



# COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners  
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## Official Minutes August 9, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on **Tuesday, August 9, 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, Bondar, Marsh and McCauley
Members Excused:	0
Public Present:	3
Public by Teleconference:	1 (Commissioner Varner)
Zoom Participants:	2

\*\*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 **August 9, 2022** as presented.

**Bondar/McCauley 2022-193** a motion to approve the agenda for **August 9, 2022**, to today’s B.O.C Regular Meeting, as presented.

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

The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar Items for **August 9, 2022**, as presented.

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

**Item #2** General and Special Funds Budget Reports for **July 2022**

**Item# 3** Budget Amendments were reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners as presented.

- Ambulance: A request to move funds in the amount of \$487.01 from budget line Contingencies (101.890-965.00) to budget line Appropriation Transfer Out – Ambulance (101.965-999.15), and authorize the Treasurer’s Office to transfer \$487.01 from Transfer Out - Ambulance (101.965-999.15) to budget Transfer In (210.000-699.00) and so, amend the budget.

- Ambulance: A request to increase budget line Ambulance Equip Repair Maint. (210.651-931.00) in the amount of \$3,834.69.
- Ambulance: A request to move expense in the amount of \$50.00 from budget line Ambulance New Equipment (210-651-977.01) to budget line Ambulance Equipment Repair/Maint (102-651-931.00), and so, amend the budget.
- Ambulance: A request to move expense in the amount of \$100.00 from budget line Reimbursement to Individuals (210-651-806.07) to budget line Ambulance Employee Training (210-651-960.00), and so, amend the budget.
- Child Care: A request to increase funds in budget line CCF HRA Administration Fee (292-662-838.01) and to authorize the expense in the amount of \$325.00 to be paid out of the General Fund (101) and authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds to Child Care Fund (292-662-838.01) and so, amend the budget. This amount is a projected estimate of expenses throughout the calendar year of 2022.
- EDC: A request to move appropriated funds in the amount of \$150.00 from budget line Recording Fees (101-728-815.00) to budget line EDC Office Supplies (101-728-729.00), and so, amend the budget.
- Gypsy Moth: A request to increase budget line Gypsy Moth Postage (239.428-730.00) in the amount of \$21.09.

**Item #4** Claims and Audit Docket for **August 9, 2022**, were approved, as received from the County Clerk’s Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$28,206.10**.

**McCauley/Bondar 2022-194** a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **August 9, 2022**.

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

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

1.) Oscoda County Community Garden

**Marsh/Bondar 2022-195** a motion to waive the bidding process for the cleanup up at the Oscoda County Community Garden and accept the bid of \$3,000.00.

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

Commissioner Bondar met with Judge Casandra Morse-Bills to discuss the repairs, maintenance and upkeep of the Oscoda County Courthouse Annex building. Commissioner Bondar suggested a match to the funding that they currently have in their budget for maintenance and repairs. Commissioner Bondar stated that the ramp is in need of repair and the discussion is to install a cement ramp. Commissioner Bondar stated that Mr. Joe Breough, Maintenance Supervisor will be reaching out for a quote for this project. There are concerns of safety issues as well as a lot of cosmetic issues (windows, mold, etc.) in the Oscoda County Courthouse Annex building. It is required as stated in the County Board of Commissioners Article 156 of 1851, Section 46.7 (Repair of courthouse, jail and public buildings and offices; financing) indicating that the County is responsible for these types of repairs. Commissioner Yoder mentioned the use of Courthouse Preservation Funds and asked, “Who has authority as to how those funds are used”? Ms. Brenna Kirkpatrick explained that the funds are to be used for preservation, upkeep, etc. Commissioner Yoder stated that if there are \$50,000.00 funds available to be used towards

these types of projects/expenses, then we need to begin making improvements. Plans were previously submitted by Judge Casandra Morse-Bills, however, Commissioner Yoder stated that the issue in the past was trying to get a Contractor who was interested in doing the job. Commissioner Marsh and Commissioner Varner are currently on the committee for the Oscoda County Courthouse Annex building. Commissioner Marsh suggested getting the committee together to discuss the issues at hand and put together a plan of action. Commissioner Yoder suggested getting projects initiated based on urgency/priority, obtain bids, and coordinate with the maintenance department to get some of these issues resolved. Commissioner Varner stated that once the list is established, the Board of Commissioners would like to review and assess the issues being addressed. Commissioner Bondar and Judge Casandra Morse-Bills also discussed the hanging of pictures within the Oscoda County Courthouse Annex building. Commissioner Yoder stated that there would need to be a Motion to accept the painting(s) and then follow-up with the placement of the painting(s).

**Appointments:**

**Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:**

- 1.) CESF Grant Contract (CESF-8-68-0186) in the amount of \$10,363.63 on August 1, 2022. Ms. Kelli Carter, Legal Secretary at the Prosecutor’s office recently spoke with the grant coordinator and discovered that there was a report that he missed submitting, which was submitted on August 3, 2022. This will generate an additional reimbursement amount of \$1,636.37, making a total reimbursement amount of \$12,000.00.
- 2.) MOA Landfill – Review of Closure/Post-Closure Cost Estimate documents, signature required

**Unfinished Business/New Business:**

**Financial:**

- 1.) General Fund Budget

**Marsh/McCauley**            a request to add a new budget line (Othr Fedgrnts Caresact PA CESF 101.000-  
**2022-196**                    528.09) to the General Fund budget.

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Commissioner Yoder:**

\*\*Sheriff’s Building project is in progress.

\*\* ORV Connectors within the county - There is currently no public access into Fairview, MI. This will require collaboration with Comins Township since they are the LUG (Local Unit of Government) and they would have to be willing to approve the plan. Mr. Rob Murphy is a fan of the idea. The Sheriff’s Department and MDOT would also need to be a part of the discussion due to safety concerns and hazards that could come along with this.

\*\*Consumers Energy is reviewing the future of their dams on the AuSable River. Consumers Energy will be holding some community meetings in regards to this matter. They are getting old and they have to renew their lease/certification with the State and this could require repairs to the dam.

Commissioner Varner:

\*\*Thanked the Voter's for passing our millages! This is a BIG deal, and it shows how much support that we have within the community.

Commissioner Bondar:

\*\*Met with Mr. Joe Breagh, Maintenance Supervisor regarding the installation of a ramp at the Annex building and discussed the cleanup at the Community Garden.

\*\*Mentioned retirement for Mr. Joe Stone in West Branch, MI on August 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

\*\*Attended Council on Aging Meeting. The architect came out to assess the future building project.

Commissioner McCauley:

\*\*Attended Road Commission Meeting

\*\*Attended MME County Team Meeting – They are wanting involvement from all of the Townships. The next meeting will be held on August 30, 2022 and a couple of meetings in September 2022.

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

Sheriff Kevin Grace:

\*\*Project connect being held at Fairview School on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

\*\*Mr. Michael Bowers, Emergency Management will be holding an Emergency Management exercise in Hale, MI.

\*\*5K Run coming up on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

\*\*Met with the new Superintendent at Mio AuSable School. Discussion on hiring a crossing guard.

\*\*Reiterated his appreciation and support to the Voter's for passing the millages.

Mr. Robert Hunter, EMS Director:

\*\*Interviewed and hired Ms. Lisa Thomson, who is a traveling RN.

\*\*Short a few paramedics due to health/personal matters.

Mr. Michael Benefiel:

\*\*Discussed the options for November 2022 millages, operating cost for the District Library and educating the community on what purpose the library serves.

Ms. Ann Galbraith, County Clerk:

\*\*Board of canvassing for the election was completed.

\*\*Human Resources – Outsourcing this position due to being a government entity, they decided to pass.

Ms. Ann Galbraith reached out to Michigan Works and they stated that we really need a job description for a position such as this. Ms. Ann Galbraith, County Clerk will be sending Commissioner Marsh some ideas of job descriptions for the Human Resources position.

M. Adjournment

**Marsh/McCauley  
2022-197**

a motion to adjourn today's meeting (11:00 am)

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

\*\*The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, August 23, 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).

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

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