

**OSCEOLA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD MINUTES
JULY 2, 2019**

The Osceola County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Mark Gregory in the Courthouse.

Roll call: Commissioners Tim Michell, Roger Elkins, Larry Emig, Mark Gregory, Jill Halladay and James Custer were present. Commissioner Nehmer was absent.

Vice Chairman Mark Gregory led everyone in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Communications: County Clerk Karen Bluhm presented a Resolution from the State House of Representative to the Board on behalf of MAC who has been providing Workers Compensation Benefits for 40 years.

Brief Public Comment: State Senator Curt VanderWall updated Board members on information from Lansing. He briefly addressed the insurance reform recently adopted and then spoke about the road funding and the Governor's request for an increase of \$.45/gallon gas tax to help fix the Michigan roads. Legislators continue to work on this issue. A brief discussion was held.

Employee/Board Comment: None.

MOTION #1: Approve Board Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

MOTION #2: Approve Board Minutes of June 18, 2019

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to approve the Board minutes of June 18, 2019 as presented. Motion carried with voice vote.

MOTION #3: Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion by Commissioner Elkins, seconded by Commissioner Michell, to accept the following Committee recommendations of June 18, 2019 and one from the June 4, 2019 meeting.

MOTION #3A: Veterans Care Agreement

Approve the Veterans Care Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

MOTION #3B: Accounts Payable Invoices

Approve the accounts payable invoices for claims for the County in the amount of \$54,643.89 and recommend the several amounts scheduled therein be allowed, also that the Clerk of this Board be allowed to draw orders on the County Treasurer for the same

MOTION #3C: Budget Amendments, Cash Transfers and Treasurer's Journal Register Report

Approve the budget amendments as presented.

| <u>Description</u> | <u>Line Item</u> | <u>Decrease</u> | <u>Increase</u> |
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| Approp. Fund Balance | 249.371.699.001 | | \$ 28,000 |
| Bldg. Cont. Serv. | 249.371.808.018 | | \$ 28,000 |
| Morgue Expenses | 101.648.808.039 | | \$ 4,000 |
| Public Safety Contg. | 101.890.999.002 | \$ 4,000 | |
| Marine Grant | 101.331.538.001 | \$ 2,000 | |

RESOLUTION 2019-0005
SESQUICENTENNIAL RESOLUTION

Whereas: Michigan was a part of the Northwest Territories and admitted to the United State of American in 1837. The state had been surveyed in the early 1800's and County boundaries established. Only counties in the southern part of the state were organized.

Whereas: In 1840 the County was named Unwattin County, after a leader of the local Ottawa people. The name was changed March 8, 1843, to Osceola, after the Seminole chief who achieved renown in Florida. The County was initially attached for administrative purposes to Ottawa County. In 1855, it was attached to Mason County; in 1857, to Newaygo County, and in 1859, to Mecosta County.

Whereas: As the population increased, separate County government was organized in 1869 with Hersey designated as the County seat. The 1860 state census listed 27 residents in Osceola County with most of these residents living in the Hersey area. By 1870 the census listed 2,093 residents in Osceola County.

Whereas: The organizational meeting for Osceola County took place in Hersey at Rooney Hall on July 1, 1869 and seated the Board of Supervisors from the townships of Richmond, Middle Branch, Lincoln, Hersey, Sherman and Osceola.

Therefore Be It Resolved, the official birthday of Osceola County is July 1, and 2019 is recognized as the County's Sesquicentennial Year with special emphasis taking place during the month of July.

Reed City became the official County Seat in 1927.

Dates of Township Organization: The first six Townships were the only ones organized at the start of the County.

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| Richmond | 1861 | Took place in Blodgett's home, Blodgett elected Supervisor, likely included Hersey Township too |
| Middle Branch | 1867 | |
| Lincoln | 1867 | |
| Hersey | 1868 | Delos Blodgett elected Supervisor |
| Sherman | 1868 | |
| Osceola | 1869 | March 5, 1869 |
| Sylvan | 1869 | J.H. Lanphere first Supervisor |
| Hartwick | 1870 | Smith Hawkins first Supervisor |
| Orient | 1870 | Nelson Ferguson first Supervisor |
| LeRoy | 1870 | Davis McGovern first Supervisor |
| Ewart | 1870 | William Bennett first Supervisor |
| Highland | 1870 | S.C. Jones first Supervisor |
| Cedar | 1871 | G. H. Slaybaugh first Supervisor |
| Burdell | 1871 | Separated off from LeRoy township |
| Rose Lake | 1871 | William Wood first Supervisor |
| Marion | 1877 | Akira Chapin first Supervisor |

RESOLUTION 2019-0006
PARKS WATERWAYS GRANT & RESOLUTION for ROSE LAKE BOAT LAUNCH

“Resolved the County of Osceola, Michigan, accepts the terms of the Agreement as received from the; Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and that the County agrees, but not by way of limitation, as follows:

1. To appropriate the sum Thirty-four Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-six dollars (\$34,596.00) to match the Twenty-three Thousand One Hundred dollars (\$23,100.00) State grant authorized by the Department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, documents, and records, and to make them available to the Department for auditing at reasonable times.
3. To construct the facilities and provide the funds, services, and materials as may be necessary to satisfy the terms of the agreement.
4. To ensure that all premises, buildings, and equipment related procedures comply with all applicable State and Federal regulations.
5. To establish and appoint the Osceola County Parks Commission to regulate the use of the facilities Constructed under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
6. To enforce all State statues and local ordinances pertaining to marine safety and to enforce statues of the State of Michigan within the confines of the County pertaining to the licensing of watercraft. Watercraft not fully complying with the laws of the State of Michigan relative to licensing shall not be permitted to use the facility until full compliance with those laws has been made.
7. To comply with all terms of the Agreement, including all terms not specifically set forth in the foregoing portions of this Resolution.”

MOTION #3D: Health Care BCN/HSA Option

Contribute \$1,000 for a Single Health Plan Subscription and \$2,000 for a Double or Family Health Plan Subscription for the 2019 plan year for the BCN Health Insurance Plan with the Health Savings Account with 50% put in the first of the plan year and 50% at 6 months.

MOTION #3E: Delta Dental

Approve staying with Delta Dental for the 2019 Plan Year for dental services.

MOTION #3F: EyeMed – Vision

Select EyeMed Option #1 for Vision Services for the 2019 Plan Year if the plan is an enhancement from the current VSP Plan.

MOTION #3G: Opt Out of P.A. 152

Opt Out of P.A. 152 of 2011 for the 2019 Plan Year (September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020).

MOTION #3H: COBRA

Move the COBRA administration for Osceola County from Michigan Association of Counties to 44N.

Motion to approve the consent agenda recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 2, 2019 carried with six (6) yes votes. Commissioner Nehmer absent.

MOTION #4: Addition of BCN Health Plan including HSA

Moved by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Custer to add a BCN Health Insurance Plan with a Health Savings Account option to the County’s Health insurance plans. Motion carried with five (5) yes votes, one (1) no vote. Voting yes: Commissioners Halladay, Gregory, Michell, Custer and Emig. Voting no: Commissioner

Elkins. Absent: Commissioner Nehmer.

MOTION #5: Prepaid Cash Disbursement

Motion by Commissioner Halladay, supported by Commissioner Gregory, to approve the prepaid cash disbursements for the County in the amount of \$968,942.64 and recommend the several amounts scheduled therein be allowed, also that the Clerk of this Board be allowed to draw orders on the County Treasurer for the same. Motion carried with six (6) yes votes, Commissioner Nehmer absent.

Commissioners Elkins and Michell excused at 12:14 p.m.

Liaison reports shared by Commissioners.

Extended Public Comment: None

Moved by Commissioner Emig, seconded by Commissioner Custer, to adjourn at 12:19 p.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk

Mark Gregory, Vice-Chairman