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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, October 26, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.

Electronic remote access will be implemented for this meeting, in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order Under MCL 333-2253 Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order and Public Act No. 228 of 2020.

Commissioners Present In-Person:

District 2 - Thomas Bardwell

District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (excused at 11:12 a.m.)

Commissioners Present Virtual:

District 1 - Thomas Young - Columbia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

District 4 - Mark Jensen - Millington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan (excused at 10:28 a.m. and rejoined at 10:55 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent - District 3 - Kim Vaughan

Also Present In-Person:

Eean Lee, Register John Bishop, Angie Daniels

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Tracy Violet, Matt Brown, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Ann Hepfer, Debbie Babich, Steve Anderson, Lisa Ozbat, Heidi Chicilli, Sandy Nielsen, Cody Horton, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mike Miller, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Representative Phil Green, Brian Harris, Shelly Lutz, Robert Baxter, Sandy Erskine, Barry Lapp, Steve Root

At 8:13 a.m. there were 29 people attending the virtual portion of the meeting.

County Updates

1. Update from Ann Hepfer, Health Officer - The COVID numbers for Tuscola County were reviewed as there has been a huge increase in numbers for the county in the past week. Testing for COVID will be moved to the Mosquito Abatement building so it can be held as a drive-thru testing site. Testing will be conducted on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
2. Legislative Update from Representative Phil Green - Representative Green provided an update on unemployment agency appointments and the accessibility to that office. Also, discussed the difficulty people are experiencing getting an appointment with the Secretary of State's branch offices.
3. DHHS Gathering Directives, Masking and Social Distancing - Ann Hepfer covered in her presentation.

4. Future Commissioner Meetings – Commissioner Attendance/Hybrid Meetings - Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the option of continuing the option of holding the meeting partially virtually through the end of the year. In the event of illness, it is possible the meeting would be held fully virtual.

Finance/Technology

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. 2020 Tuscola County Apportionment Report Review – Equalization Director Angie Daniels reviewed the report that was presented to the Commissioners. Matter to be placed on the Board agenda for Thursday for consideration of the proposed resolution.
 - Angie Daniels also reviewed the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) review process changes that have been implemented. A designated assessor agreement needs to be put into place by the end of the year with the local units.
2. 2021 Budget Preparation Progress and Calendar - Debbie Babich reviewed the updated calendar for budget preparation. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
 - Special Board Meeting Necessity - If the updated calendar is followed there should not be a need for a special meeting.
3. 2021 Budget Request for Equipment, Technology, and Capital needs - Debbie Babich reviewed the requests that are being included in the 2021 proposed budget. Updated funding recommendations will be presented at the Thursday Board meeting.
4. Lapeer Animal Control Ordinance & Fees - The Lapeer County Ordinance was included in the Agenda Packet. Commissioners can review and then have the matter placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda in 2021.
5. Building Code Letter Status and Follow-up - Matter to be postponed until Commissioner Vaughan can be in attendance and provide an update.
6. County Jail Proposal Status/Update - Matter to be postponed until January 2021 for further discussion.
7. Tuscola County Road Commission Millage Transfer Request - Mike Tuckey submitted a request for Local Bridge and Primary Road transfer request which was included in the agenda packet. Matters to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Annual Clean Sweep Grant Update - Mike Miller provided an update on the Grant. The 2021 Grant contract has been submitted and Mike Miller is asking for permission to be the contact person for the grant application. Board policy requires the Board Chair as a signatory. Mike Miller will see about adding Commissioner Bardwell.

Commissioner Jensen excused at 10:28 a.m.

2. Parks and Recreation Capital Requests - Mike Miller reviewed the capital requests received from the Committee of split rail fence in an amount of approximately \$3,000.00. Also, matching funds in the amount of \$9,500.00 is being requested to be prepared for a potential future grant opportunity. Board discussed.
3. Friend of the Court Remodeling (wall) Request/Update - Mike Miller explained the request presented for the installation of the wall. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
4. Adult Probation Fence Installation Update - Mike Miller requested the project be placed on the 2021 budget requests sheet in the amount of \$5,000.00 for completion in the Spring 2021.
5. Recycling Center Move Progress and Update - Mike Miller provided an update on the projected move dates from the old facility to the new facility. Mike expects to have the new facility open to the public on November 9, 2020.
6. Safety Committee - Due to COVID, Mike Miller reported that the committee has not met. Commissioner Bardwell stated that with workman's compensation that a safety committee may be required to meet with minutes prepared. Shelly Lutz will follow up with AJ regarding the matter. Shelly is working to have Mark attend a meeting in November.

Commissioner Jensen re-joined at 10:55 a.m.

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. Elected/Appointed Compensation - Board reviewed the overview of the state-wide wage survey that was included in the agenda packet. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. Virtual Enrollment Insurance Information Update - Shelly provided an update on the virtual meetings that have been scheduled.

Other Business as Necessary

1. Elected Officials/County Employees Memorandum on Their Role in Ballot Initiatives - Matter can be removed from the agenda.
2. New Commissioner Training/Updates - Commissioner Bardwell encouraged the Board to attend if they are able.
3. Resolution to Ratify & Confirm Actions Approved by the Board of Commissioners During Remote Meetings - Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.

Correspondence

1. Iosco County Resolution Recommending The Impeachment of Governor Whitmer - Resolution was included in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 11:00 a.m.

At 11:19 a.m. there were 29 people attending the electronic meeting.

Public Comment Period -

-Register Bishop explained that he has a new reporting requirement and is working on having the administrative fee increased to cover the increased responsibility of the administration.

Motion by Bardwell, seconded by Young to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - absent; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk