.
- Attended MOA Landfill Meeting
 - Claims & Accounts;
 - GFL has purchased many companies;
 - Ribbon cutting ceremony to be held shortly after the first of the year.
- Attended Council on Aging Meeting
 - Looking at a different building to purchase. The current building will be paid off soon.
- MAC & MTA
 - Legislation (Open Meetings Act) is working on an agreement; requirements will be coming soon.

Commissioner Handrich:

- Attended Steiner Meeting
- Attended Comins Township Meeting
 - Attended the VIP Night on December 1, 2023;
 - Tree Lighting Ceremony in Fairview, was a nice turnout.
- Attended Building Committee Meeting
 - Plan Review this coming Thursday, December 14, 2023;
 - Site Plan is moving along nicely;
 - Weather could possibly reduce winter condition cost.

M. 2024 Proposed General & Special Fund Budgets

McCauley/Handrich a motion to approve the 2024 “Proposed Budgets” for the General Fund, in the amount of \$6,254,745.05 and the Special Funds, as discussed, and hold a “Public Hearing” to adopt the 2024 Oscoda County General and Special Fund Budgets at the December 19, 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting.

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

N. Adjournment:

Marsh/McCauley a motion to adjourn today’s meeting at 10:51 a.m.

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

The B.O.C will hold their “Regular B.O.C Meeting” scheduled for **Tuesday, December 19, 2023 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).

**Charles E Varner, Jr., Oscoda County
Board of Commissioners Chairman**

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