The Osceola County Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by Chairman Larry Emig at the Courthouse.

Roll call: Commissioners Halladay, Emig, Elkins, Nehmer, Gregory, Tiedt and Wayne were present.

Commissioner Elkins offered a prayer.

Chairman Emig led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Communications: None.

Brief Public Comment: None.

Employee Comment: None.

**MOTION #1: Approve Board Agenda**
Motion by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Halladay, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**MOTION #2: Approve Board Minutes of April 5, 2016**
Motion by Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Nehmer, to approve the regular Board minutes of April 5, 2016 as presented. Motion carried with a voice vote.

**2016 Equalization Report**
Rosie McKinstry, Equalization Director, presented the 2016 Equalization Report to the Board members for their approval. She reviewed the report, sharing information about the breakdowns by township, class, assessed value and equalized values. Rosie explained how personal property changes have affected this years' numbers. Discussion was held.

**RESOLUTION 2016-0007**
**EQUALIZATION REPORT**

The Finance Chair would respectfully submit the following:

Adoption of the 2016 Equalization report as submitted by the Osceola County Equalization Department of values as equalized of each class of property in each taxing unit of Osceola County with real property total of $748,443,550 and personal property total of $86,158,200 for a grand total of $834,601,750.

Moved by Commissioner Tiedt, supported by Commissioner Nehmer, to adopt. Motion carried with seven yes votes.

**MOTION #3: Approval of Consent Agenda**
Motion by Commissioner Tiedt, seconded by Commissioner Wayne, to accept the following Committee recommendations of April 19, 2016.
MOTION #3A: Accounts Payable
Approve the accounts payable invoices for claims for the County in the amount of $43,186.96 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 #3B: Building Department Permit/C.O.A.
To correct the Building Department application for demolition work at the Marion C.O.A. building and authorize the Chairman to sign.

MOTION #3C: February Journal Register Report
Approve the February Journal Register Report from the County Treasurer as submitted.

RESOLUTION 2016-0008
OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MILLAGE ELECTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES AND CERTIFYING BALLOT LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, Act 39 of the Public Acts of 1976 expressly authorizes the Board of Commissioners for the County of Osceola to levy taxes and appropriate funds for the purpose of providing activities or services to the older persons, being individuals sixty (60) years of age or older of said County; and

WHEREAS, the millage funds were approved by the electorate to support the continued operations of senior citizens services through the Commission on Aging of 0.80 of one (1) mill for a duration running through 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Osceola County Commission on Aging, which provides senior services within Osceola County, has requested that the County Board of Commissioners seek to have the voters of Osceola County approve an additional millage of 0.20 of one (1) mill to fund continued operations of senior citizens services through the Commission on Aging; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Osceola seeks to have the voters of the County determine whether or not they desire to raise additional funds for the purpose of supporting continued operations of senior citizens services through the Commission on Aging within Osceola County by authorizing an additional millage 0.20 of one (1) mill for a period of four (4) years, 2016 through 2019, inclusive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the following proposal be submitted to the qualified voters of the County of Osceola at the Primary Election to be held in said County on Tuesday, August 2, 2016:

For the sole purpose of supporting continued operations of senior citizens services through the Commission on Aging within Osceola County, shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one (1) year upon all property within the County of Osceola, Michigan, imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, be increased, and shall the County be authorized to levy, up to 0.2000 of one
(1) mill ($0.20 per $1,000 of Taxable Value) for a period of four (4) years, 2016 through 2019 inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated $139,935 for supporting continued operations of senior citizens services through the Commission on Aging within Osceola County in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. This millage is in addition to the 0.80 of one (1) mill already approved by the voters in 2014 for the years 2014 – 2019, which is expected to raise an estimated $559,740 in 2016. As required by law, a small portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Evart and Reed City, and Richmond Township, and the City of Evart Local Development Finance Authority.

YES ☐

NO ☐

2. Said proposition shall be stated on the ballots to be prepared and distributed in the matter provided by law.

3. All Public Officials of the County of Osceola, State of Michigan, and all Governmental units thereof, within such time as shall be required by law, be and are directed to perform all acts which shall be necessary to be performed in order to submit the above stated proposition to the duly qualified voters of said County at the Election to be held in said County on Tuesday, August 2, 2016.

4. It is further ordered that a certified copy of said proposition be filed with the County Clerk as required by law.

**MOTION #3D: Merchant Agreement/E.M.S.**
Approve the Merchant Agreement with GoVPayNet for Emergency Medical Services and authorize the Chairman to sign.

**MOTION #3E: Corrective Action Policy Amendment/E.M.S.**
Approve the amended Corrective Action Policy for the Emergency Medical Services Department and authorize the Chairman to sign.

**MOTION #3F: MDHHS/FOIA Exemption Selection-E.M.S.**
Approve the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Ambulance Provider Tax FOIA Exemption Selection Option 3 and authorize Chairman to sign.
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0009
COUNTY ROAD PATROL SERVICES
MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, County road patrol services are of substantial benefit to the citizens of the County of Osceola; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Osceola deems it necessary and expedient for the County to operate and maintain County Road Patrol functions; and

WHEREAS, since 1995 millage funds of 1 mill were approved by the electorate for the continued operations of the road patrol to sustain the 1995 voter approved addition of six (6) road deputies, vehicles and equipment which supplemented the existing Sheriff's budget; and that millage authorization expires on December 31, 2015.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Osceola has determined that it is appropriate to submit a millage renewal proposition to the electors of the County to determine whether or not they desire to continue to raise funds for the purpose of the continued operations of the road patrol to sustain the 1995 voter approved addition of six (6) road deputies, vehicles and equipment which supplemented the existing Sheriff's budget, by renewing the current millage one (1) mill for a period of six (6) years, 2016 through 2021, inclusive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following question be submitted to a vote of the electorate of Osceola County at the next State Primary Election to be held on August 2, 2016:

COUNTY ROAD PATROL MILLAGE
RENEWAL PROPOSAL

For the purpose of continuing operations of the road patrol to sustain the 1995 voter approved addition of six road deputies, vehicles, and equipment which supplemented the existing Sheriff's budget, at the same millage level previously approved by the voters in 1994, 1998, 2004, and in 2010, shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within the County of Osceola, Michigan, be continued and renewed, and shall the County be authorized to levy, up to at 1.000 mill ($1.00 per $1,000 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years, 2016 through 2021, inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated $699,676 for continuing operations of the road patrol within Osceola County in the first calendar year of the levy based on taxable value. As required by law, a small portion of the millage may also be disbursed to the Downtown Development Authorities of the Cities of Evart and Reed City, and Richmond Township, and the City of Evart Local Development Finance Authority.
RESOLUTION 2016-0010
OSCEOLA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Osceola County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Osceola County; and

WHEREAS, Osceola County has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Osceola County Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated March 4, 2016, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Osceola County Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated March 4, 2016, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Osceola County from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by Osceola County demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Osceola County Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated March 4, 2016,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY OSCEOLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, THAT:
Section 1. OSCEOLA COUNTY adopts the Osceola County Hazard Mitigation Plan, dated March 4, 2016.

RESOLUTION 2016-0011
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE
OSCEOLA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
APPLICATION FOR LOCAL BRIDGE PROGRAM FUNDING

WHEREAS, 70th Avenue in Highland Township is an important north-south corridor for the northeast area of Osceola County. And,

WHEREAS, the current 70th Avenue bridge over Crocker Creek is both narrow and load restricted, adversely impacting the commercial, farming and emergency services traffic through that area. And,

WHEREAS, the Osceola County Road Commission is applying for funding for a permanent replacement bridge through the Michigan Local Bridge Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Osceola County Board of Commissioners supports the Road Commission efforts in securing funding for the replacement of the 70th Avenue bridge over Crocker Creek in Highland Township.

MOTION #3G: Start Rate of New County Employees
Allow department heads to hire both part-time and full-time positions up to Step 3 of the classification level of the position based on an applicant's qualifications.
MOTION #3H: Employment Start Date Practices
Applicants may not begin employment with the County until the pre-employment medical and background check requirements have been successfully met and reported to the County.

Motion to approve the consent agenda recommendations from the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 19, 2016 carried with seven (7) yes votes.

Liaison reports and updates were given.

Extended Public Comment: Alan Gingrich-Rose Lake Township, spoke about issues with trees which extend over roadways.

Board Comments: None.

Moved by Commissioner Nehmer, seconded by Commissioner Tiedt, to adjourn at 12:23 p.m. Motion carried.

Karen J. Bluhm, County Clerk  Larry Emig, Chairman