



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes May 10, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on Tuesday, May 10, 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, Varner, McCauley, Marsh and Bondar
Members Excused:	0
Public Present:	6
Public by Teleconference:	3
Zoom Participants:	0

**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 May 10, 2022, with three additions to today’s B.O.C. Regular Meeting, as presented.

Additions to Appointments, Financial, & Unfinished/New Business

Varner/McCauley 2022-116 a motion to approve the agenda for May 10, 2022, today’s B.O.C Regular Meeting, as presented.

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

The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar Items for May 10, 2022, as presented.

Item #1 Official Minutes for April 26, 2022, were approved.

Item #2 General and Special Funds Budget Reports for April 2022.

Item #3 B.O.C. Budget Amendments:

- 1.) A request to amend Special Funds 102-651 to reflect Equipment expenses paid out.
- 2.) A request to amend Special Funds 210-651 to reflect Operating Expenses paid out.

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **May 6, 2022**, as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$46,532.19**.

Marsh/McCauley a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **May 10, 2022**.
2022-117

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

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

Ms. Ann Galbraith asked for permission to use the Courthouse grounds for July 4th celebration. The Board of Commissioners granted permission for use of Courthouse grounds.

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

Appointments:

1.) Mr. Jimmy Vance, Oscoda County Park Manager – US Forestry Grant

Mr. Jimmy Vance is seeking guidance for grant funds that are available through the US Forestry Department to be used for expenses at the Oscoda County Park.

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

Varner/McCauley a motion to guarantee \$5,000 to match to the grant funds, if the grant is awarded
2022-118 that are available through the US Forestry Department to be used for expenses at the Oscoda County Park.

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

Addition

2.) Mr. Greyling Brandt, District Ranger – United States Department of Agriculture

Mr. Greyling Brandt, District discussed information pertaining to the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Title II funding that is allocated to Oscoda and Wexford Counties.

The current annual break down of Secure Rural Schools base funding of \$279,199.90 for Oscoda County is as follows:

- Title I: 80% or \$223,359.92, paid directly to the County for public schools and public roads. State of MI splits this dollar amount in to 75% for school and 25% for roads.
- Title II: 13% or \$36,295.99, held by the Forest Service and allocated by a Resource Advisory Committee. Money can be spent on any National Forest Lands or Adjacent Lands in the state.
- Title III: 7% or \$19,543.99, paid directly to the County and can be used for emergency services and broadband installation and expansion.

Mr. Greyling Brandt offered to donate fire rings, tables, etc. to the Oscoda County Park from the Forest Service.

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

1.) Probate Register Clerk Position:

Marsh/McCauley 2022-119 a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Richele Barkatt, as a full-time employee to fill the Probate Register Clerk, \$16.24 per hour, effective **May 5, 2022**, per motion 2022-084, eligible for County benefits, 35 hours per week at \$16.24 per hour; and so, amend the budget.

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

Unfinished Business/New Business:

Addition

Varner/Bondar: 2022-120 a motion to accept resignation and to post for filling this position Deputy Register of Deeds.

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

Varner/Bondar: 2022-121 a motion to advertise for filling the position, Deputy Register of Deeds.

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

Financial:

1.) Short-Term & Long-Term Disability Insurance Renewal

McCauley/Varner 2022-122 a motion to renew the Oscoda County Short-Term & Long-Term Disability Policy, with Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc., with premiums remaining the same, rate guaranteed effective August 1, 2022 through August 1, 2023. and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

1.) (2) 3 Drawer Lateral File Cabinets, B.O.C. Executive Secretary office

Varner/Yoder 2022-123 a motion to approve the purchase of (2) 3 Drawer Lateral filing cabinets to replace the existing, recently quoted at \$1,798.00 which includes delivery and installation. Requesting the expense to be paid through Contingency (101-890-965.00)

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

Addition

**Commissioner Varner requested to add a line item to the existing Board of Commissioners budget (101-101) for Special Events/Bereavement for \$1,000 to cover expenses of employee retirement parties, flowers, etc. In addition, he is requesting reimbursement to Ms. Ann Galbraith for approximately \$450.00 of expenses paid out of her personal funds to pay for Ms. Brenda Moore's retirement party. A general consensus of the board agreed to this request and suggested that Commissioner Varner seek legal advice prior to the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Commissioner Yoder

- Gave an update on the Sherriff's Building regarding the survey.
- Expressed concerns in regards to Smith Lake Park needs improvements made at playground. He did state that funds from the marijuana revenue could be used for this project.
- Discussion in regards to establishing an HR Position for Oscoda County per Ann Galbraith. The BOC agreed to consider pursuing this in the near future. Stated that we need to narrow down a job description for the new HR position. Requesting an electronic copy of job description. Add to the next BOC meeting agenda so that we can move forward in getting this position created and filled. Commissioners will meet to discuss and decide?
- Attended Comins Township Meeting, it was a great turnout.
- Ms. Lee Ann Fischer is currently working on the MEDC Revitalization Grant. This will require the Board of Commissioners approval once the grant is approved. EDC funds can be distributed to local businesses.

Commissioner Varner

- Spoke on injection well. GFL Environmental purchased Whitehouse Disposal, etc. This is a Canadian based company; this company will not be taking over our landfills. \$125,000 in Appropriations will be granted to Oscoda.

Commissioner Bondar

- Attended MTA Meeting
- Commissioner Bondar inquired about other survey companies expressing an interest in the Sheriff Department project"? Commissioner Yoder spoke of another company that submitted an interest; however, it came in too late. Commissioner Yoder stated that Wade Trim is very interested and that he is impressed by the prompt response, communication as well as preparedness/readiness on this project. A special meeting may need to be hosted for Wade Trim to present their plan on the project at a later date. Commissioner Yoder will keep the board updated on the status of this project.
- Attended EMS Meeting
- Attended Council on Aging Meeting - discussed changes being made to the building. Once the funding is available, the Council on Aging will proceed with building projects.

Commissioner McCauley

- Attended District Library Meeting
- Attended MTA Meeting @ Steiner Museum
- River Review Board – Progress with current projects.

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

**Ms. Amy Knepp, Oscoda County Library is now officially the Oscoda County District Library.

**Ms. Ann Galbraith – Announced the following future events:

- Mio: 4th of July celebrations will be held on the courthouse grounds.
- Comins: 4th of July celebrations will be held on July 6th
- Luzerne: there will be no festivities held this year. Luzerne has decided to hold festivities for Labor Day in lieu of the 4th of July.
- Blue Collar Annual Festival will be held on June 9-10th
- Nor' Eastern Festival will be held on the same weekend.
- Steiner Museum – Wine Tasting - August 2022

- Visitor's Guides are complete and ready for distribution.

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

Marsh/McCauley: a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 11:49 a.m.
2022-124

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

The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, May 24, 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