

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 17, 2019 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Bardwell 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 17th day of October 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Pastor William Sanders, Watrousville United Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent - District 1 - Thomas Young

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Pastor William Sanders, Ann Hepfer, Nancy Laskowski, Dr. Ned Canfield, Mark Haney

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
19-M-185

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
19-M-186

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 26, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business*

-Request to Fill Vacant Full Time Dispatcher Position - Sandy Nielsen presented information regarding filling a current vacant position.

## 19-M-187

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the hiring of Kayla Neeley to fill the vacant full time dispatcher position at the Central Dispatch office pending favorable background, physical and drug screen. Motion Carried.

Region VII Presentation – Dr. Ned Canfield presented to the Board information regarding Region VII Area Agency on Aging and his role as a Physician for the Agency.

*Old Business -*

-County Land Bank Resolution - Clayette Zechmeister updated the Board regarding the draft resolution prepared by Attorney John Axe that has been presented to the State for review. Matter to be placed on the agenda when there is more information.

-Health Department Personnel Policies - The Board discussed concerns with the Health Department personnel policies that have been proposed. Board discussed the matter.

## 19-M-188

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Tuscola County Health Department Changes in their Personnel Policies with the exception of Section 6.1 with an effective date of 11-1-2019 as approved by the Board of Health. Motion Carried.

-Annual Delegation of School Plan Reviews - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update regarding issues that could occur if the Board does not approve one or more of the School Plan Reviews.

## 19-M-189

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that as in previous years South Central Construction Code Commission be approved for the administration and enforcement for plan review and inspection of school buildings for Tuscola ISD, Akron-Fairgrove Schools, Caro Community Schools, Cass City Public Schools, Kingston Community Schools, Mayville Community Schools, Millington Community Schools, Reese Public Schools, Vassar Public Schools, Unionville-Sebewaing Area Schools. Also, authorizing documents are approved for signature. Annual approval of this inspection work is a requirement of the State. Roll Call - Young - absent; Vaughan - yes, Jensen - yes, Grimshaw - no, Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Farm Lease Bids - The bids were opened at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 14, 2019. The Board discussed the current proposed lease in regards to payment of property taxes.

## 19-M-190

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the three-year 2019 County Farmland Lease agreement be awarded to Schriber Farms who was the high bidder for an amount of \$155 per acre. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Young - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-State Land Survey - Commissioner Vaughan would like to move forward on obtaining a survey on the proposed state land the County could acquire. Board discussed putting an RFP out to have the land surveyed.

## 19-M-191

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to authorize the County Controller/Administrator to put an RFP out for bid for surveyors to survey the land along the Cass River that the State Land Bank has offered to Tuscola County for acquisition. Motion Carried.

-KC Communications Contract Continuation - Clayette Zechmeister explained that month end is near and the Board needs to determine if the contract should be continued or terminated with KC Communications as there is a 30-day cancellation of the contract.

Board discussed the matter. Board would like to discuss with Jean Doss prior to making a decision.

-Animal Control (matter added) - Commissioner Grimshaw shared concerns of issues regarding the Animal Control Department and the proposed ordinance. Board discussed the matter. Commissioner Vaughan will follow-up with a meeting with the Animal Control Director regarding the proposed ordinance.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Community Corrections Monthly Report.

-Great Lakes National Cemetery Ceremony - Monday, November 18, 2019.

-Senior Empowerment Expo is being held at the Moose Lodge today.

-Honorable Judge Jason Bitzer Investiture today at 4:00 p.m.

-Sobriety Court Graduation November 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

-Board discussed scheduled meeting dates for November and December. Board added a Committee of the Whole meeting for November 21, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Board will transition the December 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting to a full Board meeting and cancel the December 26, 2019 meeting. Clerk Fetting to prepare notices.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****BARDWELL**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA - Paperwork is being completed for the new farmer's market.  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
TRIAD  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

**YOUNG** - absent

Board of Public Works  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Dispatch Authority Board  
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

**VAUGHAN**

Board of Health  
County Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC Environmental Regulatory  
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 - Update provided.

**GRIMSHAW**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Recycling Advisory  
Local Units of Government

**JENSEN**

Board of Health - Meets tomorrow.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Hosting an event to allow high-school students to meet with professionals in the labor industry fields.

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Meets every other month.

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard - Meets every other month.

Local Units of Government Activity Report

*Other Business as Necessary - None*

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Eean Lee provided an update regarding the potential threat of malware that was targeted to the Pitney Bowes mail machines. His team was able to secure the machines of the county so no threat was posed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk