



COUNTY OF OSCODA

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Official Minutes May 28, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Oscoda County Board of Commissioner’s was held on **Tuesday, May 28, 2024 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.

A. Call to Order

Commissioner Varner called today’s “Public Meeting” to order at 10:00 a.m.; including those joining the meeting by teleconference.

B. Invocation and/or Pledge

Pledge to the Flag

C. Roll Call of Board Members

Roll Call: Commissioners Bondar, Handrich, McCauley and Varner

Members Excused:	Commissioner Handrich
Public Present:	4
Public by Teleconference:	0
Zoom Participants:	4

D. Approval of Agenda

The B.O.C approved the Agenda for **May 28, 2024**, as presented.

Bondar/McCauley a motion to approve the agenda for **May 28, 2024**, B.O.C Regular Meeting, as
2024-142 presented.

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

E. Approval of the Consent Calendar Items for May 28, 2024.

The B.O.C. approved the Consent Calendar Items for **May 28, 2024**.

McCauley/Marsh a motion to approve the Consent Calendar Items for **May 28, 2024**.
2024-143

Item #1 Unofficial Minutes for **May 14, 2024**, as presented.

Item #2 Budget Amendments

Treasurer: a request to add a new budget “Crime Victim Program” and budget lines as outlined by the Treasurer’s office to the General Fund budget.

Ambulance: a request to decrease Ambulance Instructor Wage budget line 210.651.708.01 and increase Ambulance Printing/Publishing 210.651.900.00 in the amount of \$400.00, and so, amend the budget.

Health/Welfare: a request to increase Autopsy/Misc budget line 101.600.825.00 in the amount of \$3,000.00, and so, amend the budget.

Govt Adm: a request to increase Workman’s Comp budget line 101.115.721.00 in the amount of \$2,956.58, and so, amend the budget.

Govt Adm: a request to increase Computer Service budget line 101.115.819.00 in the amount of \$25,000.00 and so, amend the budget.

Gypsy Moth: a request to increase Postage budget line 239.428.730.00 in the amount of \$437.60 and so, amend the budget.

Gypsy Moth: a request to increase Contract Spray budget line 239.428.806.01 in the amount of \$113,450.00 and so, amend the budget.

Item #3 Expenditures Report for **April 2024**.

Item #4 Claims and Audit Docket for **May 28, 2024**, as received from the County Clerk’s Office in the amount of **\$16,515.53**.

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

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

N/A

G. Appointments:

- 1) Ms. Elisa Seltzer, Senior Consultant of Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) – Virtual Overview Presentation of the Interlocal Agreement and Materials Management Planning Process (via Zoom)
 - Background on Materials Management Planning;
 - Requirements of Materials Management Planning & Timeline;
 - Interlocal Agreement supporting multi-county planning for 5-county region with Alpena County serving as the Designated Planning Agency (Alcona, Alpena, Oscoda, Montmorency & Iosco).

Marsh/McCauley a motion to review the Multi-County Materials Management Plan Interlocal Agreement, as written and authorize the Chair to sign.
2024-144

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

- 2) Mr. Brian Smutek, Assistant Airport Manager – Dennis Kauffman Memorial Airport Courtesy Car Discussion

A courtesy car is in place at other airports in surrounding Oscoda Counties. This would allow pilots that fly in, to go out and visit businesses within our County and raise revenue. Mr. Brian Smutek, Assistant Airport Manager did an online survey was to get a census from pilots, and there were over 100 positive responses. He has also gone around to businesses asking for their support and the response was that they are willing to make donations towards the cost of the insurance and would welcome the business. He has

also reached out other airport managers to seek advice. We would provide visitor cards to be passed out in the community and there will be a binder in the vehicle that contains a variety of information such as preferred businesses who have supported the courtesy car, visitor’s guide, maps, contact information in case of an emergency, etc. The concern of Oscoda County carrying the liability of having a courtesy car was addressed. It is our intention to have a pre-approved agreement in place to be completed by the Airport Manager/Assistant Manager and the individual who would be requesting use of the vehicle. The Motor Pool department has a vehicle available that could be used for this purpose. Mr. Brian Smutek is seeking approval from the Board of Commissioners to proceed with planning. Commissioner Varner stated that he is willing to try this on a 1-year trial basis. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Brian Smutek for his efforts at the airport. The Board of Commissioners suggested coming back to the Board with a Motion in place specific to the request.

H. Correspondence/Reports/Resolutions:

1) Resolution #2024-012 - Tax Certification for Oscoda County Operating Millage

McCauley/Bondar a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-012 “Tax Certification for Oscoda County
2024-145 Operating Millage for Summer 2024” as requested by the Oscoda County Equalization Director, Ms. Amber Woehlert and authorized by the Chair and the County Clerk to sign the L-4029 certificate form.

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

I. Unfinished Business/New Business:

1) Mead & Hunt - Contract for Professional Engineering Service

McCauley/Marsh a motion to accept the contract between Oscoda County and Mead & Hunt, Inc.
2024-146 (Project No. 1511100-241458.01) for Design Airfield Crack Sealing and Pavement (Under MDOT Job No. 221173 and 221174), as written, and authorize the Chair to sign.

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

2) Mr. Robert Stankiewicz, EMS Director – EMS Staffing

Marsh/Bondar a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Ms. Angelina Bonino, as a part-time
2024-147 employee to fill the contingent Paramedic position, with a start date of Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at a starting wage of \$19.14 per hour, not eligible for County benefits, and so, amend the budget.

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

Marsh/McCauley a motion to acknowledge the hiring of Ms. Kaylin Munsell, as a part-time
2024-148 employee to fill the contingent EMT position, with a start date of Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at a starting wage of \$15.83 per hour, not eligible for County benefits, and so, amend the budget.

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

J. Financial:

1) Historical Commission – Impress Cash

Bondar/McCauley
2024-149

a motion to authorize the Treasurer’s Office to provide the Historical Commission (Steiner Museum) with “Impress Cash” in the amount of \$100.00, to be used for startup money for the gift shop, and to be reconciled on daily basis and part of the annual County Audit.

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

K. Public Comments (Limited to three minutes per person):

Sheriff Kevin Grace:

- It was a good Memorial Day weekend; although it was a busy weekend there were no major issues.
- Volunteered at the Steiner Museum pancake breakfast, which was a great turnout.

Mr. Robert Stankiewicz, EMS Director:

- The SUV Tahoe has been officially licensed through the State of Michigan as a first responder vehicle.
- Employees have been trained to use the unit.
- The monitors have been purchased and are in service.
- He expressed his appreciation to Sheriff Grace and his staff for their assistance over the past few weekends.

Commissioner Marsh:

- Expressed her appreciation to the EMS Director for taking the steps to initiate the SUV conversion to a first responder vehicle.

Ms. Ann Galbraith on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce:

- Visitor guides are complete;
- Preparing for the 4th of July parade;
 - Oscoda County fireworks will be done over the Mio dam.
 - The Chamber of Commerce is trying to raise \$10K to help support the fireworks.

L. Committee Reports:

Commissioner McCauley:

- Attended Road Commission Meeting
 - Replacing culverts on McCullom Lake Road.
- Attended Health Department Meeting
 - No more reporting on Covid, as it is not severe enough to be reported.
 - The bird flu was a big topic of discussion; as a result, you can expect the cost of chickens, eggs and milk to increase. There are currently 15 dairy farms that have been affected by the bird flu.
 - No new measles cases to report.

Commissioner Varner:

- Attended Oscoda County Sheriff Department Construction Meeting
 - Everything is running on schedule. There was a change in choice of generators, due to availability.
- Attended Elmer Township Meeting

- Attended ASVCMH Executive Finance Meeting
 - Rebranding is ongoing.
- Attended Northern Michigan Regional Entity Meeting
 - Mr. Gary Klacking is the new Chair.
- Attended MOA Landfill Meeting
 - Recycling discussion;
 - 1.6 million gallons has been pumped through the new injection well which is huge cost savings to the Counties.
- Reviewed Claims & Audit
- Volunteered at the Steiner Museum annual Pancake breakfast
 - There were over 200 in attendance and it was a great time;
 - Everyone seemed to enjoy the gift shop.
- Planning to attend the ASVCMH Board Meeting tonight in West Branch, MI.

Commissioner Marsh:

- Steiner Museum Updates:
 - Met with an Electrician who will be providing a quote which will be reviewed and discussed at the Board Meeting;
 - A Heating & Cooling company has been contacted to come and assess the furnace to see if it will be sufficient for the addition of the Steiner Museum and will be providing a quote;
 - The person who was hired to fill the position did not work out therefore, we have posted for resumes and interviews will be held this week. The recommendation is to hire as many people as possible to fill those positions;
 - Commissioner Marsh and her family continues to invest their time towards making improvements;
 - Great attendance on opening weekend (200 + in attendance);
 - Commissioner Handrich made a beautiful sign for the entrance;
 - Donated a lot of items to the museum that will go towards the profit of the museum as well as building an easel;
 - There have been many items brought in from storage for display in the museum;
 - The gift shop has opened and the hours are Thursday – Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Our goal for next year is to open one month earlier;
 - Internet has been installed;
 - Working on getting a quote for cameras to be installed.

Commissioner Bondar:

- Attended Northern Michigan Association of Counties Meeting
 - Mr. Richard Castle and others made presentations regarding moving forward with the Dams. Other presentations were given regarding taking over the septic, zoning, housing and cut backs at Michigan Works;
 - Presentation and discussion regarding AX my tax;
 - Revenue sharing and the affects that this will have on local and rural counties;
 - Another Commissioner stated that the AX My Tax will lead to socialist outcome, and they will control where the funds will go.
- Big Creek Township
 - Tire & Electronic recycling is scheduled to be held on June 8, 2024;
 - Meet the candidates will be held at the Community Center in Mio, Michigan.
 - June 21st – Todd Smalenberg and Sheriff candidate
 - June 29th – All candidates will be in attendance.
- Attended Veterans Memorial Day Service

- The service was held at the new Veterans Memorial site, and this was the largest attendance thus far.
- Attended NEMCOG Meeting
 - The Mayor of Rogers City is part of the NEMCOG Board;
 - The International Mureal Fest is scheduled to be held June 10-16, 2024.
 - Improvements have been made at the Luzerne Boardwalk and it is very nice.
 - Kudos to Commissioner Marsh for all of the hard work and time that she and her family have put into the Steiner Museum.

M. Adjournment

Marsh/McCauley a motion to adjourn today’s meeting at 11:13 a.m.
2024-150

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

The Board of Commissioners will hold their “Regular B.O.C Meeting” scheduled for **Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** held in the Board of Commissioners Boardroom.

- Join the meeting by Teleconference by dialing 989-826-1163 (Pin#353)
- Join the meeting by Zoom by using the link below along with the Meeting ID and passcode
<https://zoom.us/j/95321452263?pwd=enN2MTFFMnYxeFRnOFUzQWVqSUIrZz09>
 Meeting ID: 953 2145 2263
 Passcode: 676747

**Charles E Varner, Jr., Oscoda County
 Board of Commissioners Chair**

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