

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 25, 2021 Minutes

Meeting held via 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 254 of 2020.

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held via Google Meet on the 25th day of March 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present Virtual:

- District 1 - Thomas Young - Columbia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 2 - Thomas Bardwell - Ellington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 3 - Kim Vaughan, Fremont Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 4 - Doug DuRussel - Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw - Vassar Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Heidi Chicilli, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Debbie Babich, Pam Shook, Senator Kevin Daley, Kim Brinkman, Matt Brown, Brian Harris, Lisa Ozbat, Jana Brown, Leigh Nancy, Gary Rolka

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -
2021-M-059

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

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2021-M-060

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 11, 2021 Regular meeting as presented and the March 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only –

-Clayette Zechmeister informed the Board a representative from Congresswoman McClain's office appeared at the HH Purdy Building for the meeting and was provided the information to participate virtually.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
2021-M-061

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Consent Agenda Resolution from the March 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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| Agenda Reference: | A |
| Entity Proposing: | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/22/21 |
| Description of Matter: | Move to receive and place on file the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020 Health Department Financial Statements. |
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| Agenda Reference: | B |
| Entity Proposing: | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/22/21 |
| Description of Matter: | Move to approve the County's Health Plan renewal date from its current date of September 1, 2021 to align with the health plan year date which is currently January 1, 2022 and likewise for all subsequent years to follow. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. |
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| Agenda Reference: | C |
| Entity Proposing: | COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/22/21 |
| Description of Matter: | Move that per the March 15, 2021 request from Sandra Nielsen, Dispatch Director, to approve the out of state travel request to attend |

the Association of Public Communications Officials (APCO) National Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The conference will be held August 15-18, 2021. Travel cost will be provided by APCO.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 3/22/21

Description of Matter: Move to approve the changes in the Recycling Committee By-Laws per their request and amend as follows:
Section 8. Quorum –
From: In order for the Committee to conduct business or take any official action, a quorum consisting of 2/3 majority of the members of the Committee shall be present.
To: In order for the Committee to conduct business or take any official action, a quorum consisting of a Simple Majority of the members of the Committee shall be present.

Old Business – continued below

-County Potential for Golf Cart Ordinance – Sheriff Glen Skrent explained the issue of golf carts not being defined in the County Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance. Also, discussed was that unregistered snowmobiles were not addressed in the original ordinance. Clayette Zechmeister to prepare proposed amendments for the April 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting and then a Public Hearing will be set.

New Business –

-Legislative Update - Senator Kevin Daley provided an update on bills that were recently vetoed by Governor Whitmer. Senator Daley provided an update on a meeting that was held with business leaders. Senator Daley spoke in reference to election bills that have been introduced. The matter of virtual participation in meetings was discussed. Clayette will reach out to Senator Daley's office to set a specific Board of Commissioner's meeting for the Senator to attend each month for the remainder of the year. Commissioners will forward the questions they asked of Senator Daley today to Clerk Fetting that they would like to have attached to the minutes. Clerk Fetting will then forward to Senator Daley in order for follow-up at the next meeting he attends.

-Lawn Mowing Services Bids/Costs – Mike Miller reviewed the costs associated with the Building and Grounds staff to perform the lawn mowing services compared to contracting the service out.

2021-M-062

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation from Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, to award the lawn mowing services bid from May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 to Laser Cut Lawn Care, LLC (Unionville) in the amount of \$22,100.00. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Health Department (TCHD) Fee Schedule Revision - COVID-19 Vaccine – Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the request presented by TCHD. The request was included in the Board packet. Board discussed the matter.

2021-M-063

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by DuRussel to approve the fee schedule revision approved by the Board of Health that pertains only to the COVID-19 vaccination administration fee. This is effective on or after March 12, 2021, the national average payment rate for physicians, hospitals, pharmacies, and many other immunizers will be \$40.00 to administer each dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Clients never receive any out-of-pocket expense. Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan -yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Old Business – continued from above

-Creation of Numbers for Tuscola County Ordinances – Clerk Fetting explained that the County Ordinances in the past have had a variety of numbering values that are not consistent with each other. Board discussed how to have the ordinances numbered. Clerk Fetting will prepare a list of County Ordinances and a proposed numbering system for the Board to review at the April 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

-Board of Commissioners Rules of Order –

2021-M-064

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to approve the revisions to the Board of Commissioners Rules of Order and place on record. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Animal Control Budget – Board discussed dog licenses being issued and the process of issuance. Board discussed implementing a web-based system. Board also discussed the possibility of waiving late fees.

2021-M-065

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan for the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 that all penalties for dog licenses that have expired will be waived. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:21 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:32 a.m.

Members Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

At 10:32 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting.

-Potential Dates for Special Committee of the Whole Meeting – To Discuss the Cost Allocation Plan – Commissioner Grimshaw would like to have a special Committee of the Whole with all Commissioners in attendance as well as all parties involved invited to attend. Board would like to have the meeting set the first week of May. Clayette will reach out to the parties involved for the best available date.

-Dog License Penalty Fee (matter added) – Matter addressed earlier in the meeting.

-Vehicle Locator Program (matter added) – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the launch of the program that was presented by Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer.

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

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government – Spoke with Vassar Township Supervisor on adopting a Township Ordinance regarding golf cart usage.

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

DuRUSSEL – No Updates

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA – Commissioner Vaughan reported on the tour of the DYNA Plant.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District – Virtual meeting being planned for April 21, 2021.

MAC Workers Comp Board – Meets virtually on April 6, 2021.

MAC Finance Committee – Meets March 26, 2021.

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board – Meeting held.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works – Meeting held.

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Senior Services Advisory Council

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

Correspondence/Resolutions –

-NaCO CEO Letter to U.S. Department of Treasury

-Berrien County Resolution

Other Business as Necessary – None

At 11:06 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the meeting.

Extended Public Comment –

-Gary Rolka read a letter he has written regarding soliciting donations for the proposed county jail project.

2021-M-066

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk