

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 16, 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 16th day of July 2020, to order at 8:02 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Grimshaw

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan (excused at 12:47 p.m.), District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent - District 1 - Thomas Young

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Sandy Nielsen, Stephanie Spencer, Shawn Klinkman, Mary Drier, Jim McLoskey, Ann Hepfer, Mike Miller, Steve Root, Debbie Babich, Matt Brown, Mark Haney, Steve Anderson, Tracy Violet, Barry Lapp, Lisa Ozbat, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Amy Powell, Jamie Pierce, Jessica Van Hove

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -
2020-M-144

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

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2020-M-145

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Grimshaw to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 25, 2020 Regular Board meeting. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Stephanie Spencer shared her concern over the City of Caro Dog ordinance based on a situation her family was involved in. The Board expressed concern over the safety of residents. It was discussed that this is a City ordinance and the County does not have control over it. Clayette has presented the information to City Manager Lane so the City can work with Ms. Spencer regarding her concern.

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None**New Business -*

-Bids for Lawn Mowing - Mike Miller reviewed the bids received for the mowing of county lawns. The bids were broken down into the following properties: All County Lawns and Three County Lawns including the Animal Shelter, Mosquito Abatement and "The Hill" which includes Dispatch, Health Department and Department of Health and Human Services.

A Woman's Touch Lawn and Landscaping, Fairgrove:

All County Lawns - \$1,205.00 per week

Three County Lawns - \$515.00 per week

Thumb Lawn, LLC, Cass City:

All County Lawns - \$1,080.00 per week

Three County Lawns - \$360.00 per week

2020-M-146

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that per the recommendation from Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, that we award the bid to Thumb Lawn, LLC to mow three county properties under the control of the Building and Grounds Department for 15 weeks, at a cost of \$360.00 per week for a total seasonal cost of \$5,400.00. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Update from Tuscola County Health Officer Ann Hepfer on the COVID-19 Pandemic - Ann Hepfer, Health Officer, provided an update regarding the COVID numbers for Tuscola County. Also, discussed was EO 2020-147. Tuscola County is in Region 4 which means according to EO 2020-110 an indoor gathering is limited to 10 people and an outdoor gathering is limited to 100 people.

-Dispatch Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System Purchase - Dispatch Director Sandy Nielsen explained her recommendation of purchasing a new CAD system from Central Square.

2020-M-147

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to approve the recommendation of the Central Dispatch Director and Dispatch Authority Board that the current Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system be replaced with Central Square Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and authorize the purchase of \$144,590.00 with Central Square be approved and an additional \$20,000.00 be approved for the purchase of work stations. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Michigan Small Business Restart Program - Clayette Zechmeister explained there is a roll-out of the Michigan Small Business Restart grant program of more than \$500,000.00. Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation will be assisting any business that is interested in applying.

-Uncontrolled Dogs in Caro - Stephanie Spencer - Matter discussed in public comment.

-Hiring of Part-Time Custodian Position -

2020-M-148

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to approve the hiring of Lisa Hess as a part-time Custodian, effective July 20, 2020 at Step I. Physical and background checks have been completed. Roll Call Vote - Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Hiring of Part-Time Maintenance Leader (matter added) -

2020-M-149

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to approve the hiring of Rebecca Pine as the part-time Maintenance Leader, estimated effective date of August 3, 2020 at Step 1 pending physical and background checks. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Residents' Concerns with County Road Commission (matter added) -

-Commissioner Vaughan provided an update with the concern brought forth by Alice Bauer.

-Commissioner Bardwell provided an update with the concern brought forth by Lenny Adamczyk.

2020-M-150

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to recess the meeting for approximately 10 minutes at 9:51 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Recesses at 9:51 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

At 10:03 a.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the electronic meeting.

-Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to Discuss the Contents of a Written Legal Memorandum From the Attorney -

2020-M-151

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the contents of a written legal memorandum from its attorney, which is exempted from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, with Clay Johnson, Eric Morris, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, and Jodi Fetting to be allowed to attend the closed session at 10:03 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Entered into Closed Session at 10:03 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 11:18 a.m.

At 11:16 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Present: Bardwell, Vaughan, Jensen, Grimshaw. Absent: Young

-Renewal of Michigan State Police Post Lease - Board discussed the terms of the current lease. Board would like the current lease reviewed further. Mike Miller was able to clarify a few matters. Board provided direction to Clayette on matters related to the Lease.

-Oversight of Road Commission Board - Board discussed the Board of Commissioners goal in working with the Road Commission Board on matters.

Old Business -

-Resolution for Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority to Acquire Title - Commissioner Grimshaw reviewed the changes made in regards to correcting the legal description of the proposed property.

2020-M-154

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to adopt Resolution #2020-7 to acquire title to the property in Indianfields Township from the Michigan Land Bank.

Resolution 2020-7

Whereas, the State of Michigan owns the following described property in fee simple; and

Whereas, the following land is wooded, and was a former correctional property and is a benefit to the community; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners does hereby enter into a contract with the State of Michigan Land Bank to acquire title to the

following property described as Parcel B, Parcel C, Parcel A-1 as disclosed in Survey Job No. 2019-484 dated January 8, 2020 as prepared by D & M Site, Inc.

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

Clerk Fetting will finalize the final resolution once received from Clayette Zechmeister to prepare for signature.

-First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program (FRHPPP) - Clayette Zechmeister reported that an application has been submitted in the amount of \$57,000.00 to cover employees in the Dispatch, Corrections and the Sheriff's Office. This only addresses the first responders in those Departments.

-Boy Scout Road Closure Update - The County Road Commission has issued notice to the homeowner that the Road Commission does have a right away. The deadline for the homeowner to dispute that claim is today or the project will proceed in order to open the road to a one-lane road.

Commissioner Grimshaw provided an update regarding the right-of-way of the road as a survey of the road has changed over the years.

-Reconsideration of Resolution of 2020-6

2020-M-155

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to recall Motion 2020-M-140 for reconsideration. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Vaughan - no; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

2020-M-156

Reconsideration of Resolution 2020-6. Roll Call Vote: Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - no; Grimshaw - no; Bardwell - no. Motion Carried. Resolution 2020-6 has been unadopted by the Board and should be marked as so.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 12:47 p.m.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

Menominee County Resolution 2020-21

Hills and Dales General Hospital 60th Anniversary Celebration

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

JENSEN - No report

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
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Virtual meeting is scheduled
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board - Tentatively meets in September.
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
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Local Units of Government Activity Report

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

GRIMSHAW - No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government

Other Business as Necessary -

Commissioner Grimshaw questioned if there has been follow-up regarding the vacancy of the MIDC Director position. Board discussed the next steps that will need to be taken.

Extended Public Comment -

-Mary Drier asked if anything has been resolved with the funeral homes issue regarding the cremation fee change. Commissioner Bardwell explained that it is in the works but not at liberty to discuss at this time.

2020-M-157

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Grimshaw to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 1:09 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - absent; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk