



MINUTES

Special Board of Commissioners Meeting

1:00PM - Thursday, December 2, 2021

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723

Commissioner Bardwell called the special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, December 2, 2021, to order at 1:00 p.m. local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw
(Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 3:35 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Eric Wanink, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Sandy Nielsen, Dara Hood, Shelly Lutz, Debbie Babich

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Don Derryberry, Barry Lapp, Cindy Hughes, Kate Curtis, Mark Haney, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Brinley Weippert, Matt Brown, Mary Drier, K. Free, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Mike Slade, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Echo Torrez, Tim Green, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Debbie Babich, Shannon Beach, Janie Hemerline

At 1:04 p.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda

2021-M-288

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

None

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

-Cindy McKinney-Volz presented a memo from Judge Amy Grace Gierhart to the Board.

-Don Derryberry introduced himself as the new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Tuscola County.

-Eric Wanink addressed the Board regarding an incident at the courthouse on November 30, 2021. Mr. Wanink also addressed the Board regarding the salary requests presented for the Prosecutor, Chief Assistant Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutors.

-The Board and Eric Wanink discussed the safety of the community in Tuscola County, drug use in Tuscola County and unlicensed or unregulated marijuana grow facilities.

Consent Agenda Resolution

None

New Business

1. Treasurer's Office Hours -
Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer, presented to the Board that the staff hours in the Treasurer's Office will be adjusted to be open during the lunch hour and until 5:30 p.m. each day effective Monday, December 6, 2021.
2. Human Development Commission (HDC) Board Appointment -
Clerk Fetting updated the Board regarding the HDC Board meeting dates and times. The Board discussed the matter and decided to have Matthew Bierlein continue to serve as the Board of Commissioner's liaison who was appointed at the November 24, 2021 meeting. The Board would like to receive either a quarterly or bi-annual update from either Matthew or Brian Neuville.
3. COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines -
Clayette Zechmeister explained two situations where an employee was exposed or tested positive to COVID in two different departments in the past week where employees had to be quarantined. Clayette explained the steps that were taken to have the two Departments still be able to function and serve the public in a limited fashion.

Board discussed at length if there should be action taken to prepare a procedure for if a Department needs to be quarantined for consistency when the Department has a Co-Employer status.

-Don Derryberry provided statistics on COVID-19 cases within Tuscola County and vaccine rates in Tuscola County.

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Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to have a county policy that if an employee is sick and/or has a fever, the employee should stay home. Motion Carried.

4. 2022 Budget Review -

-Board discussed a letter received from Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey regarding the salary of the Chief Deputies to the four Elected Officials. Board discussed that at this point only one of the four is a union paying member.

-Board discussed the request from Prosecutor Reene for a \$6,000.00 increase for the Prosecutor, Chief Assistant Prosecutor and Assistant Prosecutors.

-Board discussed the request received from Chief Judge Gierhart to increase courthouse security to three officers with one to be MCOLES certified and to make the Law Clerk full-time.

-Clerk Fetting addressed the Board to consider the salary request presented by the four Elected Officials that was requested at the beginning of the budget cycle. Clerk Fetting also requested the Board revisit paying a stipend to the Clerk for performing election programming duties at the December 16, 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 3:35 p.m.

-Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the budget update for the FY2022 as of December 2, 2021. Clayette reported that the loss revenue that qualifies under the ARPA funding has been identified but which line items those funds will end up is unknown yet.

-Debbie Babich reviewed the 2022 Budget Book - Second Review.

-Board discussed the reserve balance, requests that incur legacy costs and projects that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds could be used for.

2021-M-290

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young that the Draft 2022 County Budget be approved for review at a public hearing to be held on December 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Also, notice of the Public Hearing be placed in the local newspaper. And, copies of the updated budget be forwarded to county officials for review and comment.
Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, and Doug DuRussel

Absent: Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

5. Board of Commissioners (BOC) Meeting Schedule Changes (matter added) -

Clerk Fetting asked the Board to consider on holiday weeks, where a Committee of the Whole meeting and Board meeting are scheduled, to consider only holding the Board meeting. Preparing and attending both meetings in a 3-day work week is very tasking

on staff. The dates she is asking for consideration on is December 27, 2021, February 22, 2022 and December 27, 2022. Board agreed that the December 27, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting shall be canceled and would like a revised 2022 meeting schedule to be presented at the December 16, 2021 meeting for review and potential adoption to cancel the Committee of the Whole meetings on February 22, 2022 and December 27, 2022.

2021-M-291

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young to cancel the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 27, 2021. Motion Carried.

6. Memo Received From Prosecutor Mark Reene Regarding the Courthouse Incident on November 30, 2021 (matter added) -
Matter discussed earlier in the meeting.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Cheboygan County Resolution
2. Road Commissioner Minutes

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Young

No Update

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

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Senior Services Advisory Council

Tuscola 2020

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
MAC Finance Committee
TRIAD - Meets on December 14, 2021
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

No Update

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

DuRussel

No Update

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

Grimshaw

Absent

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Other Business as Necessary

1. JAVS Installation in Circuit Court -
Judge Gierhart sent an email regarding the potential delay in installing the JAVS equipment in Circuit Court and the extreme hardship that would cause on the Court. Mike Miller explained that he did not have in his notes that the floor in the courtroom would need to be removed. He explained his concerns but feels this project will be able to be completed by December 31, 2021.
2. Assistant Prosecutor's Proposed Salary Increase for 2022 -
Clerk Fetting asked for clarification regarding the \$4,000.00 salary increase being included in the 2022 Proposed Budget for the three Assistant Prosecutors and if the non-union wage increase would be offered in addition to the \$4,000.00. Clayette Zechmeister stated that the Proposed Budget is being calculated with the \$4,000.00 plus the possible non-union wage increase.
3. Michigan Association of County Clerk's (MACC) February 2022 Conference -
Clerk Fetting explained that the February MACC Conference will be held in Bay City this year which is closer than the 60 miles radius included in the Travel Policy. She is requesting approval to stay overnight during the conference even though it is less than the 60 miles.

2021-M-292

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to authorize the Clerk to forego the Travel Policy's 60-mile radius restriction and to be allowed to stay overnight at the Michigan Association of County Clerk's (MACC) Conference being held in February 2022 in Bay City, Michigan. Motion Carried.

4. Tuscola County Resolution 2021-13 -
-Commissioner Vaughan spoke with Representative Phil Green regarding Resolution 2021-13. Representative Green reported the matter is being discussed.

-Clayette Zechmeister has spoken with Jean Doss of Capitol Services regarding Resolution 2021-13. Jean does not feel the Senate is supportive of the Resolution. Clayette also reported that she spoke with Senator Kevin Daley and he does not feel that the Senate is prepared to take action on the matter.

Extended Public Comment

At 4:31 p.m., there were 11 participants attending the meeting virtually.

-Mary Drier sent an email in that the COVID vaccine is 90% effective.

-Cindy McKinney-Volz sent a message that the Circuit Court JAVS installation is scheduled to begin on December 13, 2021. The installation will not be in the galley of the courtroom only from the sectional rails forward.

Adjournment

2021-M-293

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk