

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2019 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Young called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 16th day of May 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Vaughan

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell (Joined meeting by conference call at 8:45 a.m.; joined in person at 9:40 a.m.), District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Mary Drier, Dr. Russell Bush, Dr. David Stockman, Cody Horton, Register John Bishop, Nancy Barrigar, Ann Hepfer, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mark Haney, Evan Osentoski, Dave Osentoski, Rick Boylan

Adoption of Agenda -
19-M-091

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
19-M-092

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 25, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance and the May 6, 2019 Special Board meetings. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Clerk Fetting asked for clarification regarding Consent Agenda Item H as her understanding from the Committee of the Whole meeting was Rita Papp would be sponsored for the 2019-2020 LEAD Tuscola class and if another candidate was nominated by an Elected Official or Department Head the Board would review and consider at that time. Clerk Fetting stated depending on how the Board remembers their intention that either the Consent Agenda Resolution or Committee of the Whole minutes need to be adjusted as they represent two

different statements. The Board agreed that their intention was to sponsor Rita Papp and look at another candidate as brought forward.

-Clerk Fetting also brought up the recent news that Genesee County was being considered as a location to move the Caro Center to. She questioned if the Board has received contact from Jean Doss regarding this news and the next move that needs to happen. Also, she asked if the Board heard the news from a media outlet or from Jean Doss first. Clerk Fetting stated the Board did not need to respond right now but could address these questions during the agenda items regarding the Caro Center.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
19-M-093

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Resolution with Item H removed and added to the regular agenda from the May 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of the Human Development Commission, that 2019 Senior Millage funding be increased by \$10,621 to meet the increased demand for senior transportation services. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the GIS Coordinator, that the intergovernmental agreement between Tuscola County and the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget to provide updated aerial photographs at no cost to the county be approved. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized including the GIS Coordinator (Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney).

- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that authorization is given to sign the Request for Obligation of Funds and the Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions to receive United States Department of Agriculture partial funding of \$25,900 to purchase an animal control truck and accessories. Also, appropriate budget amendments to the Animal Control Fund are authorized for the county share of costs of \$8,695.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that form L-4029 authorizing the 2019 tax rate levies be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request from the Mosquito Abatement Director the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and authorization is given to post and advertise to fill the vacant biologist position.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Animal Control Director, Jordan Fierros be hired as a part-time Kennel Attendant effective May 20, 2019 contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request of Judge Thane that authorization is given to reinstate the Child Care Fund In-Home Care Supervised Visitation and Parenting Education Program with an estimated total cost of \$43,000 and the county share of this total \$21,500. Also, county contracts with individuals providing the services are authorized for signature. Also, appropriate budget amendments are approved with the understanding an increase in general fund appropriation is not required.

- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Sheriff and Jail Planning Committee, that authorization is given to enter into an agreement with Byce Engineers and Architects to prepare a jail feasibility study for an amount of \$17,500 with said costs to be paid from the Jail Capital Improvement Fund. Also, all appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that the Earth and Ecosystem Science Doctoral Program of Central Michigan University be allowed to conduct a study at Vanderbilt Park of negative environmental impacts of the invasive free-floating European frog-bit. Also, a copy of the report be provided to the county.
- Agenda Reference:** K
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Director, authorization is given to purchase an alarm system for the underground storage tank at the Michigan State Police post. The alarm will be purchased from Johnson Controls for an amount of \$5,197. Payment will be made from the State Police Capital Fund. All appropriate budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** L
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move per the letter of request the Courthouse Lawn be authorized to be used on August 31, 2019 for Overdose Awareness Day.

- Agenda Reference:** H (Item H removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Regular Agenda.
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/13/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that authorization is given to send information to department heads inquiring if they have employees they would like to recommend for the LEAD program. Said applicants will be reviewed by the Board for the 2019 LEAD program. The county has sponsored one applicant annually.

New Business

-Discussion of Potential Privatized Medical Examiner System - Dr. Bush and Dr. Stockmen presented the proposed agreement regarding the Medical Examiner (ME) program. The ME program services would be administered by Covenant Health Care System. It would assist in the transition of Dr. Bush retiring. Dr. Bush would like to retain the current medical examiners in Tuscola County as they do a good job. The proposed contract/agreement to be submitted to the County Attorney for review and recommendation. Matter to be placed on the Board Agenda for May 30, 2019.

19-M-094

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that the creation of a contract for Medical Examiner Services be developed for implementation on July 1, 2019 with Michigan Institute of Forensic, Science, and Medicine. Motion Carried with Vaughan dissenting.

-Resolution Supporting Construction of a New State Psychiatric Hospital in Tuscola County - Commissioner Young posed the resolution to the Board for discussion. Commissioner Grimshaw stated he does not support the resolution as he does not feel the consumers' needs have not been put first. He does feel there will be financial impact albeit minimal.

19-M-095

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the attached resolution supporting construction of a new state psychiatric hospital in Tuscola County to replace the current Caro Center Facility be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Bardwell - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Young - yes. Motion Carried.

-KC Communications Consulting - Board discussed the timing as to when they found out about Genesee County showing interest as being selected as the site for the Caro Center to be constructed at. Commissioner Vaughan stated he heard it from a media outlet and then contacted Mike Hoagland. Jean Doss contacted Mike Hoagland shortly thereafter. Board will continue conversation with Jean Doss in order to stay in front of the matter and encourage Ms. Doss to keep the lines of communication open.

19-M-096

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to approve the contract with KC Communications to provide expert communications information explaining why the new State Psychiatric Hospital should continue to be constructed in Tuscola County. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. (Contract funding will be requested from key stakeholders). Roll Call Vote - Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Bardwell - yes; Young - yes. Motion Carried.

-Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Letter of Resignation - Board discussed the resignation of Kent Graft from the EDC Board.

19-M-097

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that the letter of resignation from Kent Graf from the Economic Development Corporation be received and placed on file. Also, the County Clerk be requested to advertise to fill this vacancy on the Economic Development Corporation Board. Motion Carried with Grimshaw dissenting.

-2020 Community Corrections Grant Application - Commissioner Jensen explained his understanding of the need for the grant application.

19-M-098

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the following resolution be adopted regarding the 2020 Community Corrections Grant Application:

WHEREAS, Tuscola County, as a member of the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections with Lapeer and Sanilac Counties, recognizes the need to offer felony probationers with specific programming targeted at further advancing offender success rates and reducing repeat offender rates; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Corrections Grant Application, written on behalf of the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections, will provide a funding source to incorporate such programming and administrative oversight in Tuscola County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners hereby approves Tuscola County's participation in the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Fiscal Year 2020 Community Corrections Grant Application, for the period of 10/01/2019 through 9/30/2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners this 16th day of May, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes; Vaughan - yes; Young - yes. Motion Carried.

-Recycling Center Soil Removal Cost - Clayette Zechmeister presented a proposed agreement to reimburse the County for costs incurred in the soil removal at the Recycling Center. Board discussed the amounts proposed by Braun Kendrick. Board is not inclined to accept the proposed agreement as presented. The Board would like to submit an invoice for the full amount to Braun Kendrick. The Board would like to get an opinion from MAC regarding the retention of closed session minutes past the destroy date.

Recessed at 9:57 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:03 a.m.

-County Planning Commission Vacancy - Rick Boylan was in attendance and provided a statement as to his interest in the Commission. Commissioner Grimshaw feels that it is important to have the entire county represented on the Commission and he would like to have someone from his District appointed.

19-M-099

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to appoint Donald (Joe) Hembling to the Tuscola County Planning Commission to fill a vacant seat, previously held by Calvin Keilitz, with a term to expire on December 31, 2020. Motion Carried.

-Commissioner Jensen asked Rick Boylan if he would be interested in serving on another Board or Commission. Mr. Boylan stated he would consider it. He will look into the EDC Board and determine if he is interested.

-LEAD Tuscola Candidate –

19-M-100

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to authorize Rita Papp to be the 2019-2020 LEAD Tuscola County representative and that authorization is given to send information to department heads inquiring if they have employees they would like to recommend for the LEAD program. Said applicants will be reviewed by the Board for the 2019 LEAD program. The county has sponsored one applicant annually but would consider sponsoring a second candidate. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Controller/Administrator Employment Contract - Commissioner Bardwell would like the Board to begin crafting an Employment Contract for Clayette Zechmeister as the Controller/Administrator. Items to be considered that should be included in the contract were discussed. Board would like to start out by reaching out to the Labor Attorney to begin drafting a contract. Personnel Committee to lead this charge in a draft contract. Board discussed the transition period as the Board has not been involved in the planning process.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Gift of Life letter included in packet

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**BARDWELL**

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA - DDA has received a grant for a farmer's market location.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board - Met on Monday and a report will follow as there was a lot of information provided.

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board - 8 out of 12 Dispatchers received recognition for their great efforts during a recent emergency.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Senior Services Advisory Council

Tuscola 2020

Local Units of Government Activity Report - Quality Roast ground breaking ceremony will be at 1:00 p.m. on May 17, 2019. Attended the Village of Fairgrove meeting

VAUGHAN - no report

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

Local Units of Government Activity Report

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Mid-State Health Network met in Tuscola County. Update provided from Denmark Township where roads and a new hall were discussed.

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government

JENSEN

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee - meets on Monday and is planning to attend.

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Other Business as Necessary - None

Extended Public Comment -

-Tisha Jones-Holubec will be attending a meeting on May 21, 2019 to encourage the Pastors in attendance to offer prayer at the Board of Commissioners meetings. She also provided an update with the City of Caro Council at the request of Commissioner Young.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk