

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 16, 2020 Minutes
Electronic Meeting held via Google Hangouts
To be held in compliance with EO 2020-48 and 2020-42

Commissioner Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held via Google Hangouts on the 16th day of April 2020, to order at 8:03 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Judy Cockerill, Mark Haney, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Wayne Koper, Dara Hood, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Larry Zapfe, Debbie Babich, Mary Drier, Steve Erickson, Angie Daniels, Tim Green, Steve Anderson, Rahm Mormando, Ann Hepfer, Tracy Violet, Matt Brown, Barry Lapp, Shelly Lutz, Sheriff Glen Skrent

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 29 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -
2020-M-084

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the agenda as amended.
Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2020-M-085

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 30, 2020 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution – None

New Business -

-County Impacts from COVID-19 update - Ann Hepfer, Health Officer - An update was provided by Health Officer Ann Hepfer in regards to the number of cases of COVID-19 in Tuscola County. She reviewed the impact at the Tuscola County Medical Care Facility (TCMCF) and the additional efforts that are being taken to negate the spread of the virus within the Facility. Matter discussed at length.

-Economic Development Commission (EDC) Update of State/County Disaster Impact of Local Businesses – Steve Erickson, EDC Director - An update was given regarding the funds provided by Michigan Economic Development Commission in the way of grants and loans. Matter discussed.

Commissioner Jensen excused at 9:03 a.m.

-Mosquito Abatement Operations Updates – Larry Zapfe, Director - An update was provided regarding the steps that are being taken in order to prepare for the upcoming season and how they are limiting staff within the department at this time. Director Zapfe has been working with Emergency Manager Anderson and Health Officer Hepfer to verify they are in agreement with the steps being taken. He would like to open operations of Mosquito Abatement on April 20, 2020. Board agreed to allow Director Zapfe to proceed in opening the program and to continue with the precautionary steps he outlined.

-Drain Ledger Replacement Software - Chief Information Officer Eean Lee explained the plan to join the consortium in Hillsdale County with the costs related to the project explained.

2020-M-086

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve the one year Software Development Agreement with SolidCircle for the development of Drain Commission software at a one-time cost of \$5,000 and an annual maintenance fee of \$850.00. Also, all signatures and budget amendments are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes; Jensen - absent. Motion Carried.

-Recycling Crushed Concrete Bids - Mike Miller explained the plan for the project and the need to have it completed. It would be funded by the Recycling Budget.

2020-M-087

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Director, to award the bid for crushed concrete and related labor for the Recycling Center to Jeff Brinkman who was the low bidder at a total cost of \$15,112.50. Cost to be paid from the recycling budget. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Discussion for Hazard Pay for Corrections Officers and Road Patrol Deputies - Sheriff Glen Skrent explained the request for the Hazard Pay and the proposed pay for the staff specified. Board discussed the possibility of this option and the need to look at the county finances. Board would like to discuss further in the future.

Commissioner Jensen re-joined the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

-Veterans Millage Renewal Proposal and Mosquito Control and Abatement Millage Renewal Proposal - Board discussed when to place the millages on the upcoming ballots, the amount to be requested in the proposal and the number of years to include in the language.

2020-M-088

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to table the approval of Mosquito Control and Veterans Millages until the April 30, 2020 Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Adoption of Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA) Resolution - Board discussed the proposed Resolution at length.

2020-M-089

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the Resolution excluding Tuscola County emergency responders from some provisions of the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act and Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-2018 CAFR Award for Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting - Clayette Zechmeister explained the achievement recognition received.

-2019 Unaudited Ending Fund Balance Report - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the reports.

-1st Quarter Financial Reports for General Fund - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the reports.

-Capital Expenditure Funds (matter added) - Commissioner Grimshaw expressed concern over capital outlay expenses which were planned in the 2020 budget. He expressed the projects should be delayed until further discussion can be held to reconsider the project prior to it moving forward. Mike Miller reviewed the projects that did need attention now and the projects that could be postponed.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

VAUGHAN - No Updates

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 - Meeting scheduled for April 23, 2020

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government

JENSEN

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - The facility is working very hard to contain the areas affected by the virus to a minimum.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL - No Updates

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG - No Updates

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

YOUNG - continued
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

Clayette Zechmeister excused at 12:25 p.m.

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Vaughan provided an update from a meeting regarding the progress on the Caro Center project. Clerk Fetting reported that ballot language for the August 2020 election was presented by the Indianfields Township Clerk regarding the Irrevocable Trust with the City of Caro for water to the Caro Center.

At 12:31 p.m., there were a total of 15 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Extended Public Comment -

-Wayne Koper thanked his local officials for all of their hard work during the pandemic.

-Mary Drier asked for a review of the Caro Center report as she could not hear the previous report. Commissioner Vaughan provided.

-Commissioner Bardwell informed the participants that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2020 and that a decision will be made regarding holding the Monday, April 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting closer to the meeting date.

2020-M-090

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk