



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, April 11, 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, April 11, 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, Neil Hammerbacher, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Jon Ramirez, Renee Francisco, Shelly Lutz, Brad Kamrad, Juli Walters, Will Hill, Prosecutor Mark Reene, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Angie Daniels, Cassie Gibbs, Eric Hinojosa, Erica Walle, Amy Gregor, Emily Novak, Kristy Sutherland, Krysta Boyce, Carrie Venus, Eric Wanink, Jamie Nisidis, Mark Putnam, Astrid Ellis, Jan Stephan Boetel, Bob Baxter

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Chad Tumblin, Cody Horton, Pam Shook, Rebecca Evans, Steve Root, Kyle Nordstrom, Barry Lapp, Shannon Beach, Estee Bitzer, Jodi Barrons, Lisa Wanink, Ashley Gaudett, Renee Francisco, Carrie Tabar, Katie Robinson, Shawn Robinson, Register Marianne Brandt, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Tyler Ray, Nick Sakon, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Judy Cockerill, Angie House

At 8:01 a.m., there were a total of 12 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-084

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2024-M-085

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 28, 2024 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2024-M-086

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the April 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Potential Closure for the Controller/Administrator's Office -

Move to approve the upcoming closure of the Controller/Administrator's Office on April 19, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. for the scheduled Open House. Employees will be taking their own personal compensation time for this closure. Closure is to be posted on the county website as well as the office doors.

New Business

1. Resolution Honoring Clayette Zechmeister -

2024-M-087

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve Resolution 2024-05 honoring Clayette Zechmeister for her many years of service to Tuscola County. Motion Carried.

2. Resolution Honoring Eric F. Wanink -

2024-M-088

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve Resolution 2024-06 honoring Eric F. Wanink for his 21 years of service to Tuscola County. Motion Carried.

3. Upcoming Millage Discussion -

Commissioner Vaughan and Commissioner Lutz stated they are in favor of moving the Renewals and the new Home Delivered Meals proposals forward but are not in favor of moving the Animal Control or 911 Dispatch proposals forward.

Commissioner Bardwell stated other counties within the State of Michigan are reporting that they are experiencing funding concerns for their 911 Dispatch Centers and are having discussions regarding a potential millage.

Director Jon Ramirez provided an update of surrounding counties 911 Dispatch Centers. Genesee County is considering a surcharge increase. Huron County, Sanilac County and Lapeer County have recently passed millages for 911 Dispatch funding. Also, discussed was Resolution 2021-14 signed by the Board of Commissioners to support an increase in funds as state funding sunsets. Director Ramirez also reviewed the current 2024 budget status reports.

Clerk Fetting stated the filing deadline is May 14, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

2024-M-089

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, to authorize the Controller/Administrator to continue to work on the Renewal Millage Language for the Sheriff's Road Patrol, Recycling, and Senior Citizen Program Millage to be presented later for final approval on the August 2024 Ballot. Also, continue the work on Millage Language for Senior Meals and 911 Dispatch for potential action to be added to the August 2024 Ballot. Discontinue any more time working on language for the Animal Control proposed Millage. Motion Died.

2024-M-090

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Kim Vaughan to authorize the Controller/Administrator to continue to work on the Renewal Millage Language for the Sheriff's Road Patrol, Recycling, and Senior Citizen Program Millage to be presented later for final approval on the August 2024 Ballot. Also, continue the work on Millage Language for Senior Citizen Meals and 911 Dispatch for potential action to be added to the August 2024 Ballot. Discontinue any more time working on language for the Animal Control proposed Millage.

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

Motion Carried.

4. Closed Session for Labor Negotiations -

2024-M-091

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell 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, Clayette Zechmeister, Neil Hammerbacher, Jodi Fetting, Shelly Lutz, Robert Baxter and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend this closed session at 9:13 a.m.

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

Motion Carried.

Closed Session at 9:14 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:39 a.m.

Recessed at 9:39 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:49 a.m.

At 9:49 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting virtually.

5. Controller/Administrator Contract Approval -

2024-M-092

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to approve the three-year contract for the Controller/Administrator commencing April 8, 2024. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

6. Materials Recovery Facility -

Astrid Ellis and Jan Stephan Boetel with US Eco-Cycle Systems, presented regarding their company and the potential services they can offer to Tuscola County. Their company provides assistance in recycling and materials management. Mike Miller is looking for approval to work on an agreement to partner with US Eco-Cycle Systems.

2024-M-093

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to move forward to pursue a non-binding working agreement with US Eco-Cycle Systems.

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

Motion Carried.

7. Updated Letter of Understanding for Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Road Deputies Contract -

Shelly Lutz explained that in the contract negotiations this language was inadvertently missed and was not included.

2024-M-094

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the POAM Amended Letter of Understanding regarding miscellaneous matters to include: Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 14.8 (College Incentive Pay), Steve Anderson will receive college incentive pay at the rate of \$.29 per hour. This was inadvertently removed during the time of negotiation. Also, any necessary budget amendments and signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

8. Request to Use Courthouse Lawn for National Day of Prayer -

2024-M-095

Motion by Matt Koch, seconded by Bill Lutz to approve the request from Nancy Matuszak to use the Courthouse lawn for the National Day of Prayer gathering on Thursday May 2, 2024 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Board of Public Works (BPW) April 2, 2024 Minutes
2. Crawford County Resolution 03282024 - LC
3. Grand Traverse County Resolution 22-2024
4. Lapeer County Resolution 2024-R03
5. Lapeer County Resolution 2024-R06
6. Legislative Update 3-29-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties
7. Local Choice Ballot Initiative
8. Road Commission 2024-03-14 Minutes

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Lutz

No Report

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
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
New Officers were elected at the last meeting.
Caro DDA/TIFA
Met last week.
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
Meets next week.
MAC Workers Comp Board
MAC Finance Committee
Andrea Brown, Director of Planning, presented at the meeting.
Shortage of Short Term Housing discussed.
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
Phragmites are being looked at for the upcoming year.
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Interviews took place for the EDC Director. The Commissioners do have an opportunity to view the interviews and give feedback.
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

-Commissioner Bardwell stated the questions asked during the Material Facility discussion were met to gain understanding as he did not have any prior knowledge of the details of the project.

Extended Public Comment

-Treasurer Ashley Bennett stated that the Board has the ability to reduce a millage amount assessed if the specific fund balance gets too large. She is supportive of placing the Dispatch proposal on the ballot to let the voters decide.

Adjournment

2024-M-096

Motion by Thomas Bardwell, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO