



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, April 14, 2022

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

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular 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, April 14, 2022, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner DuRussel

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:05 a.m.

Commissioner DuRussel excused at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 11:42 a.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Judge Jason E. Bitzer, Matthew Bierlein, Brian Neuville, Jerry Johnson, Lyle Curry, Michael Rolando

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Nick Sakon, Robert McKay, Cody Horton, Mary Drier, Renee Francisco, Karly Creguer, Steve Root, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Christy Poulos, Mark Haney, Barbara Klimaszewski, Mike Slade, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Jon Ramirez, Debbie Babich, Matt Brown, Cathy Patterson, Barry Lapp, Mike Miller, Cindy Hughes, Shannon Beach, Cindy Cox

At 8:00 a.m., there were a total of 13 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2022-M-074

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2022-M-075

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 31, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2022-M-076

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the April 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Mosquito Abatement 2021 Annual Report -

Move to receive and place on file the 2021 Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement Annual Report/2022 Program Plan.

2. 2022 Tuscola County Equalization Report -

Move to receive and place on file the 2022 Tuscola County Equalization Report as presented by Angie Daniels, Equalization Director. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

New Business

1. Human Development Commission (HDC) Updates -

Matthew Bierlein provided an update from the HDC Board of Directors. Information was provided that measures have been put in place to determine the success of the programs that are offered.

Brian Neville, HDC Deputy Director, addressed the Board regarding various programs that are offered: CDBG Block Grant, Home Weatherization Program, Water Assistant Program, Caro Transit Authority.

2. Tuscola County Managed Assigned Council Request to Add Staff Attorney -

Clayette Zechmeister presented the request to add an additional staff attorney to the Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) program. Judge Bitzer and Judge Gierhart

addressed the Board regarding concerns of the MIDC program. Barb Klimaszewski addressed the Board in support of adding a staff attorney and also discussed the option of transitioning to a Public Defender's Office. Board discussed the matter. Board would like further information on establishing a Public Defender's Office to be presented at the July 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

3. Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Indigent Defense Compliance Plan - Matter discussed on Monday, April 11, 2022 as well as during Item #2 on today's agenda.

2022-M-077

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to approve the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Fiscal Year 2023 Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis Review and forward to Michigan Indigent Defense Commission for review and approval. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:57 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:09 a.m.

At 10:09 a.m., there were a total of 29 participants attending the meeting virtually.

4. Proposed Ballot Language for Upcoming Michigan State University Extension and 4-H Millage Renewals - Board discussed the proposed ballot language at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 11, 2022.

2022-M-078

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young that the following language for a millage request to fund Michigan State University Extension Services (MSUe) and 4-H as reviewed and approved by corporate council and MSU-e officials be approved. This language is to be placed on the August 2, 2022 ballot.

TUSCOLA COUNTY

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICES and 4-H RENEWAL PROPOSAL

For the purpose of sustaining 4-H youth development, agriculture and agribusiness, health and nutrition, horticulture, and other community education programs through Michigan State University Extension services within Tuscola County, shall the limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Tuscola County be renewed at the same rate approved by the voters in 2016 of 0.1 mills (\$0.10 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of six (6) years, 2022 through 2027, both inclusive?

If approved and levied in full, this millage will raise an estimated \$203,574.00 in the first calendar year of the levy, based on state taxable valuation. Funds may be distributed to the Michigan State University Extension Services and its 4-H programs pursuant to

contract. As required by State law, a small portion of the millage may be captured by the Millington Downtown Development Authority, the Cass City Downtown Development Authority, the City of Vassar Downtown Development Authority, and the City of Caro Downtown Development Authority.

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

Motion Carried.

5. Request to Use Courthouse Lawn for the Cars and Crafts Festival -
The request from the Caro Chamber of Commerce was presented in the Board Agenda packet.

2022-M-079

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the April 12, 2022 request from Stacy Windham, Executive Director for the Caro Chamber of Commerce, to use the courthouse lawn Saturday June 4, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m. for the Cars and Crafts Festival. Motion Carried.

6. Clark Hill Engagement Letter -
Clayette Zechmeister explained the process to establish bond counsel in order to move forward for a jail millage to be placed on a ballot.

2022-M-080

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the Clark Hill Engagement Letter dated April 12, 2022 for the Issuance of Capital Improvement Bonds. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, and Kim Vaughan

No: Doug DuRussel and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

7. Municipal Financial Consultants (MFCI) Engagement Letter for the New Jail/Sheriff's Office Facility Millage -
Clayette Zechmeister explained the need for this separate Engagement Letter.

2022-M-081

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the Engagement Letter with Municipal Financial Consultants (MFCI) to proceed with financial analyst regarding the New Jail/Sheriff's Office Facility millage. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Yes: Thomas Young, Kim Vaughan, and Thomas Bardwell

No: Doug DuRussel and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

8. Road Commission (matter added) -
Commissioner Vaughan would like to have the Road Commissioners transitioned from elected to appointed positions. He believes that it needs to be placed on the ballot in order to make that transition. Board discussed at length.

Commissioner DuRussel excused at 11:00 a.m.

2022-M-082

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to have paperwork prepared by legal counsel to transition from an elected to an appointed Road Commission Board with the matter to be placed on the August 2, 2022 ballot.

Yes: Thomas Bardwell and Kim Vaughan
No: Thomas Young and Dan Grimshaw
Absent: Doug DuRussel

Motion Failed.

9. Vanderbilt Park and Parks and Recreation (matter added) -
Board reviewed the proposed 2023-2027 Master Plan for the Parks and Recreation Commission. Board discussed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan Schedule for Vanderbilt Park.

Board discussed a situation that occurred at the last Park & Recreation Commission between the Chairman and the Park Host.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 11:42 a.m.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Superhero Run for Child Advocacy Center of Tuscola County
2. Human Development Commission (HDC) Fiscal Year 2021 Percentage of Tuscola County Senior Services
3. Iosco County Resolution Supporting the Community Mental Health Authority and Opposing State Legislation to Change the CMHA
4. Road Commission Board Minutes March 17, 2022

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Grimshaw

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Ongoing issues continue.

Recycling Advisory
Update provided of successes at the Center.

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

DuRussel

Absent

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department 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
Update provided.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board
Update provided.

MAC Finance Committee

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Young

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board

Update provided.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Region VII Economic Development Planning

Bill Sanders has been appointed Chair of the Region VII Board.

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

Other Business as Necessary

-Clayette has a MAC Admin meeting today if the Commissioners have any concerns that they would like her to present.

-American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Projects and funds discussed.

At 11:52 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Matthew Bierlein announced his candidacy for State Representative in the 97th District.

Adjournment

2022-M-083

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Thomas Young to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk