

Proceedings  
Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting  
April 18, 2023

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit courtroom. At the call to order the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed all commissioners present.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried to approve the minutes of the 03/21/2023 regular meeting.

Public comment: P.J. Fish, Susan Giesen, Al Trainer, Duane Bullock, Richard Jones, John McIntosh, Jack Fish, Jerald Devo, Warren Fredrikson, Allan Zanmore, Sherry Davis, John Michna, Ryan Lewis, Bruce Johanson, and Rick DeHaan all spoke regarding the Resolution Affirming Support of All Constitutional Rights.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to and approve the agenda with the additions of 6a Jail and Courthouse camera system and 6b Request for Governor's Emergency or Disaster Declaration and state and local assistance.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the basic grant agreement in the amount of up to \$56,520.00 for the 2023 Child Care fund.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the Ontonagon Jail & Courthouse Camera System in the amount of \$162,735.00.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve Governor's Emergency or Disaster Declaration and state and local assistance.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the following resolution:

ONTONAGON COUNTY RESOLUTION 2023-09  
AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF ALL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS  
INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO BEAR ARMS  
AND TO ADEQUATELY FUND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

WHEREAS all elected county and state office holders take an oath of office under which the office holder supports the Constitution of the United States of America and Constitution of Michigan and to faithfully discharge the duties of such offices;

WHEREAS the issue of constitutional rights, including but not limited to, the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America has been in the spotlight of public discussion of recent;

WHEREAS public discussion of such constitutional rights is a hallmark of public discourse in a democracy;

WHEREAS the lawful ownership, possession and use of firearms is part of the cultural heritage within Ontonagon County, Michigan;

WHEREAS it is common for firearms to be family heirlooms that pass from generation to generation as a permanent connection of the past to the present within extended families;

WHEREAS recent high-profile firearm shootings have involved individuals that have mental health issues that the mental health systems nationwide failed to timely, appropriately, and adequately address; and

WHEREAS funding for mental health services in the State of Michigan is woefully underfunded, resulting in the failure to adequately provide services to persons of the State of Michigan that need mental health services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners supports and will continue to honor the pledge to support the Constitution of the United States of America as well as the Constitution of the State of Michigan, including all amendments thereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners direct our legislators whom act as representatives of the People of the State of Michigan to:

- A. Not undertake legislation that is in conflict with the Second Amendment to the United States of America and Article 1 sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, including:
  - 1. Red Flag Laws, excluding the current Personal Protection Order process;
  - 2. Registration requirements of full or long firearms;
  - 3. Mandatory storage schemes for firearms;
  - 4. Additional limitations on the lawful ownership and use of firearms; and
  - 5. Adoption of other schemes of regulation of firearms that infringe on the foregoing constitutional guarantees of the People of the State of Michigan.
- B. Adhere to their oath of office and not adopt legislation, rules, regulations and/or requirements that conflict with the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Article 1 sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and any final judicial determinations thereto;
- C. Adequately fund mental health services available in all our communities to provide for timely intervention with appropriate and adequate mental health services as an investment in the human capital of all persons of the State of Michigan; and
- D. Insure that the providing of adequately funded mental health services is accomplished by methods that do not infringe on the statutory and constitutional rights of those in need of mental health services.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if in exercise of discretion by the Office of Sheriff and Office of Prosecuting Attorney both of the County of Ontonagon, determine that a law has been adopted which violates the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and any final judicial determinations thereto, that the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners supports the lawful exercise of discretion not to enforce an unconstitutional law against any law abiding person within the County of Ontonagon;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ontonagon County Clerk shall provide a copy of this Resolution to:

- A. Each township in the County of Ontonagon;
- B. Each county in the State of Michigan
- C. The Michigan House of Representative;
- D. The Michigan Senate;
- E. The Governor of the State of Michigan;
- F. Each United States Senator for the State of Michigan; and
- G. Each United States Congressman for the State of Michigan

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Bourdeau and supported by Commissioner Store.

AYES: Bourdeau, Store, Cane, Nousiainen & Nykanen

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioner on April 18, 2023.

BY   
Carl R. Nykanen, Board Chair

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the revised Transit Drug-Free workplace Policy letter.

By motion of Cane supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the purchase of a laptop for Transit not to exceed the amount of \$2,100.00.

No motion at this time regarding appointment of Susan Giesen to the Commission on Aging Board. Susan declined the appointment.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the reappointment of Kelsey Preiss to the 2023 Jury Board.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the remonumentation proposal from Timberline Land Surveying for 13 corners in the amount of \$19,500.00.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve three commissioners (Rick Bourdeau, Ron Store, and Carl Nykanen) to attend the UPACC Spring Conference.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the overnight travel for Floyd Rowley to attend the Michigan Veterans Leadership Summit in the amount of \$834.70.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the 2023 Equalization Report L-4024 as presented and authorize the Clerk and Chair to sign.

By motion of Cane supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the fee schedule for the Equalization department.

By motion of Cane supported by Nousiainen and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the Ontonagon County GIS digital database request from the Equalization department.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve payment of the following:

(101) General Fund \$78,776.72, (210) SONCO \$0.00, (211) OCAP Fund \$10,000.00, (215) FOC Fund \$0.00, (256) ROD Automation Fund \$750.00, (257) Veteran's Van Fund \$0.00, (259) CAA Fund \$30,000.00, (260) Indigent Defense Fund \$0.00, (261) 911 Service Fund \$86,120.14, (263) CPL Fund \$407.04 (269) Law Library Fund \$2,975.28, (280) Senior Citizens Fund \$0.00 (288) Public Transit Fund \$7,164.29, (292) PCCF \$0.00 & (525) Foreclosure Fund \$0.00 totaling \$219,430.18.

Prepaid bills from 03/16/2023 – 04/12/2023 (101) General Fund \$91,408.84, (251) Land Bank Fund \$0.00, (256) ROD Automation Fund \$310.00, (260) MIDC Fund \$4,788.58, (261) 911 Service Fund \$642.28, (263) CPL Fund \$0.00, (264) Corrections Officer Training Fund \$0.00, (269) Law Library Fund \$0.00, (271) Library Board Fund \$0.00 (288) Transit Fund \$35,563.47 (292) PCCF \$106.82, (296) VSO Fund \$0.00, (525) Foreclosure Fund \$5,339.22. Total prepaids \$138,159.21.

Payroll periods ending 03/17/2023 & 03/31/2023 (101) General Fund \$143,905.59, (260) MIDC Fund \$286.02, (261) 911 Service Fund \$1,997.72, (288) Transit Fund \$22,547.28, (292) PCCF \$558.40. Total payroll \$169,295.01.

Committee reports



Department Head reports  
Other business: IRS Gift card handout  
Agenda requests: none  
Public comment: P.J. Fish.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Nousiainen and carried to adjourn to the call of the Chair at 5:29 p.m.

  
Carl Nykanen, Chair

  
Jerri Corey, Chief Deputy Clerk

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May 16, 2023

The Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Circuit courtroom. At the call to order the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call showed all commissioners present.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried to approve the minutes of the 04/18/2023 regular meeting.

Public comment: None

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to and approve the agenda with the additions of 12a Forest Service grant and 12b cash advance for Sharon Csmarich

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve a letter of support for job creation for PM Power Group.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the Remonumentation proposal from Timberline Land Surveying for 13 corners not to exceed \$19,500.00.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the updated park rules and increase the maintenance hourly rate to \$15.00.

By motion of Bourdeau supported by Store and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to formally approve 3-year park manager contract with Gerald Ollanketo for \$19,590 annually.

By motion of Nousiainen supported by Cane and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to appoint Brandon Kupitz, P.S. to the Remonumentation peer review group.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to approve the cash advance request to send Renee Pantti to Okemos for equalization training for a cost of \$852.50.

By motion of Cane supported by Bourdeau and carried on a 5-0 roll call vote to formally approve the payment of 1/2 of the security camera cost in the amount of \$81,367.50.