

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 25, 2020 Minutes

Electronic Meeting held via Google Meet

Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-129, implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Commissioner Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held via Google Meet on the 25th day of June 2020, to order at 8:06 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

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, Mark Haney, Sarah Matinkhah, Sandy Nielsen, Mary Drier, Steve Anderson, Brian Harris, Debbie Babich, Mike Miller, Cody Horton, Tracy Violet, Rahm Mormando, Steve Root, Representative Phil Green, Mark Ransford, Barry Lapp, Lisa Ozbat, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Jana Brown, Ann Hepfer, Sheila Long, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, April Brinkman, Matt Brown

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 32 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -
2020-M-136

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw 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-137

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 11, 2020 Regular Board meeting. 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 -

-Update from Tuscola County Health Officer Ann Hepfer on the COVID-19 Pandemic - Ann Hepfer provided an update on the number of cases in Tuscola County. She also reviewed her concerns and recommended opening the county slowly.

-Legislative Updates - Representative Phil Green provided an update on COVID-19 funding and state revenue sharing.

-Appointment to the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board - Appointment request was explained.

2020-M-138

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that per the recommendation from Stephen Erickson, Executive Director of the EDC, that Madison Clements be appointed as the Consumers Energy Representative to the Economic Development Corporation Board. She will replace Mary Kulis and fulfill the rest of her term that expires December 31, 2020. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Resolution for Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority to Acquire Title - Board discussed proposed resolution which included the incorrect parcel of Remainder of Parcel A which should have been Parcel A-1. Matter to be referred back to the Land Bank for correction.

-Resolution in Support of Enbridge's Line 5 - Matter was discussed at the June 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2020-M-139

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to adopt Resolution 2020-05 in Support of Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Boy Scout Road Closure Updates - Commissioner Vaughan provided an update on the progress of the project and is requesting support of a resolution.

2020-M-140

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to adopt Resolution 2020-06 titled Resolution to Open Boy Scout Road to One Lane As Soon As Possible.

2020-M-141

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to amend the wording in Resolution 2020-06, proposed in 2020-M-141, for in each instance Spicer Engineer is referenced it be amended to Spicer Group and in the second to last paragraph that weekly update be amended to monthly update. Roll Call Vote (on amendments): Vaughan - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote (on adoption of resolution as amended): Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Board discussed the Road Commission being elected versus appointed. The Board also discussed the relationship between the Road Commission Board and the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Vaughan and Clayette Zechmeister will work together to gather information from the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

Recessed at 10:45 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:51 a.m.

Roll Call: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Jensen, Grimshaw

At 10:52 a.m., there were a total of 28 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Old Business -

-Courthouse Space Needs - Clayette Zechmeister has distributed the MIDC contract and the courthouse floor plan to the Commissioners for review. The Buildings and Grounds committee will need to schedule a meeting to discuss further.

-2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) - Clayette Zechmeister explained the grant application process and potential funding.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 11:15 a.m.

2020-M-142

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to authorize staff to complete and submit the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant application to Michigan State Police for potential funds through the Department of Justice to provide emergency supplemental funding for response to, preparation for, and prevention of the coronavirus pandemic. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Update regarding Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM) (matter added) - Clayette Zechmeister has received correspondence from legal counsel but has not been able to review nor set a closed session yet. Commissioner Bardwell and Clayette will review correspondence from Braun Kendrick to determine if a closed session needs to be called.

-Resolution Requests Policy (matter added) - Board discussed preparation of resolutions for community members. Board would like to proceed with issuing a resolution to Tom Herron.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Communication from Alice Bauer has been forwarded to the Road Commission. Matter to be placed on an upcoming agenda.

-Commissioner Bardwell brought a concern received from Larry Adamczyk regarding the Road Commission maintaining Adamczyk Road.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

GRIMSHAW - No Update
Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government

JENSEN
Board of Health - Update provided.
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
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL
Behavioral Health Systems Board - Virtual Meeting tonight.
Caro DDA/TIFA - Update provided.
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
TRIAD - Update provided.
Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG
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
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Local Units of Government Activity Report - Update provided on a resident in Village of Cass City and TISD working to get light on tower fixed.

VAUGHAN - absent

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

Other Business as Necessary - None

At 12:08 p.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Extended Public Comment -

-Mary Drier asked what the plan was to reopen the County Buildings. Clayette Zechmeister reported that in working with Ann Hepfer, she feels the reopening of the buildings should be delayed amidst the current report of an increase in COVID-19 cases.

2020-M-143

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk