



# COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners  
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## Official Minutes July 27, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, July 27, 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: 2

Public by Teleconference: 3

\*\*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 27, 2021**, as presented.

**Bondar/McCauley** a motion to accept the Agenda for **July 27, 2021**, as presented.  
**2021-230**

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

\*\*The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar Items for **July 27, 2021**, as presented.

**Item #1** Official Minutes for **July 13, 2021** were approved as received.

**Item #2** Claims and Audit Docket for **July 27, 2021**, were approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$36,439.15**.

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **July 27, 2021**, as  
**2021-231** 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).

**Appointments:**

\*\*Ms. Julia Darnton, MSU Extension District Director, presented the MSU Extension’s 2020 Annual Report. MSU Extension focuses on education to strengthen youth, families, communities and business. MSU Extension continues to host online resources and programs, some included: Home Alone Safely, Adulting 101, Science Explorations through Mo AuSable Schools, Nutrition-focused programs, Food Preservation and Safety, Health and Wellness Programs, to supporting Food & Agriculture with outreach and responsive research. For more information contact [darntonj@msu.edu](mailto:darntonj@msu.edu).

**Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:**

\*\*The B.O.C acknowledge the hiring of Deputy Brandon Buchanan, a graduate of Mio AuSable High School and Kirtland Community College (Regional Policy Academy) and welcomed him to the Sheriff’s Department.

**Marsh/McCauley** a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Brandon Buchanan, as a part-time  
**2021-232** Deputy/Bailiff/Marine Deputy, effective **July 27, 2021.**  
5 yes: 0 no: **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. The B.O.C was presented with a request to purchase two pieces of used equipment that Commissioner Bondar allowed the County Park to use since March and is now willing to sell; it was the consensus of the B.O.C that the equipment is an asset to the park and to get an appraisal from Willards Equipment Co. and if the value exceeded the amount being asked then to allow the park to purchase. Commissioner Marsh asked the B.O.C to move forward and advertise for the “Staircase Project” to replacement and/or construction of new stairs, not recessed in the ground, leading to the AuSable River at the Oscoda County Park; all permits would be the contractor’s responsibility. The B.O.C reviewed the information and suggestions received from Commissioner Marsh and Commissioner Bondar regarding the Oscoda County Park and moving forward with the hiring of a Park Manager. It was the consensus of the B.O.C to readvertise for a Park Manager full-time with benefits and not include the park house. Commissioner Marsh, Commissioner Bondar and County Clerk & Register of Deeds, Ann Galbraith will contact the five current applicants on file to see if they are still interested and begin the interview process by holding a phone and/or in-person interview with those applicants and then proceed with applicants received from the second advertisement to bring back a recommendation to hire a new park manager to the entire B.O.C for consideration. Commissioner Yoder asked rather than appointing an “Interim Manager” one person in charge until a Park Manager is hired, if Commissioner Marsh would continue with most of the administrative duties and Commissioner Bondar would continue with most of the outside hands-on duties until a manager is hired, working together. The following motions were made regarding the park.

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to authorize the Oscoda County Park to purchase a “Commercial/Farm  
**2021-233** Rake” for \$600.00 and a Grooming Mower” for \$1,200.00, pending an appraisal from Willard’s Equipment Company and so amend the Budget.

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

**Varner/Marsh** a motion to advertise for bids for the “Staircase Project” at the Oscoda County Park.  
**2021-234**

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

**McCauley/Bondar** a motion to place an AD in the paper for full-time Oscoda County Park Manager.  
**2021-235**

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

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to move forward with the “Park Manager” hiring process, with  
**2021-236** Commissioner Marsh, Commissioner Bondar and County Clerk & Register of Deeds,  
Ann Galbraith, as the interview team to bring back a recommendation to the entire Board.  
5 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

**Financial:**

**Committee Reports:**

\*\*It was the consensus of the Board to waive presenting committee reports. Comments received:  
\*\*Planning Commission will be going to quarterly meetings.  
\*\*Commissioner Bondar will replace Commissioner Yoder for the MAC Summit Conference on AR PA,  
held in Gaylord on Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.  
\*\*Commissioner Bondar and Commissioner Varner attended the Annual FLY-IN at the Oscoda County  
Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport, held on July 24<sup>th</sup>.  
\*\*Commissioner Bondar, Commissioner McCauley, Commissioner Varner along with others participated  
in the Emergency Management Training Exercise.

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

\*\*Sheriff Kevin Grace stated activity has increased on the AuSable River; an increase in police presence  
has been required.

\*\*The Sheriff’s Department will be present at both the “Relief Sale” on August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> event and at  
the “Heritage Days” on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> event, held at the Oscoda County Fairgrounds.

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

**Varner/McCauley** a motion to adjourn today’s meeting (11:53 a.m.).  
**2021-237**

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

\*\*The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, August 10, 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**