



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, January 25, 2024

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

Commissioner Vaughan 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, January 25, 2024, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, Matt Koch

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Angie Daniels, Cody Horton, Shelly Lutz, Kristy Sutherland, Clark Haire, Karen Haire, Krysta Boyce, Carrie Tabar

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Brandon Bertram, Debbie Babich, Karlee Romain, Steve Root, Shawn Robinson, Mary Drier, Kim Brinkman, Renee Francisco, Register Marianne Brandt, Echo Torrez, Katie Robinson, Tanya Pisha, Tim Green, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Curtis Elenbaum, Jon Ramirez, Dara Hood, Crystal Knoblock, Jamie Nisidis, Cody Horton, Barry Lapp, Kristy Sutherland, Amanda Ertman, Shannon Beach, Steve Anderson, Brian Neuville, Angie Daniels, Sheriff Glen Skrent

At 8:04 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-014

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2024-M-015

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 11, 2024 Regular meeting and January 22, 2024 Special Meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2024-M-016

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the January 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Multi-County Recycling Updates -

Move to authorize the Controller/Administrator to respond to Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission that Tuscola County is not interested in partnering with them on the Multi-County Materials Management Planning. Also, initiate correspondence to Saginaw County and Bay County as required by the plan to gather their level of interest in a Multi-County Materials Management Plan.

2. Geographic Information System GIS Director Position -

Move that per the recommendation of the Controller/Administrator, that Cody Horton's position and title transition from Geographic Information System (GIS) Coordinator to GIS Director be effective February 1, 2024 and his wages be updated to reflect the GIS Director position. Also, all necessary budget adjustments to the GIS fund are authorized.

New Business

1. Resolution 2024-02 Honoring the Cass City Chronicle (matter added) -

Resolution was read and presented to Clark Haire, Karen Haire and Krysta Boyce. The Board expressed their appreciation of the Cass City Chronicle over the years.

2024-M-017

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Thomas Young to receive and place on file Resolution 2024-02 Honoring the Cass City Chronicle. Motion Carried.

2. Intergovernmental Agreement with Huron County for Geographic Information System (GIS) -

Matter discussed at the January 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-018

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that Tuscola County enter into a three-year agreement at the rate of \$32,000.00 per year and shall continue thereafter on an annual basis unless terminated with 90 days advance notice. Also, any necessary signatures and budget amendments are authorized to the GIS fund. Motion Carried.

3. Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) Update -
Matter discussed at the January 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-019

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Bill Lutz to authorize the Controller/Administrator to write a letter to the Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) that Tuscola County is very appreciative of the efforts and accomplishments that MREC was able to achieve since 2012, but with the ongoing litigation of the appeals and the financial constraints of Tuscola County, we will be ending our MREC participation effective January 31, 2024. We will remain responsible for the proportional share of legal services through January 31, 2024. Motion Carried.

4. Provision of Government Services (PGS) Requested Project Tracker -
Clayette Zechmeister included the project tracker in the agenda packet. Clayette reported she considers the audit to be underway and needs to be finalized in June 2024. Board discussed projects that were funded by the PGS funds.
5. Closed Session to Discuss Strategy Connected with the Negotiation of Collective Bargaining Agreements -

2024-M-020

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that the Board meet in Closed Session, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements with Jamie Nisidis, with Braun Kendrick (Virtually), Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Shelly Lutz and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend the closed session at 8:30 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz, and Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

Recessed to closed session at 8:30 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed session at 9:10 a.m.

At 9:10 a.m., there were a total of 31 participants attending the meeting virtually.

6. Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Road Patrol Deputies Unit Ratification -

2024-M-021

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the County accept and ratify the January 17, 2024 tentative agreement with the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Road Patrol Deputies Unit. Also, further move that Chairman Vaughan is authorized to execute a final Collective Bargaining Agreement and all other necessary documents consistent with the terms of the January 17, 2024 tentative agreement with an effective date of January 1, 2024, with the exception of the Nationwide 457 which is currently being set up. The date for Nationwide to take effect will be determined upon completion of plans and enrollment. Motion Carried.

7. All Funds Projected 2024 Balance -
Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the chart included in the board agenda packet.
8. 2024 Equipment/Capital Needs -
Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, presented project requests at the January 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. Board would like all grant opportunities available to be explored and applied for.

2024-M-022

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young to approve funding through the PGS Fund balance for the following items for 2024:

- \$10,000.00 Servers
- \$25,000.00 Workstations
- \$120,000.00 VOIP Phone Refresh
- \$400,000.00 Pure Storage Refresh
- \$15,000.00 Switches
- \$10,000.00 Replace Old Cabling
- \$4,000.00 Desktop Scanners
- \$6,000.00 Pivot Point Software
- \$10,000.00 Prosecutor Software Module
- Total \$600,000.00

Also, all budget amendments and transfers from the General Fund PGS Fund balance to the Equipment/Technology Fund (244) are authorized.

Motion Carried.

9. 2024 Equipment/Capital Needs -
Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, reviewed projects that he is requesting funding for in 2024.

2024-M-023

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve funding through the PGS fund balance for the following items in 2024:

\$3,500.00 MSU Parking Lot Seal Coating

\$10,000.00 Health Department Parking Lot Seal Coating

\$8,000.00 Department of Health and Human Services Parking Lot Seal Coating

\$200,000.00 Department of Health and Human Services Roof Replacement

Total \$221,500.00

Also, all budget amendments and transfers from the General Fund PGS Fund balance to the Capital Fund (483) are authorized. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:33 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

10. 2024 Tuscola County Council on Aging Request for Funds for Annual Senior Dance - Matter discussed at the January 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-024

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the request from the Tuscola County Council on Aging for \$2,500.00 for the Annual Senior Dinner Dance; but to deny the \$1,000.00 request for the Paddle Boat Ride in Frankenmuth at this time to allow for funds for the Dinner Dance and any additional funds needed for home delivered meals. Also, any necessary budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

11. Funds for Extra Home Delivered Meals Program - Kristy Sutherland from Human Development Commission (HDC) presented regarding the home delivered meal program and the increased need due to the aging population in the County.

Board discussed the potential for having an increase millage proposal placed on the ballot for 2024 in addition to the renewal.

2024-M-025

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Thomas Young that due to the ongoing needs of homebound seniors in Tuscola County to receive home delivered meals, and to eliminate the waitlist of approximately 85 seniors, that \$163,609.00 of the Provision of Government Services (PGS) fund balance be appropriated to the Senior Citizens Fund (297).

Also, all budget amendments and transfers are authorized. Motion Carried.

Board would like Clayette to prepare millage language to have an additional proposal drafted for an increase for Home-delivered meals in the amount of .2 mills which will be reviewed by the Board.

12. Materials Management Planning Designated Planning Agency Stipend Pay - Matter was discussed at the January 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2024-M-026

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young that an annual stipend of \$5,000.00 be approved effective February 1, 2024 to Mike Miller, who was assigned the role of Tuscola County Designated Planning Agency (DPA) on June 15, 2023 by Motion 2023-M-135, Consent Agenda item #2. This important individual serves as the primary government resource in the planning for our Materials Management Plan (MMP). Funding will be provided to cover this expense through the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) distribution of program funds. Also, all budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

13. February Board of Commissioner Meetings - Board decided to cancel the February 29, 2024 meeting as there will not be a quorum. The February 26, 2024 Committee of the Whole will be canceled and a Board meeting held instead.
14. Vanderbilt Park Potential Grants - Board discussed that there may be potential grants although it is not ready to move forward at this time.
15. Controller/Administrator Retirement - Clayette Zechmeister has announced her retirement. Her last day in the office will be April 19, 2024. Board will need to have steps planned out in order to begin the search. The Board will need to review the options of continuing with a Controller/Administrator, a Controller and an Administrator, if a Chief Accountant will need to be added to staff or to give the Clerk and Treasurer their statutory duties back.

2024-M-027

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to accept and place on file the retirement letter from the Controller/Administrator to be effective April 19, 2024. Motion Carried.

16. Refill Vacant Help Desk Technician - Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer, presented his recommendation to fill a vacant position in his department.

2024-M-028

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the hiring of Michael Wrone to fill the vacant position in the IT Department of Help Desk Technician pending a favorable physical, drug screen, and background check. Michael's tentative start date is January 29, 2024, and he will start at Step 1 on the pay scale which is \$19.67 per hour. Motion Carried.

17. Reschedule CHILL Public Hearing -

Clayette Zechmeister explained that the public notice was not able to meet the deadline for publishing. The Special Board meeting and Public Hearing will be rescheduled to February 2, 2024.

2024-M-029

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Young to authorize the Controller/Administrator to publish a notice for a public hearing on February 2, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. to provide interested citizens an opportunity to comment on the Community Development Block Grant Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) Program. Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Legislative Update 1-12-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Legislative Update 1-19-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Lutz

Board of Health
Update provided.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
The Medical Care Facility is rated #1 in the State of Michigan.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report
Attended a Town Hall meeting with Lisa McClain.
There is a new restaurant in Millington.

Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

Koch

No Report

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

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Meets tonight.
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
MAC Finance Committee
NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

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)
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
Region VII Economic Development Planning
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Update provided as committee is getting restarted. Meeting was held with officers elected.

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Advertising for a new Director for EDC.

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

-Subcommittee meeting posting - Commissioner Bardwell has received communication from Vicki Leland regarding the Board no longer posting subcommittee meetings.

-Commissioner Bardwell also discussed county offices being open during lunch hours.

At 10:51 a.m., there were a total of 29 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Clayette Zechmeister addressed the role of the Fiscal Analyst position.

Adjournment

2024-M-030

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO