



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, February 15, 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, February 15, 2024, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Koch

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Lutz

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, Jon Ramirez, Amanda Ertman, Cody Horton

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Cindy Hughes, Chad Tumblin, Don Derryberry, Carrie Tabar, Renee Francisco, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Register Marianne Brandt, Shawn Robinson, Debbie Babich, Tyler Ray, Steve Anderson, Angie Daniels, Shannon Beach, Bob Baxter, Barry Lapp, Nick Sakon, Cody Horton, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Steve Root

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-042

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

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2024-M-043

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the January 25, 2024 Regular meeting, February 2, 2024 Special meeting, February 7, 2024 Special meeting and February 7, 2024 Public Hearing. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2024-M-044

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the February 12, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Out-of-State Travel Request -

Move that per the request of Honorable Amy Grace Gierhart, the out-of-state travel request for herself and Heather Walther, Thumb Regional Sobriety Court (TRSC) Case Manager, to attend the All Rise for Justice Conference from May 22, 2024 through May 24, 2024 in Anaheim, California be approved. Sufficient funds are available in the budget.

2. 2024 Mosquito Abatement Materials Purchases -

Move that per the request from the Mosquito Abatement Director, Larry Zapfe, the following requested items be purchased from the 2024 Mosquito Abatement budget and sufficient funds allocated.

- Purchase of mosquito truck fogging material from Vesperis, Inc. for 4,400 gallons of Kontrol 4-4 at a cost of \$21.00 per gallon for a total of \$92,400.00.
- Purchase of mosquito larviciding material from Valent BioScience LLC for 17,600 pounds of Vectobac G at a cost of \$1.249 per pound for a total of \$21,982.40. Also, 264 gallons of VectoBac 12As at a cost of \$25.00 per gallon for a total of \$6,600.00.
- Purchase of one (1) 2024 Chevrolet work truck from McDonald Chevrolet in Millington, Michigan at a cost of \$35,528.40. This new truck would replace an older 2008 model.
- Purchase of two (2) truck mounted ULV foggers from Clarke Mosquito Control Products at a cost of \$18,746.31 each for a grand total of \$37,492.62. These units would replace 2 older foggers that no longer work and have exceeded their mechanical limits.

3. Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors Recommended Board Appointments -

Move that per the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors recommendation, that the following members be re-appointed to the TBHS Board of Directors for a three-year term ending March 31, 2027: Thomas Bardwell, Marianne Harrington, Alice Moore and Brenda Ryan.

4. 2024 SAFEbuilt Contract Increase -

Move that the Board recognize the correspondence from SAFEbuilt regarding the fee increase on hourly services only as agreed upon in the terms of the current contract. This is due to the Department of Labor; Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index increase of 3.2% for 2024. This anticipated annual increase is outlined in Exhibit A of the current contract Tuscola County has with SAFEbuilt.

5. Vanderbilt Park Cell Phone Request -

Move that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds/Recycling Director, Mike Miller, that an iPhone SE be purchased at a cost of \$320.00 and \$25.00 per month from Thumb Cellular for the Vanderbilt Park Host. Sufficient funds are available in the Parks Fund (208) for this purchase. Also, authorize any necessary budget adjustments within the fund.

New Business

1. Tuscola County Health Department Fee Adjustments -

Amanda Ertman, Health Officer, presented proposed fee schedule changes that were included in the agenda packet.

2024-M-045

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the changes to the Public Health Fee Schedule as presented by the Tuscola County Health Officer effective February 1, 2024. Motion Carried.

2. Cass River Crossing Fee Waiver for Maps -

Cody Horton, GIS Director, presented the request to provide maps at no cost to assist in building a covered bridge over the Cass River for the Amish Community to avoid using state highways.

2024-M-046

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Thomas Bardwell that per the recommendation from Cody Horton, GIS Director, that the fees be waived for maps prepared for the Amish Community to explore building a safe crossing on the Cass River. It is in the direct interest of public safety. Therefore, Director Horton would like to request that the Board of Commissioners waive all GIS fees associated with this project per the Tuscola County Enhanced Access To Public Records Policy. Motion Carried.

3. Financial Future of Central Dispatch Follow Up -
Jon Ramirez, Dispatch Director, reviewed proposed millage amounts that could be presented on a ballot to the voters. Board discussed various costs in the Dispatch budget that could be covered by the potential millage.

Board would like Tyler Ray, Animal Control Director and Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, to present regarding a potential Animal Control millage.

2024-M-047

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to have the Controller/Administrator and Dispatch Director to work together regarding potential ballot language, millage amount and time span for a 911 Dispatch millage to be presented at the March 13th, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion Carried.

4. Refill Vacant Part-Time Maintenance Supervisor Position -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received from Building and Grounds Director Mike Miller.

2024-M-048

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds/Recycling Director, Mike Miller, that Lisa Hess be promoted to fill the vacant Part-Time Maintenance Supervisor position with a start date of February 19, 2024. Lisa will start at Step 1 of the pay scale which is \$18.75 per hour. Also, any potential budget adjustments be authorized. Motion Carried.

5. Land Bank Appointment -
Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, CCO, presented the request for appointment.

2024-M-049

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz that Greg Schrot be appointed to the Tuscola County Land Bank effective February 15, 2024 for a 3-year term expiring February 28, 2027. Motion Carried.

6. County Revenue Sharing Projections Executive Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2025 -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented proposed Revenue Sharing projections.
7. Fiscal Year-End 2023 Indirect Cost Adjustments -
Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the corrections needed due to a calculation error per a previous Board motion.

2024-M-050

Motion by Matt Koch, that per previous motion 2021-M-285 authorizing the reduction of Indirect Costs, 2023 fiscal year-end Indirect Cost charges be adjusted by the following:

Decrease Voted Recycling Fund by \$7,876.75

Decrease Voted Mosquito Fund by \$29,332.73

Increase Voted MSU Fund by \$4,553.85

Decrease Dispatch Fund by \$55,450.83

This will account for a total reduction in the General Fund revenue by \$88,106.45.
Motion Carried.

8. Review Potential Purdy Building Debt Payoff -

Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the Bond Payoff schedule which does not show the amount of saving that was presented during the Debt Service Report at the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 12, 2024, as savings was actually less than what was presented. Treasurer Bennett addressed the amount of interest that was earned in 2023 as it was over \$1 million dollars. Board discussed the cost-comparison of paying off the bond debt or continuing to invest the funds as the investment rate is higher than the interest rate. At this time the Board is not going to proceed with the debt payoff but the comparison of rates needs to be continued to be monitored.

Recessed at 10:23 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:36 a.m.

At 10:36 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

9. Huron County Resolution for Tuscola County Review and Consideration to Adopt -

Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the resolution adopted by Huron County Board of Commissioners. Board directed the Controller/Administrator to prepare a similar resolution for presentation at the March 4211, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Old Business

1. General Fund Revenue with Inflation vs Actual Expenditures -

Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, presented the General Fund Revenue With Inflation vs. Actual Expenditures chart that was included in the agenda packet.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Michigan Public Service Commission - Notice of Hearing

2. Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Provides Pesticide Safety Education During National Pesticide Safety Education Month

3. Legislative Update 2-9-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties

4. Legislative Update 2-2-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties

5. Legislative Update 1-26-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties

6. Opioid Lawsuit Correspondence was provided to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Koch

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Meetings have been held with the neighboring counties regarding the Materials Management Plan.

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

Meeting with MMR tonight.

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Meets next week.

Caro DDA/TIFA

Update provided from the meeting where an electrical issue was improved near the SRS Building.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

The Gas vs Milage Tax, the Ax Michigan Tax and the Wind and Solar legislation was discussed at the meeting.

NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)

A meeting will be scheduled.

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Ellington Township Hall

Vaughan

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

EDC is currently seeking applicants for the Director position.

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

Lutz

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Jail Planning Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report
Senator Daley held local office hours and there was good discussion.
Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

Young

No Report

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

Local Units of Government Activity Report
Commissioner Vaughan read a thank you to Commissioner Lutz for assistance provided to a community member.

Other Business as Necessary

1. Tuscola County Mosquito Abatement Director Larry Zapfe, Appointed to the Michigan Mosquito Control Association (MMAM) Board of Directors

At 11:12 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Eean Lee asked the Board to have the public that is speaking to speak at the podium with a microphone.

Adjournment

2024-M-051

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Matt Koch to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO