

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
November 14, 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 14th day of November 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Pastor Paul McNett, Caro Church of the Nazarene

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid

Commissioners Present: District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:15 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent - District 1 - Thomas Young

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Paul McNett, Mike Miller, Brian Neuville, Lori Offenbecher, Ken Hecht, Roy Kauer, Wayne Koper, Eileen Doering, Barb Ruckle, Norm Davis, Register John Bishop, Nancy Laskowski, Nathan Miller, Bill Campbell, Mary Brissette, Deb Babich

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
19-M-218

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
19-M-219

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 31, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -*

-Wayne Koper asked where the Board is in the Greens Governmental Consulting process. Mr. Koper feels this process should be open for bidding. He also does not feel there is a need for a lobbyist for Tuscola County with having Representative Green and Senator Daily.

-Nancy Laskowski stated MREC (Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative) is lobbying for turbines. Presentation will be made to the Board on November 21, 2019.

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -*

-Clerk's Office Copier Replacement - Clerk Fetting presented to the Board bids from Galaxy Office Machines - \$9,995.00 purchase price or lease price of \$210.00 per month for 5 years; Brady Business Systems - \$9,653.60 purchase price or lease price of \$204.66 per month for 5 years.

19-M-220

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to approve acquisition lease of a copier for the County Clerk's Office from Galaxy Office Machines for the IMC 6000 and all budget amendments to the Equipment Technology Fund (244) through the use of fund balance for the same be authorized. (First payment to be scheduled to begin in January 2020). Motion Carried.

-911 Dispatch Authority Board Appointment - Board has two openings - A vacancy for fire representation and a vacancy for police representation. The Fire Chief's Association recommends Cory Skinner for the fire representative vacancy.

19-M-221

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that Cory Skinner be appointed to the 911 Dispatch Authority Board for a 2-year term with an expiration date of December 31, 2021. Motion Carried.

-Board of Public Works (BPW) Appointment - Clerk Fetting informed the Board that the Clerk's Office reached out to Mr. DeSute, who applied for an opening on the Parks and Recreation Committee which he was not appointed to. Mr. DeSute was interested in serving on the BPW Board.

19-M-222

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that Michael DeSute be appointed to the Board of Public Works for a 3-year term with an expiration date of December 31, 2022. Motion Carried.

-Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board Appointment - Commissioner Bardwell stated the by-laws state the Director needs to be appointed to the EDC Board. Commissioner Grimshaw feels an employee of the EDC should not be part of the EDC Board. Commissioner Grimshaw would like to encourage the EDC Board to change the by-laws.

## 19-M-223

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that Steve Erickson be appointed to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board for a 6-year term with an expiration date of December 31, 2025. Roll Call Vote: Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Millage Renewal for Mosquito Abatement and Veterans' Affairs- Clerk Fetting informed the Board of deadline dates to place the wording for the millage renewal for Mosquito Abatement and Veterans' Affairs on a 2020 ballot. The August primary may be the better time to place matters on the ballot. Current millages expires at the end of 2019. First step is for the Board to discuss language for the renewal millages to be placed on a ballot for the 2020 election year.

-First Amendment to Medical Examiners Service Agreement - Clayette Zechmeister informed the Board this amendment is to remove the Secretary Support from the Medical Examiner's Office.

## 19-M-224

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to approve the First Amendment to the Comprehensive Medical Examiner's Office Services between the County and the Michigan Institute of Forensic Science & Medicine PC (MIFS). Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Village of Millington Public Hearing -

## 19-M-225

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to go into Public Meeting at 9:15 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

9:15 a.m. Board recessed the regular meeting for the Public Meeting regarding annexation in Village of Millington.

## 19-M-226

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to come out of Public Meeting at 9:25 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

9:25 a.m. Board reconvened the regular meeting from the Public Meeting.

## 19-M-227

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to approve the annexation of Parcel Number 017-009-000-3300-00 from Millington Township to the Village of Millington per the October 14, 2019 resolution from the Village of Millington petitioning the County Board of Commissioners to grant the annexation (request

from the Amish Bishop and Minister). Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw- yes; Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Human Development Commission (HDC) Update - Lori Offenbecher presented the annual update on the senior programs provided through Human Development Commissioner to area citizens. Brian Neuville informed the Board of a Weatherization Program offered through HDC. This program is free to qualifying residents. HDC also has a Lead Hazard Abatement program that helps qualifying residents clear their home of lead.

-Scrap Tire Grant Agreement for Recycling - Mike Miller informed the Board this is residential tires only, no implement or tractor tires.

#### 19-M-228

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to approve the grant agreement with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and Tuscola County Recycling for scrap tire cleanup in the amount of \$22,000.00. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Clean Sweep Grant for Recycling - Mike Miller informed the Board this is the yearly grant to dispose of pesticides and herbicides. Tuscola County is the fiduciary for this fund, which includes Huron, Lapeer and Sanilac Counties.

#### 19-M-229

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Grimshaw to approve the Clean Sweep Program grant agreement with Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the amount of \$25,000.00. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Sound Masking Machine for Purdy Building Board Room While in Closed Session - Clayette Zechmeister provided the Board with a handout of sound masking machines. These may or may not work. Mike Miller stated there are 2 of these machines at the Courthouse, 1 in the Indigent Defense Office and 1 in the lobby of the Magistrate's area and they don't work. He also informed the Board the Health Department has them in the ceiling of their building. Clayette Zechmeister to keep exploring options.

-MERS Service Credit Purchase for Sheriff Deputy - Clayette Zechmeister informed Board this is for a long-term employee at the Sheriff's Department who wants to purchase two months of service.

## 19-M-230

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the request from a Tuscola County Road Patrol Deputy be granted to purchase two months of service credit in the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) with all costs (both employees and employer) for said service credit (\$866) to be paid by the employee as per Tuscola County adopted provisions with MERS. This service credit agreement is valid per MERS until January 1, 2020. Also, the Board Chair is authorized to sign all appropriate documents. Motion Carried.

-Clayette to speak with Sheriff Skrent in regards to preparing a resolution for this employee.

-Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board Service Agreement - This agreement is the same as last year.

## 19-M-231

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that the Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Advisory Board Service Agreement for Tuscola County Gatekeeper (125) in the amount of \$1,884.00 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

-2020 Budget Request for Equipment, Technology, and Capital Needs - Board reviewed budget requests and discussed at length. Controller's Office to check into leasing versus buying pool vehicles.

-Recycling Bids for Site Work at the New Recycling Location - Mike Miller shared bids for driveway and around the back of the New Recycling building. Jeff Brinkman Excavating - \$15,112.50 for crushed concrete and \$21,350.00 for limestone, LJ Construction - \$37,000.00 for crushed concrete and \$40,175.00 for limestone, and Falcon Construction - \$18,500.00 for crushed concrete and \$19,500.00 for limestone. Mike is not asking for any action at this time.

*Old Business -*

-Greens Governmental Consulting - Matter discussed. The Board needs to set a time to look at the RFP process. The Board feels steps need to be taken to secure website. Clayette Zechmeister to follow up.

## 19-M-232

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to terminate the contract with KC Communications. Motion Carried

-Update of Wind Tax Revenues in County Funds - Clayette Zechmeister to find out how much per turbine the County receives in revenue. She will also complete a graph chart showing revenue and expenses.

-Animal Control Ordinances - Commissioner Grimshaw attended the Vassar Township Meeting and brought them up to speed. Vassar Township stated no one at Animal Control is returning their phone calls. Animal Control is working on rewriting the ordinance. Matter discussed.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Letter was received from Marsha Perez requesting the use of the Courthouse lawn for the Caro Women's Interfaith Committee nativity scene from Saturday, November 30, 2019 thru Saturday January 4, 2020.

19-M-233

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to approve request from Marsha Perez and the Caro Women's Interfaith Committee to use the Courthouse lawn to display their nativity scene Saturday, November 30, 2019 through Saturday, January 4, 2020. Motion Carried.

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **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

### **GRIMSHAW**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Recycling Advisory  
Local Units of Government - Received correspondence regarding South Central Code Enforcement. Copies of correspondence shared with other Board members. Board needs to take action to address problems. Clayette Zechmeister to look at RFP and add to the next agenda.

### **JENSEN**

Board of Health - Meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2019.  
Community Corrections Advisory Board - Sanilac County has joined the group  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Jail Planning Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Meeting was held  
November 13, 2019.  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
MEMS All Hazard - Meeting was held November 13, 2019  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

**BARDWELL**

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meeting next week.  
Caro DDA/TIFA - Cancelled.  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Meeting Wednesday,  
November 20, 2019.  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
MAC Workers Comp Board - Meeting was held November 13, 2019.  
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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

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-Clayette Zechmeister attended the Sobriety Court graduation on November 8,  
2019. She encourages the Board to attend the next graduation. This is a great  
program and Sobriety Court staff is doing an amazing job.

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Nancy Laskowski shared that Caro Area Airport has a no glare policy. Juniata  
Township is writing an anti-glare policy and they don't want to conflict with the

Airport Zoning Board ordinance. They are looking for guidance and interpretation of the Airport Zoning Board's ordinance.

-Norm Davis spoke about researching noise levels of turbine and the setback distance for turbines from the residences. He stated he has helped write township ordinances for wind turbines.

-Wayne Koper spoke regarding Tuscola County facing infrastructure issues. The projection is not positive over the next 6 years.

-Mary Brissette spoke regarding PFAS being disposed of into the waste water.

-Ken Hecht spoke regarding the health, safety and welfare of pilots at the Tuscola County Airport.

-Eileen Doering stated she is impressed with the attention the Board has given to the wind turbines.

-Lisa Geiger thanked the Board for their service and she will respect the decision of Judge Gierhart.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Caryl Langmaid  
Tuscola County  
Chief Deputy Clerk



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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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Requesting annexation to Village of Millington for the purpose of connecting to water and sewer. This is a tax free property. Approximately 4 acres has been deeded to the Millington Amish Church.

Public Comment - Nathan Miller stated the Millington Amish Church is also proceeding with acquiring 2 additional adjacent parcels that are currently in Millington Township for easement purposes. This will allow members of the Millington Amish Church to enter the parking lot from a side street instead of M-15.

Public Hearing closed at 9:25 a.m.

Caryl Langmaid  
Tuscola County  
Chief Deputy Clerk