



# COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners  
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## Official Minutes July 13, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on **Tuesday, July 13, 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, Bondar, Marsh and McCauley.

Members by Teleconference:

Public Present: 5

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.

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **July 13, 2021**, as presented.

**Varner/Bondar** a motion to accept the Agenda for **July 13, 2021**, as presented.  
**2021-217**

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar Items for **July 13, 2021**, as presented.

**Item #1** Official Minutes for **June 22, 2021** were approved as received.

**Item #2** General and Special Funds Budget Reports for **June 2021** were reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

**Item #3** Expenditures for the month of **June 2021** were approved as received from the County Clerk’s Office. Total Expenditures **\$967,863.03.**

	PAYROLL	EXPENSES	TOTAL
<b>101</b> General Fund	\$170,023.27	\$260,439.49	\$430,462.76
<b>102</b> Ambulance Equip	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

103	Sheriff Equip	\$0.00	\$34,884.79	\$34,884.79
104	911 Emergency	\$7,103.72	\$4,654.49	\$11,758.21
205	Officer Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
208	Park Fund	\$9,509.17	\$33,489.07	\$42,998.24
209	D.A.R.E.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
210	Ambulance Fund	\$67,643.87	\$30,010.04	\$97,653.91
215	Friend/Court	\$5,985.49	\$5,939.15	\$11,924.64
216	Public Guardian	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
217	Fairgrounds	\$753.55	\$815.43	\$1,568.98
218	Smith Lake	\$753.55	\$125.00	\$878.55
230	Hazmat	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
232	Historical Comm	\$0.00	\$331.02	\$331.02
239	Gypsy Moth	\$807.37	\$220,683.40	\$221,490.77
245	Public Improvement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
249	Building Dept.	\$4,210.35	\$6,919.84	\$11,130.19
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	\$19,126.55	\$19,126.55
263	Concealed Pistol Licensing	\$0.00	\$25.50	\$25.50
265	Drug Law Enforcement	\$1,752.57	\$1,911.26	\$3,663.83
269	Law Library	\$0.00	\$132.79	\$132.79
271	Library	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
274	Council/Aging	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
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	\$3,443.59	\$8,309.39	\$11,752.98
293	Soldiers / Sailors Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
294	Veterans Trust	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
295	Airport	\$904.26	\$6,533.27	\$7,437.53
296	Basic Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
297	Smile/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
298	Veterans Affairs	\$2,240.84	\$7,060.78	\$9,301.62
470	Courthouse Preservation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
535	Housing	\$0.00	\$8,975.27	\$8,975.27
616	Tax Revolving	\$0.00	\$2,125.90	\$2,125.90
	<b><i>SUB TOTALS</i></b>	<b>\$275,131.60</b>	<b>\$692,731.43</b>	<b>\$967,863.03</b>
201	Road Commission			\$239,696.29
	<b><i>Grand Total</i></b>		<b>\$1,207,559.32</b>	

**Item #4** Claims and Audit Docket for **July 13, 2021**, were approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$38,562.44**.

**McCauley/Varner** a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **July 13, 2021**, as **2021-218** 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).

\*\*Residents addressed the Gypsy Moth Program, expressing their disappointment & concerns; Commissioner Yoder will follow-up.

**Appointments:**

\*\*Ms. Suzanne Barker, Council on Aging Director, by Teleconference, addressed the B.O.C regarding the Region 9 Area Agencies on Aging Annual Implementation Plan and asked for the B.O.C support. Ms. Barker addressed Title VII Elder Abuse Prevention, Title IIID Evidence-Based Disease Prevention and Title IIIE National Family Caregiver Support, three other funds the Oscoda County Council on Aging applied for.

**Bondar/McCauley** a motion to send a letter of approval, from the Oscoda County Board of **2021-219** Commissioners, and authorize the Chair to sign, supporting the Region 9 Area Agencies on Aging Annual Implementation Plan.

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

\*\*Mr. Mike Bowers, Emergency Management Coordinator, informed the B.O.C that the "Generator Project" for the Government Center Building is complete; running at 75% at this time; Mr. Joe Breagh, Maintenance Supervisor, is looking into the cause and solution. The "Generator Project" did come in over budget by \$2,935.00; due to electrical materials & labor. Mr. Bowers stated that the \$2,000.00 Homeland Security Grant Funds, from the sale of the trailer from the Sheriff's Department by the County Park, can be used towards the overage and Mr. Bowers will seek additional reimbursement from the Emergency Management Homeland Security Division to cover all overage.

\*\*Ms. Kristi McGregor, County Prosecutor, by Teleconference addressed the B.O.C with a request to increase Ms. Lisa Moscato, Legal Secretary & Crime Victim Advocate wage. The County Prosecutor's Office, since 2017 has taken over the Neglect & Abuse responsibilities working with the Department of Health and Human Services on child abuse, neglect and parental rights termination matters, rather than the County contracting with a private Attorney to handle. The Prosecutor's Office by taking on the Neglect & Abuse responsibilities has saved the County money, by limiting Attorney fees and qualifying for additional revenue through reimbursement by the State. The number of cases and the amount of paperwork required has increased over the years. The Prosecutor's Office would like to continue to provide this service, protecting and having a voice for the children of Oscoda County and for the County itself, however asked that Ms. Moscato be compensated.

**Varner/Marsh** a motion to implement a wage adjustment for Lisa Moscato, Prosecutor Legal Secretary **2021-220** from \$18.01 to \$20.01, effective July 5, 2021; contingent upon the Prosecutor's Office handling Neglect & Abuse responsibilities.

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

**Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:**

\*\*The B.O.C reviewed a request, written by Ms. Sandy Handrich, to reduce the rates for the Heritage Days Event, held at the County Fairgrounds. It was the consensus of the B.O.C that rates at the Fairgrounds are reasonable, there denied her request. Commissioner Marsh will follow-up with Ms. Handrich to see if Ms. Handrich event would be willing to partner with another group to share the cost.

**Yoder/Marsh** a motion to deny the request for reduce rates at the Fairgrounds, for Heritage Days, held **2021-221** on August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 2021.

**Roll Call Vote:** Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes;  
McCauley, yes; Varner, 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 she is working on the Park Budget; the Park Fees and Ice & Wood Sales are up compared to 2019 & 2020. Camping fees are being paid in full upon making reservations now. Commissioner Marsh is working on up-dating the "Park Operations Plan" for 2021 before looking into 2022. The Park house is now empty and was left clean; yard needs a little work. The B.O.C will have to decide what they would like to do with the house; possible R & B. The Park House will need a roof along with the garage and pavilion. The Camping Store is a work in progress. The Building Inspector, Mr. Tim Whiting, will at look at the staircase project. Fiber Optic-Internet Project is estimated to start late August and the Electric Project is moving forward. The Park did experience some vandalism in the bathhouse over the weekend; Commissioner Varner asked that they report any Vandalism, etc. Maintenance continues to be needed at the park. Commissioner Marsh would like to discontinued overtime and ask the County Maintenance Department to assist. Commissioner Bondar would like to continue to pay overtime if called in after hours or on the weekend. Commissioner Marsh and Commissioner Bondar have done a wonderful job at the park and have received many compliments, the park is working sufficiently, at this time, however the entire B.O.C needs to make some decisions regarding the future of the park; continue "AS IS" or "Hire" a Park Manager. Commissioner Yoder suggested that it may be time to appoint an "Interim Manager" one person in charge, until a Park Manager is hired. Commissioner Yoder asked the B.O.C to think about what their vision is for the park and asked that Commissioner Marsh and Bondar provide written recommendations, for the B.O.C to consider at their next meeting. The following motions were made regarding the park.

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to authorize the Treasurer's Office to create a new expense line (208-751-**2021-222** 780.00) for "Merchandise for Re-sale" at the Oscoda County Park.

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

**Varner/Bondar** a motion to authorize the Oscoda County Park to have "Petty Cash" in the amount of **2021-223** \$100.00, to be reconciled on daily basis and part of the annual County Audit.

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

**McCauley/Varner** a motion to acknowledge the hire of Dave Colburn, as an Oscoda County Park **2021-224** Temporary/Seasonal Employee, from July 4, 2021 to December 1, 2021 at \$12.00 per hour to work up to 28 hours per week, and so amend the Oscoda County Park Budget (208).

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

**McCauley/Bondar** to advertise for bids for roof replacement for the Oscoda County Park House, Park **2021-225** Garage and the Pavilion.

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

**Financial:**

\*\*The B.O.C approved the invoice for the Avfuel purchase, previously approved.

**Varner/Bondar 2021-226** a motion to amend motion 2021-214 to reflect the corrected invoice amount of \$6,385.73 and the actually 1480 gallons of 100LL Aviation Fuel purchased for the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport, and so amend the budget.

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved moving forward with the APEX FIDLAR Technologies Agreement, that Ms. Galbraith provided information back at the May 11, 2021 B.O.C Meeting; APEX FIDLAR Technologies that will provide vital records into the modern digital age that will allow the public to digitally submit forms to the County Clerk's Office; providing a service to the public without having to come into the County Building.

**Varner/McCauley 2021-227** a motion to authorize the County Clerk & Register of Deeds, Ms. Ann Galbraith, to enter into an agreement with APEX FIDLAR Technologies, in amount of \$7,000.00 (Subjected to COVID reimbursement), moved from contingency to the Clerks 101/215 Budget, and so amend the budget.

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

\*\*Title III project must include: 1. Fire Wise Community Programs 2. Reimburse for Emergency Services Performed on Federal Land. 3. Develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans. Mr. Greyling Brandt, Huron-Manistee National Forest, Mio Ranger District, reviewed the request and has supported the request and funding; each fulfill the criteria for expenditures. Public comments will be accepted until **August 27, 2021**, at the Board of Commissioners Office. The B.O.C awarded **\$15,348.77** 2021 Title III Funds to the following Fire Department to be used towards the purchase of new equipment to protect the firefighters from fire while assisting the U.S. Forest Service on wildland fires.

**Varner/McCauley 2021-228** a motion to award a total of **\$15,348.77** from 2021 Title III Funds, awarding Mentor Township/McKinley Fire Dept#1, in the amount of \$3,837.19, Tri Town Fire Dept., in the amount of \$3,837.19, Luzerne Fire Dept., in the amount of \$3,837.19, Comin's Township Fire Department., in the amount of \$3,837.19 and authorize the County Treasurer to issue checks, in the awarded amounts, at the end of the advertised 45-days, and so amend the budget.

**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. However, Commissioner Yoder stated he has been approached for the County to look into more recreation activities for kids such as splash pads to a floating dock at Smith Lake; County liability needs to be reviewed further.

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

\*\*Sheriff Kevin Grace reiterated that any vandalism should be reported. The Sheriff's Department went through and passed their Jail inspection last week. The Sheriff Department will be hiring a new Deputy to assist with Bailiff duties and Marine Patrol to begin with.

\*\*M-33 Access introduced Mr. Justin Dinsmore and offered their map program to help map out water, electric and fiber lines at the County Park.

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

**McCauley/Varner** a motion to adjourn today's meeting (12:34 p.m.).  
**2021-229**

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

\*\*The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, July 27, 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)**.

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

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