



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes June 8, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on **Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** “Open to the Public” and by Teleconference, in compliance with MDHHS requirements and as allowed by Public Act 228 of 2020, from the Commissioner’s Boardroom, 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, Marsh and McCauley.

Members by Teleconference:

Public Present: 3

Public by Teleconference: 6

Commissioner Yoder called today’s “Public Meeting” to order at 10:00 a.m.; including those joining us by teleconference (In compliance with MDHHS requirements and as allowed by Public Act 228 of 2020).

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **June 8, 2021, as presented.

McCauley/Marsh a motion to accept the Agenda for **June 8, 2021**, as presented.
2021-194

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

The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar Items for **June 8, 2021, as presented.

Item #1 Official Minutes for **May 25, 2021**, were approved as presented.

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

Item #3 Expenditures for the month of **May 2021**, were approved as received from the County Clerk’s Office. Total Expenditures **\$622,833.85.**

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
101 General Fund	\$161,420.54	\$212,969.36	\$374,389.90
102 Ambulance Equip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

103	Sheriff Equip	\$0.00	\$1,558.94	\$1,558.94
104	911 Emergency	\$6,778.17	\$4,294.70	\$11,072.87
205	Officer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
208	Park Fund	\$8,131.82	\$31,676.55	\$39,808.37
209	D.A.R.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
210	Ambulance Fund	\$64,037.86	\$28,554.58	\$92,592.44
215	Friend/Court	\$5,985.52	\$3,661.48	\$9,647.00
216	Public Guardian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
217	Fairgrounds	\$322.95	\$1,463.58	\$1,786.53
218	Smith Lake	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
230	Hazmat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
232	Historical Comm	\$0.00	\$526.89	\$526.89
239	Gypsy Moth	\$758.93	\$0.00	\$758.93
245	Public Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
249	Building Dept.	\$4,266.89	\$175.94	\$4,442.83
256	R.O.D. Automation	\$0.00	\$239.00	\$239.00
258	May 4 Courthouse Fire	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
260	MIDC	\$0.00	\$31,268.00	\$31,268.00
263	Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$0.00	\$19.38	\$19.38
265	Drug Law Enforcement	\$3,805.17	\$1,884.83	\$5,690.00
269	Law Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
271	Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	Council/Aging	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
281	EDC Revolving Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
285	RSRF	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
290	Social Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
292	Child Care	\$3,443.57	\$12,021.42	\$15,464.99
293	Soldiers / Sailors Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
294	Veterans Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
295	Airport	\$865.83	\$189.69	\$1,055.52
296	Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
297	Smile/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
298	Veterans Affairs	\$2,273.35	\$8,730.07	\$11,003.42
470	Courthouse Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535	Housing	\$0.00	\$304.67	\$304.67
616	Tax Revolving	\$0.00	\$1,094.17	\$1,094.17
	<i>SUB TOTALS</i>	\$262,090.60	\$360,743.25	\$622,833.85
201	Road Commission			\$176,771.83
	<i>Grand Total</i>		\$799,605.68	

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **June 8, 2021**, were approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$43,945.35**.

Varner/Bondar a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **June 8, 2021**, as **2021-195** presented.

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

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

**Mr. Bill Kendall, County Treasurer, announced the County has received the first payout of the American Rescue Plan, in the amount of \$800,000.00; a Special Fund (286) has been created.

Appointments:

**Ms. Amy Knepp, Oscoda County Library Director, presented information on the County Library going to a Michigan District Library. Ms. Knepp stated to become a MI District Library there is lots of legal steps; starting with getting partners. Ms. Knepp stated this is a long process and the library is working with an Attorney to assist them and for the County Library to go to a MI District Library officially County residents will have to vote on it. A previous Board of Commissioners separated the County from the Library back in 2015 allowing the library to take control of their operations, but still under the umbrella of the County. If approved the library would continue to have control over their operations but it would allow the library to take out a loan or bonds to possible purchase the building in Fairview where the Fairview library is currently housed and continue service in that area. The County would have a vote in how the library board would be selected, oversee millage funds and still receive penal fines funds. Ms. Knepp stated that it the library intends to seek out partners including Mitchell Township, in Curran MI, which Ms. Knepp is scheduled to attend their next township meeting and asked the Board of Commissioner to consider partnering. Ms. Knepp asked the Board to let her know if they had any questions that she could take to their attorney. It was the consensus of the Board to review further and asked Ms. Knepp to let them know what Mitchell Township decides. Ms. Knepp also let the Board know that the library is back to being open full-time.

Ms. Amber Woehlert, Equalization Director, by teleconference, presented **Resolution 2021-006 "Tax Certification for Taxes Levied in 2021" and asked the Board to adopt.

Varner/McCauley a motion to adopt Resolution **2021-006** the "Tax Certification for Taxes Levied in **2021-196** 2021" as requested by the Oscoda County Equalization Director, Amber Woehlert and authorized the Chairman and the County Clerk to sign the L-4029 certificate form.

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

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

Commissioner Varner sits on the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority Board, on behalf of the County, read out loud Resolution **2021-007 "Oppose Gearing Toward Integration". Commissioner Varner stated that there is always room for improvement but "Gearing Toward Integration" recommendation transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services from AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority; and asked for the Board's support. The Board made the following motion with Commissioner Yoder casting a no vote.

Varner/Bondar a motion to adopt Resolution **2021-007** “Oppose Gearing Toward Integration” in support **2021-197** of the AuSable Valley Community Mental Health Authority and its services they provide to our County.

Roll Call Vote: Marsh, yes; Yoder, no; Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, yes. **Motion Carried.**

Ms. Lee Ann Fischer, Housing Administrator, presented Resolution **2021-008 “Housing Preservation Grant”; which will continue to upgrade housing conditions for its low and very low-income homeowners here in Oscoda County.

Marsh/Bondar a motion to adopt Resolution **2021-008** “Housing Preservation Grant”, for \$50,000 to be **2021-198** used by the Oscoda County Home Improvement Program, for those eligible.

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

Unfinished Business/New Business:

**Commissioner Bondar and Commissioner Marsh, whom the B.O.C appointed to act as the Interim Oscoda County Park Administrator/Manager’s to oversee the County Park gave an up-date. Commissioner Marsh stated that Memorial Weekend went very well, only a few cancellations. The Park is looking good and campers are making reservations. The Mio AuSable Elementary School kids came down to the park and planted flowers and trees. Commissioner Bondar stated that they have received many compliments even from long time seasonal campers. Commissioner Marsh stated that they continue to research the purchase of a recreational fuel tank, looking at the repairs to the steps down to the water, purchase security cameras, motion sensor lights, new fire rings and it’s been an ongoing project fixing picnic tables; Commissioner Bondar gave a special thank you to Commissioner Marsh’s dad who was a big help. Commissioner Bondar ask the Board if the Park could purchase forks for the tractor that would assist in moving the picnic tables and fire rings; it was the consensus of the Board to purchase. Commissioner Marsh would like to pursue looking at creating a small camping store in the office. A meeting with Ms. Brooke McTaggart, from Consumers Energy has been scheduled next week and Ms. Beth Barron, the Park grant writer visited the County Park. Commissioner Marsh stated that the electric project is still on hold, waiting on material and the token machine was purchased but is also waiting on a part. The Park house is still occupied; Ms. Stoner was given until June 25, 2021; further legal action will have to be taken if she is not moved. Animal Control has been called again for a barking dog.

Financial:

**The Board approved the invoice and budget amendment for the emergency sewer work done by Morse Concrete & Excavating at the Annex Courthouse.

Marsh/Varner a motion to authorize the payment of the invoice from Morse Concrete & Excavating, in **2021-199** the amount of \$3,700.00, funds move from Contingency to the Maintenance Department Budget (101-265), and so amend the budget.

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

**The Board approved the renewal of the Short- & Long-Term Disability Policy with Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc.

Varner/Bondar a motion to renew the Oscoda County Short-Term Disability Policy, with Madison **2021-200** National Life Insurance Company, Inc., with the premium remaining the same, effective August 1, 2021 through August 1, 2022 and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

Varner/McCauley a motion to renew the Oscoda County Long-Term Disability Policy, with Madison
2021-201 National Life Insurance Company, Inc., with a premium increase of approximately
\$1,200.00, rate guaranteed effective August 1, 2021 through August 1, 2023 and authorize
the Chair to sign.

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

Committee Reports:

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

**Commissioner McCauley asked about the Gypsy Moth spraying; he has received several calls.
Commissioner Yoder stated that the Oscoda County's Gypsy Moth Control Program is now completed
for 2021. Approximately 4,500 acres were sprayed by air and 50 additional properties received ground-
based spraying. This is a multi-year program; spraying is being planned for 2022. Details will be
published for next year's spraying starting this fall.

**Commissioner Bondar stated she has received some complaints regarding the soap dispensers (soap is
black) in the bathrooms at the Government Center and the cleanliness of the Government Center and
Annex Buildings; Commissioner Yoder will follow-up with the Mr. Joe Breough, Maintenance
Supervisor.

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

**Ms. Amy Knepp, Library Director, stated she has been asked when the Annex Courthouse Building
would be open to the public. Commissioner Varner stated that the Courts are mandated to follow the State
Court Administrator's Office (SCAO) guidelines.

**For up-dated information on COVID-19 visit www.dhd2.org.

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

McCauley/Marsh a motion to adjourn today's meeting (12:45 p.m.).
2021-202

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

**The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at
10:00 a.m.** held in the **B.O.C Boardroom or by Teleconference** (In compliance with MDHHS requirements and as
allowed by Public Act 228 of 2020) by dialing **989-826-1163 (Pin#353)**.

**Kyle Yoder, Oscoda County
Board of Commissioners Chairman**

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