

OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
October 16th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Commission was held on October 16, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. in the office of the Commission located at 784 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ.

1. ATTENDANCE:

Mr. David E. Ekelmann, President
Mr. Thomas Candeletti, Treasurer
Mr. Ralph Lanuto, Member
Mr. Gary Cottrell, Member
Mrs. Barbara Jo Crea, Commissioner

Michael Senyk, Superintendent
Danielle M. Ekelmann, Accts. Clerk
Brian Rumpf, Esq., Rumpf,,Rumpf

2. CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Ekelmann read the following public notice before officially opening the regular meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission.

In compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission has been provided in the manner prescribed by law.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion made by Mrs. Lanuto, seconded by Mr. Candeletti, that the minutes of the September meeting be approved. Motion carried with Mr. Ekelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cotrell	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Abstained
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

4. REPORTS:

a) Treasurer's Report Monthly Financial Report

Expenditures for September
Financial Report
Receipts and Disbursements
Payroll Account

Motion made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, that the monthly Financial Report, as received by mail, be approved and filed. Motion carried with Mr. Ekkelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cotrell	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Ekkelmann	Aye

b) Superintendent's Report

RAINFALL: 8.78" of rain for the Ocean County average. This was the most precipitation Ocean County has received for the entire year, which was driven by heavy rainfall in the beginning and end of the month.

MOSQUITO POPULATIONS: A large brood of salt marsh mosquitoes attempted to emerge right after Labor Day. Our larviciding efforts mostly paid off except for a few isolated areas where larvae could not be found during inspection. Our biggest issue right now is a growing population of *Ae. sollicitans* that are breeding at the southern tip of Long Beach Island. This area is currently off limits for any activity by the Commission until September because of nesting piping plovers, which are an endangered species.

SURVEILLANCE: We have submitted 410 mosquito pools to date and are still holding at 20 positive pools for WNV this season. The month of August yielded 18 positive pools with the remaining two pools occurring within the first two weeks of September. On the Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) front, things remain quiet for Ocean County due to low levels of *Cs. melanura*. EEE activity has increased in other parts of NJ and throughout the region in September, but the cooler fall days should help put an end to the recent spike.

GROUND LARVICIDING: 649 applications were made to our regular route. Additionally, 4,137 storm drains were treated.

AERIAL LARVICIDING: 747.71 acres were treated by helicopter. Most of this acreage was associated with the saltmarsh or transitional upland.

OTHER: The Superintendent has been working on the 2024 Plans and Estimates, which are to be submitted to the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station by November 1st.

We recently received word that the Ocean County IT Department will be servicing our commission. We have previously taken care of all our IT needs either in-house or contracted out. As the demand for computer technology continues to increase for our operation, this change should help us to move forward and enhance our abilities.

5. PRESENTATION OF BILLS:

Mr. Candeletti presented the Bill Committee Report for approval and payment of the bills incurred during the month of September

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission that the Superintendent be and is hereby authorized to execute Master Voucher Certificate of Certification of Payment No. 577 consisting of three pages, said Master Voucher containing Check Numbers 43853-43883 in the amount of \$20,398.55 are deemed to be valid claims as recommended by the Chairman of the Bill Committee,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission is hereby authorized and directed to pay each and every one of the aforesaid bills attached to this Master Voucher Certificate of Certification of the Payment. Upon execution of same by said Superintendent, if and when funds are available.

Motion made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Lanuto, that the following Resolution be adopted for approval and payment of the bills. Motion carried with Mr. Ekelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cotrell	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Abstained
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

6. COMMUNICATIONS: None

7. OLD BUSINESS:

a) Bid Opening Results for Drone

Mr. Senyk let the commissioners know that there were no bids received for the second bid opening due to the vendor not wanting to register with New Jersey. Mr. Senyk let the commissioners know that there is some research being done into some other vendors that are registered with New Jersey which will be discussed at a future meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a) Request to go out to bid (Helicopter Parts, Pesticides, and Petroleum Products)

Mr. Senyk asked the Commissioners for permission to go out to bid for Petroleum Products, Helicopter Parts, and Pesticides after a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Cottrell to allow Mr. Senyk to go out to bid for Petroleum Products, Helicopter Parts, and Pesticides. Motion carried with Mr. Ekelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cotrell	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

b) Vehicle Services Agreement & Resolution

Mr. Ekelmann read aloud the annual Intergovernmental Services agreement from the County of Ocean. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Cottrell, seconded by Mr. Candletti to accept the following Intergovernmental Services Agreement and Resolution:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, between the **COUNTY OF OCEAN**, a body politic of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter referred to as the "County") and the **OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION** (hereinafter referred to as "MOSQUITO COMMISSION").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the MOSQUITO COMMISSION has requested the County to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services for MOSQUITO COMMISSION vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to enter into an Agreement with the MOSQUITO COMMISSION for the purposes of providing said services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, the MOSQUITO COMMISSION and the County agrees as follows:

FIRST: The County, through its Vehicle Services Division, shall provide the vehicle maintenance and repair services for MOSQUITO COMMISSION vehicles.

SECOND: The total cost of all goods delivered and all services rendered by the County under the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not exceed \$500.00. The County shall invoice the MOSQUITO COMMISSION on a monthly basis for materials and supplies delivered and work performed. Moneys due shall be paid by the MOSQUITO COMMISSION to the County within thirty (30) days after MOSQUITO COMMISSION receipt of said invoices.

THIRD: This Agreement shall take effect upon full execution by the parties and remain in full force and effect from January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2024.

FOURTH: MOSQUITO COMMISSION warrants and represents that sufficient funds are available to cover the cost of this Agreement.

FIFTH: MOSQUITO COMMISSION hereby covenants and agrees to save harmless the County, its agents, servants and employees from any and all suits, damages, claims or other causes of action including reasonable attorney fees, which may result from the performance of this Agreement by the County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Attest:

County of Ocean, Board of
Commissioners

Michelle I. Gunther, Clerk of the Board


Joseph H. Vicari, Director

Date: _____


Date: _____

Attest:

Ocean County Mosquito Extermination
Commission



Name: Michael Seryk
Title: Superintendent



Name: David Ekelmann
Title: President

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission (hereinafter OCMEC) has requested the County of Ocean to provide vehicle maintenance and repair services for OCMEC's vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both parties to enter into an Agreement for the purposes of providing said services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE OCEAN COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION, as follows:

1. The OCMEC Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Services Agreement with the County of Ocean for the purpose of the County providing vehicle maintenance and repair services for OCMEC vehicles on the terms and conditions set forth in said Services Agreement not to exceed \$500.00.
2. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
3. Sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of this Agreement.
4. Copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission on the 16th day of October, 2023.



Michael Senyk
Superintendent
Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission

Motion carried with Mr. Ekelmann requesting Roll Call:

Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cotrell	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Ekelmann	Aye

c) Agreement with Ocean County Insurance Fund Commission

Mr. Senyk let the commissioners know that we received the yearly agreement from the Ocean County Insurance Fund Commission, which allows us to enter into the self-insurance policy under the JIF. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Mr. Candeletti, seconded by Mr. Cottrell to accept the following agreement from the Ocean County Insurance Fund Commission:

**INDEMNITY AND TRUST AGREEMENT
OCEAN COUNTY INSURANCE FUND COMMISSION**

THIS AGREEMENT, made this day of _____ in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, By and Between the Ocean County Insurance Fund Commission, hereinafter referred to as "COMMISSION", and the Governing Body of the Ocean County Mosquito Extermination Commission Services a duly constituted local unit of government hereinafter referred to as "GOVERNING BODY";

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, several local governmental units have collectively formed or are in the process of forming an Insurance Commission as such an entity is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et seq. and the administrative regulations promulgated pursuant thereto and;

WHEREAS, the GOVERNING BODY has agreed to become a member of the COMMISSION in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Rules and Regulations of the COMMISSION and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the COMMISSION;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The GOVERNING BODY accepts the COMMISSION'S Rules and Regulation as approved and adopted and agrees to be bound by and to comply with each and every provision of the said bylaws and the pertinent statutes and Administrative Regulations pertaining to same and as set forth in the Risk Management Plan.
2. The GOVERNING BODY agrees to participate in the COMMISSION with respect to the types of insurance listed in the Resolution to Join.
3. The GOVERNING BODY agrees to continue its membership of the COMMISSION for a term of three years commencing on January 1, 2024, or the effective date of membership, whichever occurs later.
4. The GOVERNING BODY certifies that it has never defaulted any claims if self-insured and has not been canceled for non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two years prior to the date hereof.
5. In consideration of membership in the COMMISSION the GOVERNING BODY agrees that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the COMMISSION, all of whom as a condition of membership in the COMMISSION shall execute a verbatim counterpart of this Agreement and by execution hereof the full faith and credit of the GOVERNING BODY is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the COMMISSION in accordance with the bylaws thereof, this Agreement the COMMISSION's Risk Management Plan or any applicable Statute.
6. If the COMMISSION in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement shall incur necessary expense or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or Court costs the GOVERNING BODY agrees to reimburse the COMMISSION for all such reasonable expenses, fees and costs on demand.

7. The GOVERNING BODY and the COMMISSION agree that the COMMISSION shall hold all monies paid by the GOVERNING BODY to the COMMISSION as fiduciaries for the benefit of COMMISSION claimants all in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:15 2.1 et seq.
8. The COMMISSION shall establish separate Trust Accounts for each of the following categories of risk and liability where applicable:
- a) Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability
 - b) Liability, other than motor vehicle
 - c) Property Damage, other than motor vehicle
 - d) Motor Vehicle
 - e) Public Officials/Employment Practices Liability
 - f) Environmental Impairment Liability
9. Each GOVERNING BODY who shall become a member of the COMMISSION shall be obligated to execute this agreement.

BY: Mutand G Singh
Name
Superintendent (Title)

Dated: 10/16/2023

Motion carried with Mr. Ekermann requesting Roll Call:

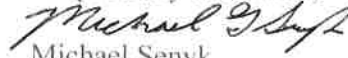
Mr. Candeletti	Aye
Mr. Cotrell	Aye
Mr. Lanuto	Aye
Mrs. Crea	Aye
Mr. Ekermann	Aye

10. DISCUSSIONS: None

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to transact, a motion was made by Mr. Cottrell, seconded by Mr. Lanuto that the meeting be adjourned at 5:29 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Senyk
Superintendent