



# MINUTES

## Board of Commissioners

### Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, July 14, 2022

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

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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 Street, Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, July 14, 2022, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner DuRussel

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Grimshaw

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Shirley Schaefer, Michael Clinesmith, Shelly Lutz, Laura Boyke-Hawes

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Nick Sakon, Donald Derryberry, Steve Root, Christy Poulos, Renee Francisco, Mary Drier, Clayette Zechmeister, Amanda Ertman, Jon Ramirez, Cody Horton, Mike Slade, Kim Brinkman, Matt Brown, Mark Haney, Bob Baxter, Steve Anderson, Barry Lapp, Pam Shook

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 15 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### **Adoption of Agenda**

1. Adoption of Agenda

2022-M-135

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

#### **Action on Previous Meeting Minutes**

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

2022-M-136

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 30, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

### **Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

2022-M-137

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Revised Tuscola County Advisory Council on Aging By-Laws -  
Move to approve the updated Tuscola County Advisory Council on Aging By-Laws. Also, approve the signature on the updated By-Laws.
2. Tuscola County Medical Care Facility Funds Transfer Request -  
Move that per the request from the Medical Care Community Chief Executive Officer, Brenda Kretzschmer, that \$219,785.40 be transferred from the Voted Medical Care Facility Fund (298) to the regular Medical Care Facility Fund (291) for the item listed in the July 7, 2022 letter.
3. Michigan Works Internship Program at Dispatch -  
Move to approve the use of the Michigan Works Young Professionals (Internship) Program at Dispatch. Also, to approve signature on the Michigan Works! Worksite Agreement.
4. Use of the Courthouse Lawn by the Friends of the 4-H Group on July 13, 2022 -  
Move to approve the use of the Courthouse Lawn on July 13, 2022 by the Friends of the 4-H Group.

### **New Business**

1. Letter of Understanding - Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) and Tuscola County - Payment of Road Deputies Retention Bonus to Samuel Gaiser -  
Shelly Lutz provided an update on the letter of understanding and the agreement that has been reached with the union representatives.

2022-M-138

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the Letter of Understanding between the Police Officers of Michigan (POAM) and Tuscola County regarding payment of Road Deputy Retention Bonus to Samuel Gaiser, not to be used as a precedence for any other employee. Motion Carried.

## Old Business

1. Road Commission Board (matter added) -  
Commissioner Vaughan would like the matter of an appointed versus elected Road Commission Board taken to the Tuscola County residents for a vote. Board discussed the matter of how the Board originally was appointed and transitioned to elected years ago. Board discussed the current elected Board and how it is not elected by Districts. Board also discussed if transitioned to appointed that it would take 6 years to make the transition.

2022-M-139

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to have the paperwork prepared by Legal Counsel to have the matter of the Road Commission Board to be an appointed Board rather than an elected Board with the matter to be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot.

Yes: Thomas Bardwell and Kim Vaughan

No: Thomas Young, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Failed.

2. Mid-State Health Network Appointment Correction (matter added) -  
A portion of the title of the Board that John Hunter was appointed to was left out in error in the appointment motion.

2022-M-140

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Thomas Young Motion to correct item #1 in the June 30, 2022 Consent Agenda to reappoint John Hunter to the Substance Use Disorder Policy board for a 3-year term which would expire August 31, 2025. Motion Carried.

## Correspondence/Resolutions

1. City of Caro - Notice of Public Hearing - Plant Rehabilitation District  
Board discussed the matter as to what building is being referenced.
2. Tuscola Sobriety Court and Mental Health Court Graduation Ceremony Invitation
3. District Update from Senator Kevin Daley
4. Mecosta County Resolution 2022-11  
Board discussed the matter.
5. Berrien County Honorary Resolution - Nick Jewell
6. Floodplain Discussion - Board discussed the matter.

## **Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports**

### ***DuRussel***

Board of Health -  
Meets tomorrow.

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

### ***Grimshaw***

No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

### ***Vaughan***

No Report

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

***Bardwell***

No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

***Young***

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison -  
Bridge in Akron Township to be replaced with state funds.

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

Region VII Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Senior Services Advisory Council

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**Other Business as Necessary**

-Courthouse Stained Glass Window - Commissioners wondered where the project is at on the schedule for repair. Clerk Fetting stated that she believes it is planned for 2023.

-Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the Plant Rehabilitation District and the taxable value.

At 9:25 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

### **Extended Public Comment**

-Michael Clinesmith addressed the Board regarding election integrity in Vassar Township.

-Shirley Schaefer addressed the Board regarding election integrity and information if people want to be involved in the election process.

-Jodi Fetting addressed Joanna Samuelson receiving two Voter ID cards as she presented at the last Board of Commissioners meeting and explained why that happened. Joanna still has not contacted the County Clerk's office in order to resolve the matter.

### **Adjournment**

2022-M-141

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk