

Draft
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, April 8, 2019 – 8:04 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Absent: None

Also Present: Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid, Mike Hoagland, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Nancy Laskowski, Angie Daniels, Sandra Nielsen, Shelly Lutz, Register John Bishop, Steve Anderson, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Bill Jackson, Katie Cooper, Bill Battel, Addy Battel, Lichlain McDonald, Alice Iloncai, Jean Doss (via telephone)

Finance/Technology
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **Update Regarding Caro Psychiatric Hospital, Jean Doss Capital Services** - Jean updated the Commissioners on the plan of action. She gave an overview of what is happening with the Caro Center and listed the areas of concern that need to be addressed. Mike Hoagland and Jean Doss will be meeting Friday, April 12, 2019 in Caro.

Bill Jackson provided the Commissioners with information on the state budget. He offered his assistance with helping to obtain pertinent information in regards to the Caro Center.

2. **County Equalization Report** - Angie Daniels presented the Tuscola County Equalization Report. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Security Updates and Software Purchase Request** – Eean Lee updated the Commissioners on security and what is happening with Genesee County. Eean requested a budget amendment to purchase Cisco Umbrella program. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

Finance

1. Resolve Remaining Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies, SB 46 - Mike Hoagland provide an update.
2. Water Rates Paid for County Facilities Along M24 and Deckerville Roads
3. Opioid Lawsuit - Mike Hoagland provide update.
4. State Assessing Changes
5. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan

6. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
7. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report Development
8. Convert to New State Chart of Accounts
9. 2020 Budget Development
10. Second Year MIDC Plan and Budget
11. Determine if any Drain Bonds can be Retired Early or Refinanced

Technology

1. Animal Control Camera and Other Security
2. New Server and Network Storage Capacity
3. Jail Live Scan Scanner
4. GIS Update
5. Increasing On-Line Services
6. Updating County Web Page
7. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
8. CLEMIS Road Patrol Software – Impacts on Local Police Departments
9. New Kronos Time Attendance and BSA Finance/General Ledger Software

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **Replacing Retiring Controller/Administrator** - Mike Hoagland provided an update. Human Resources received 26 applications. The hiring committee is working on narrowing the field down to 4 or 5 applicants. They are hoping to start scheduling interviews next week.
2. **Register of Deeds Hiring Freeze** - Register John Bishop informed the Commissioners he had 2 applicants coming to job shadow this week and would like approval to hire one of the 2 applicants. Matter discussed at length. Matter to be placed on the next Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.
3. **Out of State Travel Request** - Request from Dispatch Director Nielsen. Matter to be placed on Consent Agenda
4. **LEAD Tuscola Request** - Mike Hoagland will distribute the LEAD application and pamphlet to Department Heads to see if there are any employees interested in attending LEAD for the 2019/2020 program.
5. **Animal Control Ordinance Update** - Mike Hoagland updated the Commissioners on the need to improve and update the ordinance. Matter was discussed at length. Matter to be placed on the next Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.
6. **4-H Presentation** - Addy Battel addressed the Commissioners regarding her 4-H project "Meeting the Need for Our Village". Meeting the Need for Our Village will be hosting the Cass City Hunger Summit on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Cass City United Methodist Church. Addy extended an invitation to the Board of Commissioners. Addy was awarded the Youth in Action for Agriculture award for 2019. Only four 4-H youth nationwide are given the Youth in Action award (Civic Engagement, Healthy Living, STEM and Agriculture) each year. Commissioner Bardwell would like the Board of Commissioners to create a resolution to honor Addy for her achievement.

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Negotiation of Expiring Union Contracts – Setting Financial and Other Objectives
2. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
3. Evaluate Potential Training Programs
4. Start the Development of Pay Grade Schedule and Updated Job Descriptions
5. County Planning Commission Vacancy
6. Scheduling a MAC 7th Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue - Commissioner Bardwell would like Tuscola County to host a meeting. Mike Hoagland to handle the details.

Recessed at 11:17 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **County Jail Study Committee – Development of a Concept Plan** - Mike Miller provided an update to the Commissioners. The April 22, 2019 Presentation Meeting will be rescheduled to April 24, 2019.
2. **Vanderbilt Park Update form Parks and Recreation Meeting – Road Gravel** - Mike Miller provided an update. No time frame as to when gravel will be put down.
3. **Various Bids Related to Building and Grounds** - Mike Miller received 5 bids on the parking lot reseal project, 1 bid on the awning project and no bids on the Register of Deeds door replacement and District Court window replacement project. He would like to review the bids and will bring this matter back to the Board of Commissioners at the next Board of Commissioners Meeting.
4. **Requests to use Courthouse Lawn - Request** made by Suicide Prevention Coalition. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. **County Land Bank** - Matter discussed. Matter to be placed on the next Board of Commissioners Meeting agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. Cass River Greenways – Robert McKay to bring Information to an upcoming meeting.
2. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
3. County Property Ownership Inventory
4. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam
5. Sidewalk Improvements and Parking Lot Sealing
6. Purdy Building Awning, Sign and Stucco Repairs
7. Jail Entrance Step and Ceiling Tile
8. State Police Post Water Tank Inspection, Sidewalk and Parking Lot Repairs
9. Potential Sale of Certain County Properties
10. New Septic System at Vanderbilt Park and Vegetation Clearing
11. Health Department Painting, Animal Control Ceiling and Court Windows
12. Recycling Soil Removal and Construction - Mike Mille informed Board, weather permitting cleanup will start Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Other Business as Necessary

1. Methods of Providing Dental Care to Indigent
2. Elected Versus Appointed Road Commissioners
3. Work with DTE and Others to Solve Increasing Energy Demands in the County
4. Update County Policies

Public Comment Period -

-Lichlain McDonald and Alice Iloncai addressed the Commissioners regarding Animal Control not taking in stray animals. They are on a fixed income and can't afford to take in strays all the time, it's expensive to continue to feed them. Mike Hoagland to contact Animal Control on this matter.

-Commissioners are questioning having to provide proof of auto insurance to the County as they are not County employees. Mike Hoagland will look into this matter.

-Commissioner Young attended the Road Commission meeting and provided an update on the Amish Road Signs.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Caryl Langmaid
Chief Deputy Clerk