

## TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 29, 2020 Minutes

Hybrid Meeting held in-person at the HH Purdy Building incorporating Google Meet Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order Under MCL 333-2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order and Public Act 228 of 2020.

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building located in the City of Caro, Michigan and via Google Meet on the 29th day of October 2020, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

District 2 - Thomas Bardwell

District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:07 a.m.)

Commissioners Present Virtual:

District 1 - Thomas Young - Columbia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

District 3 - Kim Vaughan - Fremont Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan (excused at 10:38 a.m.)

District 4 - Mark Jensen - Millington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present In-person:

Eean Lee, Register John Bishop

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Doug DuRussel, Debbie Babich, Angie House, Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Steve Anderson, Cody Horton, Sandy Erskine, Wayne Koper, Steve Root, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Shelly Lutz, Leigh Nancy, Barry Lapp, Lisa Ozbat, Angie Daniels, Heidi Chicilli, Cindy Volz, Robert Baxter, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mark Ransford

At 8:06 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting.

*Adoption of Agenda -  
2020-M-226*

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -  
2020-M-227*

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the  
October 15, 2020 Regular Board meeting. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes;  
Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:07 a.m.

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

*Consent Agenda Resolution -  
2020-M-228*

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that the Consent Agenda Minutes and  
Resolution from the October 26, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be  
adopted. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan -  
yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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| <b>Agenda Reference:</b>      | A  |
| <b>Entity Proposing:</b>      | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/29/20  |
| <b>Description of Matter:</b> | Move to approve the 2021 Budget Preparation Progress and Calendar.<br>Also, all signatures are authorized.                                 |
| <b>Agenda Reference:</b>      | B  |
| <b>Entity Proposing:</b>      | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/29/20  |
| <b>Description of Matter:</b> | Move to approve Tuscola County Road Commission Millage Transfer<br>Request for Local Bridge. Also, all signatures are authorized.          |
| <b>Agenda Reference:</b>      | C  |
| <b>Entity Proposing:</b>      | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/29/20  |
| <b>Description of Matter:</b> | Move to approve Tuscola County Road Commission Millage Transfer<br>Request for Primary Road transfer. Also, all signatures are authorized. |

*New Business -*

-2021 Budget Preparation Progress and Calendar - Debbie Babich updated the Board that the calendar should be able to continue on track with the progress that is being made.

- o Departmental Budget Comment Review - Debbie reviewed a duplicate entry that was adjusted for in the Capital Improvement Budget Worksheet.

-Resolution to Ratify and Confirm Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Approving the 2020 Apportionment Report - Clerk Fetting read the proposed resolution.

## 2020-M-229

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt Resolution 2020-09 titled Resolution of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners Approving the 2020 Apportionment Report. Roll Call Vote - Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Animal Control Part-Time Position Update - Leigh Nancy and Shelly Lutz updated the Board that the previous candidate was not able to accept the position. A new candidate has been recommended.

## 2020-M-230

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation from Leigh Nancy, Animal Control Director, that Angel Tippett be hired to fill the vacant part-time position of Animal Control Assistant. Angel's hiring is contingent upon successful completion of a drug screening, physical, and background check. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Resolution to Ratify and Confirm Actions Approved by the Board of Commissioners During Remote Meetings - Clerk Fetting read the proposed resolution.

## 2020-M-231

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt Resolution 2020-10 titled Resolution to Ratify and Confirm Actions Approved by the Board of Commissioners During Remote Meetings. Roll Call Vote - Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Old Business -*

-Building Codes Letter Status and Follow-up - Commissioner Vaughan provided an update on the submitted letter and contents of the letter. Board discussed having an RFP prepared and options available to the County.

## 2020-M-232

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan that the County Controller/Administrator be instructed to prepare an RFP for Building Code Enforcement in Tuscola County to be presented to the Board on January 25, 2021 for review and approval. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Board Policy Review: Meeting Protocol Discussion/Rules of Order - Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the Board Rules that were called into question. Matter discussed.

-2021 Budget Request for Equipment, Technology and Capital Needs - Debbie Babich covered in her report earlier in the meeting.

-Friend of the Court Remodeling (wall) Request/Update - Commissioner Vaughan stated that Mike Miller is waiting on the final estimates to come in but expects it to come in under the budget that Judge Gierhart was planning.

-Elected/Appointed Compensation - Commissioners discussed the compensation the Elected Officials receive and if the Elected Officials should be made equal. Matter to be placed on the November 12, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

-Upcoming Meetings Hybrid vs. Virtual Through December 31, 2020 (matter added) - Board discussed and decided to continue hybrid meetings through the end of the year.

### **Correspondence/Resolutions**

-Alcona County Resolution - Board discussed the resolution. Board would like to discuss further at the January 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

-Thank you received from Tom Herron for his resolution

### **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **JENSEN**

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided as 2021 budget has been adopted.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Update provided.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report - Update provided.

**BARDWELL**

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA - Farmers Market project is progressing.

Economic Development Corp (EDC)/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided as the EDC is working on a variety of 50 projects.

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District - Virtual meeting was held and was successful.

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

Tuscola 2020

Local Units of Government Activity Report - Commissioner Young enjoyed the MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District meeting. Will be attending an upcoming Fairgrove Township meeting to discuss animal control.

**VAUGHAN**

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Expressed appreciation for the work they have done to help local businesses during the pandemic. Attended the groundbreaking for the new medical facility located in Indianfields Township.

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

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-OPIOID lawsuit - An update was received and will wait for Clayette to return to provide an update.

At 10:38 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the electronic meeting. Commissioner Vaughan excused at 10:38 a.m.

*Extended Public Comment - None*

2020-M-233

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m.  
Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk