



COUNTY OF OSCODA

Board of Commissioners
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Official Minutes September 28, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner's was held on **Tuesday, September 28, 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, Bondar, Marsh and McCauley.

Members Excused: Commissioner Varner

Public Present: 10

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. Commissioner Varner excused; attending the Annual MAC Conference, at Mackinaw City.

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **September 28, 2021, with one addition under correspondence; Trial Court Resignation Notice.

McCauley/Bondar a motion to accept the Agenda for **September 28, 2021**, with one addition.
2021-284

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

The B.O.C approved the Consent Calendar Items for **September 14, 2021, as presented.

Item #1 Official Minutes for **September 14, 2021** were approved as presented.

Item #2 Claims and Audit Docket for **September 28, 2021**, were approved as received from the County Clerk's Office. Total Claims & Audit **\$36,679.06.**

McCauley/Bondar a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **September 28, 2021**, as
2021-285 presented.

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

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

**Mr. Greyling Brandt, Mio District Ranger, Forest Service, USDA Huron-Manistee National Forest introduced himself.

Appointments:

**Ms. Frances Ommani, Communication Specialist Marketing and Communication, from Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) presented the 2020 Annual Report. NEMSCA’s mission is to enhance the quality of life by empowering individuals and strengthening communities. For more information visit www.nemscsa.org.

**Mr. Michael Benefiel, Network Support/Sales, addressed the B.O.C regarding the County teaming up with the County Townships regarding Countywide Broadband; the county lacks fiber optic services in many areas. Mr. Benefiel would like to present a formal proposal in the future to demonstrate where the needs are and the options available. Commissioner Yoder stated the B.O.C would consider working with the Townships and maybe even financially assist a Countywide Broadband project in the future. Commissioner McCauley suggested Mr. Benefiel attend a Michigan Township Association (MTA) Board Meeting.

Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

At the September 14, 2021 B.O.C Meeting the B.O.C allowed the EMS Director, Mr. Bob Hunter, to hire a temporary Office Clerk. The individual hired was a no show; the B.O.C made a motion to rescind that motion. Mr. Hunter hired a past employee to fill that temporary position, however the previous motion approved was for a specific individual not an opening to hire someone else and the B.O.C questioned Mr. Hunter’s decision to hire a past employee prior to the B.O.C Meeting before they had the opportunity to discuss; the B.O.C went ahead and made a motion to hire, the motion failed. Mr. Hunter stated he thought he had the permission to hire and stands by his choice. Commissioner Yoder asked the B.O.C to consider allowing the employee to work for two weeks since Mr. Hunter had already hired her and the employee has begun and asked that Commissioner Bondar and Commissioner Varner meet with Mr. Hunter before the next B.O.C Meeting, where the B.O.C will reevaluate the temporary Office Clerk position and the past employee hired.

McCauley/Marsh a motion to rescind motion 2021-276, hiring of Jessica Murphy, EMS Assistant 2021-286 Office; no show.

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

McCauley/Yoder a motion to authorize the EMS Director to hire Jesseca Pfaff temporary EMS Assistant 2021-287 Office Clerk, to work up to 21 hours per week, for 60 working days from September 27, 2021, at \$14.31 (Level II) to assist & catch up with the administrative duties, and so amend the budget.

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

Yoder/McCauley a motion to acknowledge the hire of Jesseca Pfaff, temporary EMS Assistant Office 2021-288 Clerk, to work up to 21 hours per week, as of September 27, 2021 through October 12, 2021; to be reevaluated on October 12, 2021, at \$14.31 (Level II) to assist & catch up with the administrative duties, and so amend the budget.

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

**The B.O.C approved the Department of Human & Health Services Board reappointment request.

Bondar/Marsh a motion to approve the re-appoint of Ms. Tammy Emig, to the Department of Human & Health Services Board for another three-year term from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024, as requested by the DHHS Board.
4 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

**The B.O.C approved Resolution 2021-010, as requested by Community Mediation Services.

McCauley/Bondar a motion to hereby proclaim, **Thursday, October 21, 2021**, as Conflict Resolution Day in Oscoda County, Michigan and adopt **Resolution 2021-010**, as written.
Roll Call Vote: McCauley, yes; Varner, absent; Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**The B.O.C approved, Mr. Rod Marsh, Motor Pool Supervisor, request to advertise county vehicles “For Sale”; sealed bids will be opened at a later B.O.C Meeting.

McCauley/Bondar a motion to allow the Motor Pool Supervisor, Mr. Rod Marsh, to advertise for sealed bids, FOR SALE 5-five used Sheriff Cars and 1-one used Ambulance; all proceeds to be return to the Sheriff & EMS budgets.
Roll Call Vote: Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, absent; Yoder, yes; Marsh, yes. **Motion Carried.**

**The B.O.C accepted the resignation of Michelle Bennett, and authorized the Trial Court Administrator to advertise, interview and hire to fill that open position.

Marsh/Bondar a motion to accept the written resignation from Michelle Bennett, Trial Courts Criminal/Traffic Clerk/Deputy Magistrate with the 81st District Court, as of **October 4, 2021**.
4 yes: 0 no: **Motion Carried.**

McCauley/Marsh a motion to authorize Trial Courts to advertise, interview and hire a full-time Criminal/Traffic Clerk/Deputy Magistrate with the 81st District Court, in accordance to the Trial Courts & County Personnel Policy’s, eligible for County benefits, 35 hours per week at \$17.57 per hour and so amend the budget.
Roll Call Vote: Marsh, yes; Yoder, yes; Bondar, yes; McCauley, yes; Varner, absent. **Motion Carried.**

Unfinished Business/New Business:

**Commissioner Bondar gave a brief up-date on the Oscoda County Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport Capital Improvement Plan FY2022-2027. The T-Hangar Project has been moved to 2023 and the Snow Equipment Purchases has been moved up to 2022. An Airport Meeting with MDOT has been scheduled for October 7, 2021 and the Annual Aeronautics MAP Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2021.

**Commissioner Yoder addressed the Gypsy Moth Spraying Program FY2022. Commissioner Yoder stated he has been in contact with Hatfield Spraying Company and has discussed with Ms. Amber Woehlert, Equalization Director the FY2022 Gypsy Moth Spraying Program. Last year there was a lot of bumps and it is the County’s intention to improve the process; the County invested in a new GIS program that will be very helpful. The first step is to decide what kind of spaying program the County would like to run. A block program, where there would be an assessment done to locate large mass of gypsy moths present and spray those area’s only, with an option for homeowners to opt-out of the spraying program, however other homeowners that would like to be sprayed will not have the option to be sprayed. The cost-share program, as the County ran last year, will allow those homeowners to sign-up to be sprayed and more areas in the County can be sprayed; this program does intitle more administrative work. The

County is still looking at doing “Ground-Based Spraying Program” for those small property owners. At this time, Hatfield Spraying Company is looking at a minimum of 40 acres rather than 10 acres like last year; Commissioner Yoder will be reaching out to other companies. Commissioner Yoder intends to have more information for the next B.O.C Meeting to move forward and to advertise for a Gypsy Moth Coordinator. Commissioner McCauley asked that communication of the Gypsy Moth Program FY2022 be advertised and communicated to the Townships better for FY2022. Commissioner Yoder opened the floor to a couple of residents in the audience here specially for the Gypsy Moth discussion; they expressed their concern from the devastation that Gypsy Moths have done to their property and to Oscoda County trees in general and they want to be sure they are on the list to be sprayed.

**Commissioner Yoder talked about the 2022 Budget process and asked the B.O.C if they would like to continue with the procedure done last year, where the departments & boards will submit only their necessary changes to their budget; it was the consensus to continue with last year’s budget process. Commissioner Yoder and Varner, as the Finance Committee, will review all budgets and contracts up for renewal, to bring back to the full board for discussion and final approval. The B.O.C Budget Workshops will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at the Regular B.O.C Meeting, at 10 a.m. to review the General Funds and then a Special B.O.C Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday November 16, 2021 at 10 a.m. to review the Special Funds. The B.O.C will adopt the 2022 “PROPOSED” General and Special Fund Budgets at the Tuesday, November 23, 2021 Regular B.O.C Meeting, at 10 a.m. The B.O.C will adopt and finalize the 2022 General and Special Budgets at the Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Regular B.O.C Meeting at 10 a.m.

McCauley/Marsh a motion to authorize the Finance Committee to review the 2022 County’s General & **2021-294** Special Fund Budgets, Contract Renewals, prior to the scheduled 2022 Budget Workshops, as listed.

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

Financial:

**The B.O.C approved the Net Express, Inc. Agreement; for the County Phone Service.

Bondar/McCauley a motion to renewal the Net Express, Inc. Agreement, from October 1, 2021 through **2021-295** September 30, 2024 (3-year term) for the County Phone Service, as written, and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

**The B.O.C approved the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Attorney Administrator’s Agreement Renewal.

Marsh/McCauley a motion to approve the MIDC Attorney Administrator’s Agreement, as written, and **2021-296** appoint Attorney Kenneth DeBoer, as Oscoda County’s MIDC Attorney Administrator, as of November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022, and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

Committee Reports:

**It was the consensus of the Board to waive presenting committee reports. Commissioner Bondar stated at the NEMCOG Board Meeting that Mr. Tom Stephenson, Connected Nation, presented a PowerPoint on Broadband and would like to invite him to address the B.O.C. at a future meeting.

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

**Mr. Benefield, Library Board Member and Library Director, Amy Knepp briefly addressed the B.O.C regarding the Library going to a District Library and asked for a motion of support. The following motion was made:

McCauley/Marsh a motion to join with the Township of Comins to establish a District Library, pursuant **2021-297** to 1989 PA 24, and appoint two representatives from the township to the District Library Planning Committee, which is charged with preparing a District Library Agreement, and to appoint Commissioner McCauley, Library Liaison and County Treasurer, Bill Kendall, as representative from the County.

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

**Sheriff Kevin Grace made the announcement that his part-time Deputy will be going to full-time next month. Verified the 2022 Budget process and stated the overtime in the 2021 Budget is in the red but the overall budget is on track. "Take Back Drug Day" is scheduled for October 23, 2021.

**EMS Director, Bob Hunter, announced the new EMS Ambulance has arrived and has been paid for, which has made a shortfall in the Equipment Budget, and is in the RED; a meeting with Commissioner Varner, Commissioner Bondar, County Treasurer, Bill Kendall and B.O.C Executive Secretary, Brenda Moore, will be scheduled in near future. The 2022 Budget for both the EMS Operational and EMS Equipment will have to be looked at extensively; between the increase in cost of supplies, vehicle and office equipment, equipment repairs and building repairs that need attention, the two EMS Millages scheduled in 2022 may have to be increase.

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

Bondar/Marsh a motion to adjourn today's meeting (12:07 p.m.).
2021-298

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

The B.O.C will hold their next Regular B.O.C Meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, October 12, 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).

Kyle Yoder, Oscoda County
Board of Commissioners Chairman

Ann Galbraith, Oscoda County
Clerk & Register of Deeds