

Are you looking for an interesting way to serve your community? If so you may want to serve on one of the boards or commissions appointed by the Osceola County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners appoints individuals to over a dozen boards and commissions. If interested complete a Boards and Appointment Application which can be found under County - Administrative in the [Forms & Worksheets](#) section.

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Purpose: The Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan provides older individuals and individuals with a disability an array of services designed to promote independence and dignity in their homes and their communities.

Composition: One elected official and one consumer (citizen) from each of the nine counties they serve and the city of Grand Rapids.

For More Information: Visit the [Agency On Aging of West Michigan](#) website.

BUILDING AUTHORITY

For More Information: Contact the Osceola County Coordinator's Office at (231) 832-6196.

BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

Purpose: The Building Board of Appeals hears appeals when an enforcing agency refuses to grant an application for a building permit, or if an interested person, or the person's authorized agent makes an appeal in writing.

Composition: Seven members; one electrician, one plumber, one mechanical, and four others.

Meetings: Upon demand of an appeal. The Board of Appeals shall hear the appeal and render and file its decision with a statement of reasons for the decision with the enforcing agency from whom the appeal was taken not more than 30 days after submission of the appeal.

Committees: No

For More Information: Contact the Osceola County Building Department at (231) 832-6117.

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Purpose: The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority assists in the expansion, redevelopment, and reuse of real property which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. **Composition:** Not less than five nor more than nine individuals.

Meetings: Held at the discretion of the Board Director or Chairperson; typically 1-6 times per year depending on the Brownfield Authority's funding level. Meetings are held in the County Courthouse, Reed City.

Committees: No

For More Information: Contact the Osceola County Community Development Office at (231) 832-7397 or visit the [Brownfield Redevelopment Authority](#) of the Osceola County website.

COMMISSION ON AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL

For More Information: Contact the Osceola County Commission On Aging at (231) 731-5559 or visit the [Commission on Aging](#) section of the Osceola County website.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH FOR CENTRAL MICHIGAN

Purpose: Community Mental Health for Central Michigan promotes community inclusion and

whole-person wellness through the provision of comprehensive and quality integrated services to individuals with a mental illness, developmental disability, and/or substance use disorder.

Composition: Fifteen board members, two of which are from Osceola County; one County Commissioner and one citizen.

Meetings: Approximately 11 meetings a year. Meetings are held in Mount Pleasant.

Committees: Yes; the Finance Committee meets prior to each board meeting. The Services Committee meets approximately 11 times per year, the Personnel Committee meets approximately six times per year, and the Recipient Rights Committee meets quarterly. All committees meet in Mount Pleasant.

For More Information: Visit the [Community Mental Health for Central Michigan](#) website.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Purpose: The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is the principal department of the State of Michigan that provides public assistance, child and family welfare services, and oversees health policy and management. Committee members serve in an advisory role to the County Director.

Composition: Three citizens; one state appointed.

Meetings: Monthly, held in Big Rapids.

For More Information: Visit the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) website.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY

Purpose: The Osceola County Land Bank Authority promotes community and economic development by involving local units of government, community organizations, and other stakeholders in finding the best way to return tax-foreclosed properties to the tax rolls.

Composition: County Treasurer, County Community Developer, and three county residents.

Meetings: Held at the discretion of the Board Director with input from board members; typically 2-4 times per year. Meetings are held in the County Courthouse, Reed City.

Committees: No

For More Information: Contact the Osceola County Community Development Office at (231) 832-7397 or visit the [Land Bank](#) section of the Osceola County website.

MECEOLA CENTRAL DISPATCH AUTHORITY

Purpose: Meceola Central Dispatch Authority receives, processes, and dispatches emergency and non-emergency calls for assistance and links the necessary police, fire, or ambulance service with the citizens in need of assistance.

MECOSTA OSCEOLA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (MOTA)

Purpose: The Mecosta Osceola Transit Authority provides modified fixed route, demand response, and contract transportation, with connections available to neighboring transportation services.

Composition: Six board members; one Mecosta County Board of Commissioner, one Osceola County Board of Commissioner, one Big Rapids city representative, one Reed City representative, one at-large representative from Mecosta County, and one at-large representative from Osceola County.

For More Information: Contact the [Mecosta Osceola Transit Authority](#) at (231) 796-4896 or visit their website.

PARKS COMMISSION

Purpose: The Parks Commission retains overall responsibility for the operation of both County parks.

Composition: Ten members, each appointed by the Osceola County Board of Commissioners. Members on the Parks Commission represent specific interests; the Drain Commissioner or representative, a Road Commission representative, a Planning Commission representative, three County Commissioners, and four residents.

Meetings: Approximately six meetings a year. One meeting each year is held at the county parks. All other meetings are held at the County Courthouse in Reed City. **Committees:** Yes; the Finance Subcommittee meets monthly from May through October. The Personnel Subcommittee meets as needed at the call of the Chair. Both committees meet at the County Courthouse in Reed City.

For More Information: Contact the [Osceola County Parks Commission](#) at (231) 832-6130 or visit their website.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Purpose: The Planning Commission provides for the coordinated and harmonious development of Osceola County.

Composition: Eleven members each serving three year terms. Planning Commission members may serve consecutive terms. If possible, a Commission member will represent a specific interest (i.e. education, recreation, business, etc.). The Planning Commission Chair also serves on the Osceola County Parks Commission.

Meetings: Approximately four meetings a year. Meetings are scheduled annually during the first meeting each year; however, they have traditionally been held the third week of January, April, June, and October at 4:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse, 301 W. Upton, Reed City, Michigan.

Committees: No

For More Information: Contact the Osceola County Community Development Office at (231) 832-7397 or visit the [Planning Commission](#) section of the Osceola County website.

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (WMRPC)

Purpose: The West Michigan Regional Planning Commission (WMRPC) is one of Michigan's 14 regional planning organizations. The WMRPC serves communities in a seven county area. The WMRPC focuses on Transportation Planning, Economic and Community Development, Land Use Planning, Data Compilation/Analysis, and fostering cooperation among communities.

Composition: One elected official and one private sector representative from each of the seven member counties and four cities. Additionally, each community may appoint one alternate.

Meetings: Held five times per year per year at locations throughout the seven member counties.

Committees: Yes; the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee meets four times per year, generally in the Grand Rapids area. The Executive Committee meets quarterly at the WMRPC office in Grand Rapids.

For More Information: Contact the Osceola County Community Development Office, (231) 832-7397 or visit the [WMRPC](#) website.