

**TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 – 08:00 A.M.**

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Caro, MI 48723

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**Electronic remote access will be implemented for this meeting, in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order under MCL 333-2253 Gathering Prohibition and Face Covering Order and Public Act No. 254 of 2020.**

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- 8:00 A.M. Call to Order – Chairperson Bardwell  
Prayer – Commissioner Young  
Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan  
Roll Call – Clerk Fetting  
Adoption of Agenda  
Action on Previous Meeting Minutes (***See Correspondence #1 & 2***)  
Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only  
Consent Agenda Resolution (***See Correspondence #3***)

**New Business**

- Murphy Lake Level – Robert Mantey, Drain Commissioner (***See Correspondence #4***)
- EDC Updates – Stephen Erickson, Executive Director

**Old Business**

- Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) expiration – next Steps
- Medical Examiner
  - MIFSM
  - William R. Morrone, DO, MPH d/b/a Capitol Toxicology

## Correspondence/Resolutions

### COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### GRIMSHAW

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

#### DuRUSSEL

Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
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#### BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
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#### YOUNG

Board of Public Works  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Dispatch Authority Board  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Great Start Collaborative  
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)  
Jail Planning Committee  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
Region VI Economic Development Planning  
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**VAUGHAN**

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**

**Extended Public Comment**

**Adjournment**

Note: If you need accommodations to attend this meeting, please notify the Tuscola County Controller/Administrator's Office (989-672-3700) two days in advance of the meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

1. January 14, 2021 Full Board Minutes – Statutory Finance Minutes
2. January 25, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
3. Consent Agenda Resolution
4. Murphy Lake Level Control Structure – Information Meeting Notice
5. Michigan House of Representatives Committee Assignments for Appropriations Committees
6. Michigan House of Representatives Committee Assignments for Policy Committees
7. Email from Concerned Citizen Regarding Vaccine Distribution
8. Michigan.gov Covid-19 Vaccine Dashboard
9. Tuscola County Employee Covid-19 Claims Dashboard
10. Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors 2021 Board Meeting Schedule
11. January 7, 2021 Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes
12. Grand Traverse County Pandemic Resolution #8-2021
13. Kalkaska County Pandemic Resolution #2021-14
14. Houghton County In Support of Local Business Resolution #21-01

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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 14, 2021 Minutes

Meeting held via Google Meet Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order and Public Act 254 of 2020.

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held via Google Meet on the 14th day of January 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present Virtual:

- District 1 - Thomas Young - Columbia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 2 - Thomas Bardwell - Ellington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 3 - Kim Vaughan - Lake County, State of Florida
- District 4 - Doug DuRussel - Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw - Vassar Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Sandy Nielsen, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Lisa Ozbat, Tracy Violet, Scott Romain, Mary Drier, Dr. David Stockman, Steve Anderson, Heidi Chicilli, Robert Baxter, Debbie Mika, Register John Bishop, Matt Brown, Kim Brinkman, Diane Romain, Caryl Langmaid

At 8:04 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting.

*Adoption of Agenda -*

2021-M-008

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
2021-M-009

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 23, 2020 Regular Board and the January 4, 2021 Organizational meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
2021-M-010

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Resolution from the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/11/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that effective January 1, 2021 the standard county mileage rate be decreased from \$0.575 per mile to \$0.56 per mile as established by the Internal Revenue Service.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/11/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to receive and place on file the 2019 Recycling Annual Report.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/11/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Animal Control Director that Anthony Trevino be hired to the new Animal Control Officer Position effective January 18, 2021 at the beginning step. Pending favorable background, physical and drug screen.

*New Business (continued below) -*

-Resolution Honoring Diane Romain -

2021-M-011

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan that County Resolution 2021-01 honoring Diane Romain for over 20 years of dedicated public service in the Tuscola County Treasurer's Office be approved and placed on file. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Old Business (continued below) -*

-Public Funds Banking Resolution - Clerk Fetting presented the proposed resolution that was discussed at the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2021-M-012

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that County Resolution 2021-01 Public Funds Banking be approved and placed on file. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-MAC Leave Policy Questions - Board discussed how to handle employees needing to quarantine due to COVID exposure or positive COVID test results now that the Cares Act has expired. Matter discussed by the Board with questions that the Board discussed and would like further information on. Clayette Zechmeister noted the questions raised.

2021-M-013

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by DuRussel to present the questions regarding the COVID-19 payouts for employees to the Committee of the Whole under Personnel Committee at the January 25, 2021 meeting. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Resolution Declaring the County a Constitutional Second Amendment Sanctuary County - Commissioners discussed the possibility of adopting the resolution.

2021-M-014

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw that County Resolution 2021-03 Declaring Tuscola County a Constitutional Second Amendment Sanctuary County be approved and placed on file. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Legislative Update - Commissioner Grimshaw and Commissioner DuRussel met with Representative Phil Green to talk about issues affecting Tuscola County. Commissioner Grimshaw provided a report in regards to continued funding of the State Government during the pandemic, proposed legislation that affects counties, Health Department fees and other matters.

*New Business (continued from above) -*

-Closed Session – 10:00 a.m.

2021-M-015

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the contents of a written legal memorandum from its attorney, which is exempted from disclosure under Section 13(1) (g) of the Freedom of Information Act, with Clay Johnson, Eric Morris, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried at 10:00 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:32 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

At 11:32 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting.

*Old Business (continued from above) -*

-Independent Provider Agreement to Provide Medical Examiner Services  
Commissioners - Commissioner Grimshaw feels it is time for a change, Commissioner DuRussel had no additional comments, Commissioner Vaughan and Young would like to gain input from Prosecutor Reene and Sheriff Skrent. Commissioner Bardwell stated that the Prosecutor and the Sheriff have been involved from the beginning. With that being said, Vaughan would not have concerns as long as they have been involved.

Dr. Stockman wants the transition to be smooth if the County decides to move away from Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM). Dr. Stockman has reached out to the Genesee County Medical Examiner and that person would be interested in presenting a proposal. Dr. Stockman from MIFSM feels that Genesee County would be a good option.

2021-M-016

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by DuRussel to approve the proposed contract for medical examiner services with Dr. William Marrone, as presented and discussed during today's (January 14, 2021) meeting. Also moved that the Board of Commissioners authorize Chairman Bardwell to execute such agreement. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

- Letters received regarding the Sanctuary County Resolution.
- Letters received regarding SCMCCI.
- Letter from Robert McKay.
- Village of Millington matter was approved.
- Wexford County Resolution in support of local business.



**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****VAUGHAN**

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 - Update was provided regarding the land by the Cass River, per Steve Erickson the State Land Bank is handling.

**GRIMSHAW**

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC) - Clayette reported that the meeting has been rescheduled to January 19th and will provide the information to Commissioner Grimshaw.

Local Units of Government - Discussed recent report issued by Dr. Fauci regarding when a peak for COVID cases will be experienced.

**DURUSSEL** - No Report

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. 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 - Meets next week.

Caro DDA/TIFA - Working on hiring a Farmer's Market Manager.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

MAC Workers Comp Board

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

**YOUNG**

Board of Public Works - Board Officers elected at last meeting.  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Dispatch Authority Board  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Great Start Collaborative  
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)  
Jail Planning Committee  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
Region VI Economic Development Planning  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
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Tuscola 2020  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Clerk Fetting excused at 11:59 a.m.

*Other Business as Necessary* - Clayette asked the Commissioners if they needed any meeting information for the local units of government. The information can be found on the County web page under Information; Local Government.

At 12:04 p.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the meeting.

*Extended Public Comment* -

- Register John Bishop spoke in reference to the Sanctuary County Resolution and to the COVID leave policy for County employees.
- Eean Lee spoke in reference to County employees working remotely.
- Sandy Nielsen spoke in reference to the Medical Examiner's contract.

2021-M-017

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m.  
Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

Caryl Langmaid  
Tuscola County  
Chief Deputy Clerk

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Statutory Finance Committee Minutes**  
January 14, 2021

Electronic remote access will be incorporated for this meeting, in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order Under MCL 333-2253 Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order and Public Act No. 254 of 2020.

Commissioner Bardwell called the Statutory Finance meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held via Google Meet on the 14th day of January, 2021, to order at 12:19 o'clock p.m. local time.

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present Virtual:

District 1 - Thomas Young - Columbia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan  
District 2 - Thomas Bardwell - Ellington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan  
District 3 - Kim Vaughan - Fremont Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan  
District 4 - Douglas DuRussel - Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

Commissioner Absent - District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Also Present Virtual:

Caryl Langmaid, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Robert Baxter, Steve Anderson, Tracy Violet, Ashley Bennett, Damian Wasik, Debbie Babich, Kim Brinkman

At 12:22 p.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the electronic meeting.

-Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

2021-SF-M-001

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 23, 2020 Statutory Finance. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*New Business:*

-Review and Adoption of Finance Report and Checks –

2021-SF-M-002

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the finance checks as submitted on the January 12, 2021 report. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Review and Adoption of Daily Report and Checks –

2021-SF-M-003

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the daily checks as submitted on the January 12, 2021 report. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Review and Adoption of Per Diems Report and Checks – None

*Old Business* – None

Public Comment - None

202-SF-M-004

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

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**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Monday, January 25, 2021 – 8:00 A.M.**

**Electronic remote meeting will be implemented for this meeting, in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order Under MCL 333.2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order and Public Act No. 254 of 2020.**

Roll Call - Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present Virtual:

- District 1 - Thomas Young - Columbia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 2 - Thomas Bardwell - Ellington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 3 - Kim Vaughan - Lake County, State of Florida
- District 4 - Douglas DuRussel - Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan
- District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw - Vassar Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan, after 12:00 p.m. Saginaw Township, Saginaw County, State of Michigan

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Ann Hepfer, Debbie Babich, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Wayne Koper, Sandy Nielsen, Jodi Essenmacher, Lisa Ozbat, Mary Drier, Tracy Violet, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Mark Haney, Jana Brown, Mike Miller, Laura Tyll, Gene Pierce, Bob Baxter, Mark Ransford, Missie Jaster, Steve Anderson, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Brian Harris, Jessica VanHove, Rick Sundquist, Matt Brown, Mike Yates, Shelly Lutz

At 8:20 a.m., there were a total of 47 participants attending the meeting.

**County Updates**

-Ann Hepfer, Health Officer provided an update regarding COVID-19. The Health Department is overwhelmed with phone calls but are returning them as quickly as possible. Health Officer Hepfer is asking for the public's patience after they have left a message. There will be a link released this week to register for upcoming vaccination clinics. If a person has already been placed on the waiting list, they do not need to re-register using the link. Unfortunately, Tuscola County is not getting enough doses of vaccine to keep up with the demand. There are two new brands of vaccine waiting on FDA approval.

## New Business

1. Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) Update/Discussion from the January 19, 2021 Meeting -

-Richard Sundquist, Clark Hill - Mr. Sundquist provided an update regarding the meeting that was held on January 19, 2021 and the pending litigation. The Judge's opinion has still not been issued although Mr. Sundquist is hopeful it will be issued soon. Mr. Sundquist referenced legislation that was introduced during the last state legislative session which failed to be adopted. He is hopeful new legislation will be introduced but he is expecting it to be tie-barred to a bill related to solar energy. There is a 2,000 acre solar farm being planned to be built in Tuscola County. Carl Osentoski is planning to set up weekly meetings in order to stay on top of the matter.

-Gene Pierce, Tuscola Intermediate School District (TISD) Superintendent - Mr. Pierce expressed his concern with going down the path of solar energy before the issue of wind energy has been resolved. Since 2012, TISD has been a financial contributor to the MREC cause. He expressed how much of an impact this would have for those that are contributing and even to those who are not contributing.

-Commissioner Young will be the Board liaison to attend the weekly MREC meetings.

2. County Wind Reserves and Legal Cost - Reference was included in the agenda packet.
3. New Jail Planning - Jail Committee Function, Roles, and Responsibilities – Sheriff Glen Skrent presented in regards to the proposed layout of the new jail. He discussed the steps that were taken to make sure the layout was the most beneficial to include all necessary components of a new jail. Sheriff Skrent recommends keeping the new jail in the current location.

The Board discussed estimated costs of building a new jail, the potential of creating a video to be used to educate the public, the reasons behind the need for a new jail and steps that are needed to move forward with the project.

## Old Business

1. Board Update/Status on the Resolution Declaring Tuscola County a Constitutional Second Amendment County - Board discussed adding signature lines for Elected Officials that may want to sign the resolution. Board did not authorize additional signature lines at this time.

**Finance/Technology**  
Committee Leader Commissioner Young  
Commissioner DuRussel

**Primary Finance/Technology**

1. Amendment to Communication Site Lease Agreement with Thumb Cellular – Eean Lee, Chief Information Officer explained the request to amend the lease agreement in order to add security cameras to the tower to cover the parking lot area next to the Sheriff's Department. Matter to be added to the Consent Agenda.
2. Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM) - No update at this time, matter will be brought forward in the future.
3. Capital Toxicology - Matter not discussed.

**On-Going and Other Finance and Technology**  
**Finance**

1. RFP Building Codes – Clayette Zechmeister is trying to gather information to put an RFP together but is starting from scratch.
2. Fund Balance History Reports
3. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning

**Technology**

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page

-Eean Lee has been working with Leigh Nacy, Animal Control Director to establish an online option to make a donation to the Animal Shelter.

**Building and Grounds**  
Committee Leader Commissioner DuRussel  
Commissioner Grimshaw

**Primary Building and Grounds**

1. Vanderbilt Park Road – Mike Yates purchased Ken Dunton's records and has been going through those to put the history puzzle together. Mike Yates is looking for direction from the Board as to exactly what they are looking for from him. Commissioner Vaughan stated the Board needs to know where the property lines are exactly for Vanderbilt Park, then the Board can look at where the road lies in relation to the property lines. Mike will work to prepare an estimate to present to the Board.
2. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs - Board discussed the need for storage for the county. There has been a plan proposed by Ransford-Wasik as a solution for the storage need. Board discussed and decided an RFP needed to be developed and placed on the website. The Board would like to

have the RFPs back by the March 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting with the matter to be placed on the March 11, 2021 Board meeting for decision.

### **On-Going and Other Building and Grounds**

1. State Police Building-Water and Annexation

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 11:58 a.m.

#### **Personnel**

Committee Leader Commissioner Grimshaw  
Commissioner Vaughan

Commissioner Grimshaw re-joined at 12:03 p.m.

#### **Primary Personnel**

1. Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) expiration – next Steps:
  - a. Are Templates Available? Clayette Zechmeister reported that there are not any templates to follow available.
  - b. Department Head/Elected Officials Input - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed input that has been received.
  - c. What are Other Counties Doing - Outline of responses received were included in the agenda packet.
  - d. List of Carry Over Time - Reference was included in the agenda packet.
  - e. Current Policy on Paid Leave
  - f. FFCRA Employee Rights (expired)

Board discussed concerns and potential options. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda for further discussion to move forward.

2. Board Rules of Order with Changes for Review and Adoption - Clayette Zechmeister stated the revised Rules of Order are still being worked on. She asked the Board for clarification on how to proceed with rule 11.1. Commissioner Grimshaw recommended obtaining a copy of the Conflict of Interest Policy from Behavioral Health Systems.
3. Refill Vacant Part Time Custodian Position - Mike Miller reported that a candidate has been found. He is requesting that Shawn Cameron be approved pending favorable background checks and physical. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. Policy Updates - No update at this time.



### **On-Going and Other Personnel**

1. MAC 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting Updates - Commissioner Bardwell is currently working on and will keep the Board updated when more information is received.
2. Work Comp Updates - Shelly Lutz provided an update from conversations that she has had with AJ and Mark. An option of applying for a grant is being researched to obtain additional safety equipment. Commissioner Grimshaw asked if the projected costs for Workman's Comp have been received and distributed yet.
3. Safety Committee's - Shelly Lutz provided an update.

### **Primary Other Business as Necessary**

- Formation of Legislative Committee with Commissioners and Possibly Huron County - Commissioner Bardwell is working on the project. He is expecting to have this as a topic discussion for the MAC.
- Virtual Meetings – The Board discussed that virtual meetings will continue through March 2021.

### **On-Going Other Business as Necessary**

1. Animal Control Ordinance

At 12:45 p.m., there were a total of 28 participants attending the meeting.

### **Public Comment Period -**

- Wayne Koper spoke in reference to COVID and employee union contracts.

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

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**COUNTY OF TUSCOLA**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, by Electronic Remote Access, In accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order Under MCL 333-2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order, Public Act 254 of 2020 on January 28, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. local time.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

It was moved by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ that the following Consent Agenda Resolution be adopted:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/25/21

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Amendment to the 2012 Communication Site Lease Agreement with Thumb Cellular, LLC at 420 Court Street. This will add section 25 to install a camera on the tower for a security feed to cover Sheriffs parking lot. Other terms and conditions on the agreement will remain in force and effect. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 1/25/21

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Director that Shawn Cameron be hired to fill the vacant part time maintenance position. Effective hire date of February 8, 2021 at the beginning step. Also, pending favorable background, physical and drug screen.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any motion, resolution, or other act of Tuscola County inconsistent with this Resolution is hereby rescinded, modified, replaced or superseded by this Resolution.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

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Thomas Bardwell, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

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Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

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OFFICE OF  
TUSCOLA COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER  
125 W. LINCOLN STREET, STE 100  
CARO, MI 48723

ROBERT J. MANTEY  
Drain Commissioner



Murphy Lake

Lake Level Control Structure – Informational Meeting

Dear Property Owner:

The Tuscola County Drain Commissioner will be hosting an informational meeting regarding the Murphy Lake Level Control Structure on Zoom. The meeting will be at **3PM to 5PM on Monday, February 8, 2021**. All are welcome to join this meeting on Zoom (via video) using the link below. This notice will be posted on the Drain Commissioner's website ([www.tuscolacounty.org/drain/](http://www.tuscolacounty.org/drain/)) to allow interested parties to simply click the link below to join the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81726187363?pwd=S1diMGNMOTd1SFF5QXUxeWhSeHFCOT09>

Individuals may also participate in the meeting by calling in (a smartphone or internet is not required) to 888-475-4499 and following the instructions when prompted. The meeting ID is 817-2618-7363 and the passcode is 494974.

As you may be aware, on June 22, 2020 the Tuscola County Circuit Court, among other things, updated the Murphy Lake Level Order under state law to: (1) establish a special assessment district boundary to finance improvements to maintain the lake's legal lake level; and (2) make requested clarifications regarding when the summer and winter lake levels begin and end.

This informational meeting is not required by law, and the Drain Commissioner will not approve any final special assessment amounts, final project costs, or the scope of a final project at the informational meeting.

We hope that you can join the informational meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to attend, do not hesitate to call 989-726-0286 or e-mail [drain-commissioner@tuscolacounty.org](mailto:drain-commissioner@tuscolacounty.org) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Mantey".

Robert Mantey  
Tuscola County Drain Commissioner

**Michigan House of Representatives**  
 101st Legislature : Committee Assignments  
 Appropriations Committees

Agriculture & Rural Development/Natural Resources	
Allor (C)	Hood (MVC)
Beson (VC)	C. A. Johnson
Yaroch	
Maddock	
Borton	

Corrections	
Slagh (C)	T. Carter (MVC)
Lightner (VC)	Sabo
Brann	C. A. Johnson
Borton	

Environment, Great Lakes & Energy	
Glenn (C)	Thanedar (MVC)
VanSingel (VC)	Hammoud
Yaroch	Weiss
Slagh	

General Government	
VanWoerkom (C)	Sabo (MVC)
Bollin (VC)	Tate
Allor	O'Neal
Lightner	
Maddock	
Fink	

Health & Human Services	
Whiteford (C)	Hammoud (MVC)
Green (VC)	Hood
Allor	Tate
Bollin	Brabec
Glenn	Thanedar
Huizenga	
VanWoerkom	
Beson	

Higher Education & Community Colleges	
Huizenga (C)	Brabec (MVC)
S. Johnson (VC)	Hammoud
Brann	
Green	
Slagh	

Joint Capital Outlay	
Maddock (C)	O'Neal (MVC)
Slagh (VC)	Peterson
Whiteford	Steckloff
VanSingel	
Bollin	
VanWoerkom	

Judiciary	
Lightner (C)	C. A. Johnson (MVC)
Yaroch (VC)	T. Carter
Green	Brabec
Borton	

Licensing & Regulatory Affairs/Insurance & Financial Services	
Yaroch (C)	Peterson (MVC)
Maddock (VC)	Steckloff
Beson	Weiss
Fink	

Military & Veterans Affairs & State Police	
Brann (C)	T. Carter (MVC)
Fink (VC)	Peterson
VanSingel	Tate
Glenn	

School Aid & Department of Education	
Paquette (C)	Weiss (MVC)
Glenn (VC)	Hood
Brann	O'Neal
Hornberger	Thanedar
VanSingel	
Huizenga	
Beson	

Transportation	
VanSingel (C)	Steckloff (MVC)
Borton (VC)	Sabo
Brann	
Lightner	
Huizenga	

# Michigan House of Representatives 101st Legislature : Committee Assignments Policy Committees

Elections & Ethics	
Bellini (C)	Kolersar (MVC)
Wenzel (VC)	Whiturt
Calley	
T. Johnson	
Filler	

Education	
Hornberger (C)	Camilleri (MVC)
Piquette (VC)	B. Carter
Green	Kolstzar
O'Malley	Shannon
Markkanen	Slope
Becker	
Dumais	
Posthumus	

Communications & Technology	
Hakenga (C)	Coleman (MVC)
Damborek (VC)	Masolina
Griffin	Ayash
Hauk	Scott
Reilly	
Wozniak	
Bostrip	

Commerce & Tourism	
Marino (C)	Cambersy (MVC)
Moak (VC)	Cherry
Farrington	Manoogian
Wakeman	Whitlurt
Wenzel	Liberati
Martin	

Appropriations	
Alben (C)	Tate (MVC)
Whitford (VC)	Murphy
Albi	Peterson
Brann	Salco
Hornberger	T. Carter
VasSinger	Hood
Karuch	C. A. Johnson
Bolin	Bridet
Gleim	O'Neal
Mueller	Stechoff
Lighner	Tharner
Madduck	Weiss
Sligh	
VanWickum	
Brann	
Borion	
Fink	

Agriculture	
Alexander (C)	Garza (MVC)
Posthumus (VC)	Cambersy
Bellino	Hoge
Rendon	Wilwer
Eben	Puri
Filler	

Insurance	
Rendon (C)	B. Carter (MVC)
Berman (VC)	Anthony
Mable	Bolton
LeFave	Coleman
Hall	Stone
Meerman	Breen
Berote	Stemland
Clements	
Posthumus	
Trotter	

Health Policy	
Labbe (C)	Whitert (MVC)
Whitford (VC)	Clement
Whitford	Pobutsky
Alexander	Stone
Aller	Whitert
Hauk	Nesley
Filler	Moore
Mueller	
Becker	
Fink	
Roth	
Trotter	

Financial Services	
Frankington (C)	Clements (MVC)
Wakeman (VC)	Camilleri
Griffin	Pogry
Reilly	Scott
O'Malley	Young
Carra	

Families, Children & Seniors	
Wakeman (C)	Pobutsky (MVC)
Wozniak (VC)	Camilleri
Marino	Carter
Rendon	Ayash
Trotter	

Government Operations	
Mueller (C)	Cherry (MVC)
VanWortem (VC)	Roth
Hauk	

Regulatory Reform	
Hauk (C)	Terrel (MVC)
Hakenga (VC)	Loos
Bellino	Yancy
Hall	Garza
Mueller	Wilwer
Wenzel	Stemland
Clements	
Dumais	
Quinn	

Oversight	
S. Johnson (C)	Brisie (MVC)
Quinn (VC)	LaGrand
Hakenga	Young
Reilly	
O'Malley	
Wozniak	

Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation	
Howell (C)	Sowersby (MVC)
Markkanen (VC)	Combsy
LeFave	Ayash
Marino	
Wakeman	
Carra	

Military, Veterans, and Homeland Security	
LeFave (C)	Jones (MVC)
Becker (VC)	Coleman
Eben	Rogers
Beotte	Stemland
Martin	

Local Government & Municipal Finance	
Calley (C)	Ellison (MVC)
Beotte (VC)	Sowersby
Howell	Garza
Alexander	Kuppa
Bellino	Carrough
Marino	
Berman	
Lighner	
Piquette	

Judiciary	
Filler (C)	LaGrand (MVC)
Mueller (VC)	Yancy
S. Johnson	Bolton
Nahle	Hoge
Rendon	Breen
Berman	
Wozniak	
Clements	

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules	
Meeman (C)	Bolton (MVC)
Carra (VC)	Boue
Hall	

Workforce, Trades & Talent	
Griffin (C)	Sabo (MVC)
Martin (VC)	Hoge
Howell	O'Neil
Farrington	
Even	
Markkanen	

Transportation	
O'Malley (C)	Senfite (MVC)
Eben (VC)	Clements
Howell	Shannon
Griffin	Liberati
LeFave	Puri
Berman	
Carra	
Roth	

Tax Policy	
Mull (C)	Yancy (MVC)
Trotter (VC)	Ellison
Calley	Bour
Farrington	Kuppa
Johanan	Neely
Meerman	Carrough
O'Malley	
Becker	
Quinn	

Rules & Competitiveness	
Lilly (C)	Anthony (MVC)
Clements (VC)	Hertel
Calley	Snyder
Schnower	Kuppa
Wendel	
Dumais	
Posthumus	



**Fwd: [EXTERNAL] vaccine**

1 message

Thomas Bardwell <tbardwell@tuscolacounty.org>

Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 11:08 AM

To: Clayette Zechmeister <zclay@tuscolacounty.org>, Tom Young <tyoung@tuscolacounty.org>, Kim Vaughan <kvaughan@tuscolacounty.org>, Doug DuRussel <ddurussel@tuscolacounty.org>, Ann Hepfer <ahepfer@tchd.us>

Forwarding for discussion if desired.  
✓ Please fax to Commissioner Grimshaw.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** jan daniels <janangela48723@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** January 25, 2021 at 8:21:07 AM EST  
**To:** tbardwell@tuscolacounty.org  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] vaccine

I am a little troubled when I hear that people who are not front line or over 65 were able to get the vaccine January 15, particularly those who are members of Colwood church. We have been told the wait list is very long and they do not have any vaccine right now. Arenac County was able to vaccinate their 65+ citizens more than a week ago. If there is an answer re what is happening in Tuscola County I would like to hear it. When I read phrases like "it is very difficult", "we had to scramble", etc. it sounds like there is a lack of organization. If you do not have a response I will understand you do not have any answers, either – that is ok because I know you are looking out for our best interests. Thank you. Jan Daniels, Almer Township

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

# Coronavirus

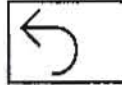
CORONAVIRUS / RESOURCES / COVID-19 VACCINE

## COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard

Vaccines Shipped	Distribution Trend	Doses Administered	Doses by Vaccine	Doses Metrics	Enrolled Providers	Learn More
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### COVID Vaccine Distribution

Dashboard updated: January 25, 2021. Date when the vaccine is shipped by the distributor, NOT the date of receipt by the provider. Includes first and second dose allotments. Doses are distributed to vaccine providers within the LHD jurisdiction.



### Region 3

Preparedness Region: All  
 Local Health Dept. Jurisdiction: All  
 Provider County: All  
 Data as of: 1/25/21  
 Distribution Date Range: 12/14/2020 - 1/25/2021  
 Facility Type: All  
 Year: All  
 Vaccine Type: All

Total Vaccines Distributed\*

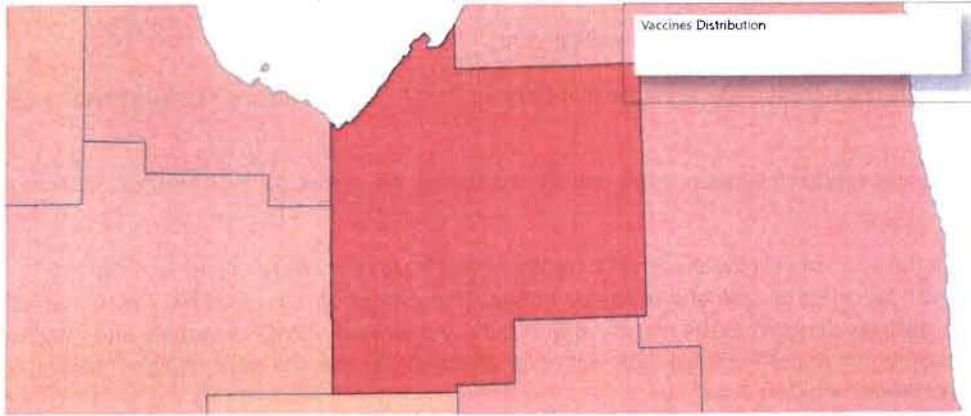
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\*430,200 doses were allocated to the Federal LTC Program

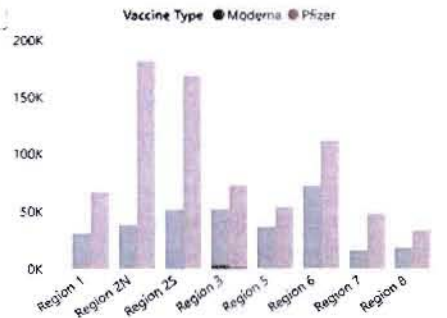
Vaccine Type Vaccines Distributed

Pfizer 975  
Moderna 3,100

### COVID Vaccine Distribution by County



Vaccines Distributed in Preparedness Region (units in K = Thousand)



Microsoft Power BI

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### PUBLIC USE DATASETS (UPDATED: JANUARY 25, 2021)

(Downloadable .xlsx files)

COVID-19 Vaccines Shipped To Providers

COVID-19 Vaccine Doses Administered



### Federal Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) Pharmacy Partnership Program Data as of 1/20/21

Pharmacy Phase	Activation Date	Facilities Assigned for Scheduling	Facilities with First Clinic Completed	First Dose Clinics Completed %	Facilities with Second Clinic Completed	Facilities with Third Clinic Completed	Total Vaccines Administered (Residents & Staff)	Additional Clinics Scheduled Over Next 7 Days (includes today)
CVS Part A (Skilled Nursing Facilities)	12/28/2020	269	269	100%			24480	0
CVS Part B (Other Long Term Care Facilities)	1/4/2021	717	485	68%			18744	127



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Walgreens Part A (Skilled Nursing Facilities)	12/28/2020	145	139	96%			12875	22
Walgreens Part B (Other Long Term Care Facilities)	1/4/2021	3352	486	14%			14152	586
Totals		4483	1379	31%			70251	735

CVS Data Source: <https://cvshealth.com/sites/default/files/cvs-health-covid-19-vaccination-data.pdf>

CVS will complete all Part A Skilled Nursing Facilities by 1/21/21

Walgreens Data Source: [https://www.walgreens.com/images/adaptive/pdf/Walgreens-Covid-Vaccine-External-Report\\_202010117.pdf](https://www.walgreens.com/images/adaptive/pdf/Walgreens-Covid-Vaccine-External-Report_202010117.pdf)

Previous data posted for Walgreens Part A and Part B was reported in error by Walgreens.

The data posted today has been corrected by Walgreens to reflect the accurate numbers for Part A (Skilled Nursing Facilities) and Part B (Other Long Term Care Facilities).


At this time, Long Term Care vaccinations are not fully captured in the primary dashboard above. We are working on reconciliation and will update this note when complete.

CVS and Walgreens pharmacies plans to conduct three on-site clinics at each LTC facility to vaccinate as many residents and staff as possible. During the first clinic, the pharmacists will vaccinate all staff and residents on site. The second clinic will be held a minimum of 28 days later and the pharmacists will vaccinate staff/residents from the first clinic with their 2nd dose of COVID-19 vaccine and catch anyone they may have missed on first date with their first dose. The third clinic will occur 28 days after the 2nd clinic and pharmacies will vaccinate anyone from the second clinic that needs their 2nd dose.

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# COVID19 Claims Dashboard

Medical Claims Incurred and Paid 01/01/2020 - 12/31/2020  
TUSCOLA COUNTY

**152**

Unique Patients  
(with any COVID19 lab or Dx)

**\$2,401**

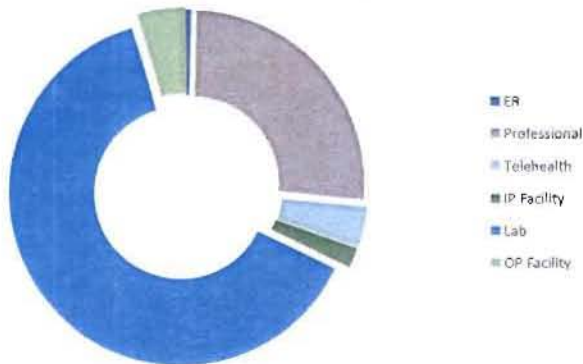
Total Patient Payment

**\$215,676**

Total Group Payment

**377**

Unique Claim Count



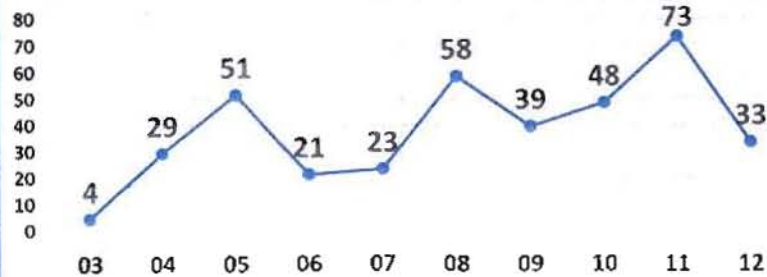
Percent of Claims by Claim Type

Claim Type	Claim Count	Group Payment
ER	2	\$2,005
Inpatient Facility	8	\$161,193
Outpatient Facility	19	\$12,685
Professional	111	\$16,969
Telehealth	16	\$1,643
COVID19 Labs	269	\$21,181

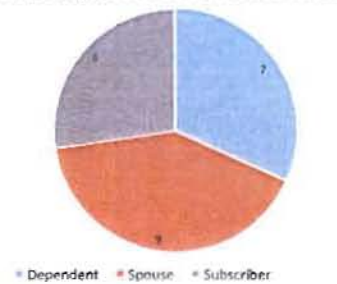
Claim Type Count and Group Payment



Top 10 Providers by Group Payment  
(Red = Number of Patients)



Claim Count by Month of Service



Confirmed Cases by Relationship

Suspected COVID19 Patient Count  
(Dx of Z20828 or Z03818)  
**119**

Confirmed COVID19 Patient Count  
(Dx of U071 or B9729)  
**22**

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TUSCOLA

*Behavioral Health Systems*

A Michigan Community Mental Health Authority

**TUSCOLA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2021 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

Regular monthly Board Meetings of the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., with the exception of November and December. When able, in-person meetings will be held at the TBHS Personal Independence Center, 1332 Prospect Avenue, Caro, MI 48723 - 989.673.6191 or 1.800.462.6814. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular meetings will be held via the Zoom Audio/Video Communications platform as allowed.

January 28, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

February 25, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

March 25, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

April 22, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

May 27, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

June 24, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

July 22, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

August 26, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

September 23, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

October 28, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

November 22, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

December 16, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

To join the zoom meeting remotely go to: <https://zoom.us/j/4325510106> or dial toll-free 1-312-626-6799 - Meeting ID#: 432 551 0106

January 7, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board was held via Electronic Remote Access through Google Meet on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 8:00 A.M.; all in accordance with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order under MCL 333-2253 and Public Act 254 of 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Present for the Electronic Meeting: Road Commissioners John Laurie (Indianfields Township), Gary Parsell (Indianfields Township), Julie Matuszak (Ellington Township), David Kennard (Vassar Township), and Duane Weber (Arbela Township); Acting County Highway Engineer Brent Dankert, Operations Engineer Technician Will Green, Superintendent/Manager Jay Tuckey, and Director of Finance/Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey.

At 8:05 A.M., there were a total of Sixteen (16) participants attending the Electronic Meeting.

Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of the Board was conducted.

Nominations were opened for Chairman of the Board.

John Laurie was nominated by Duane Weber and seconded by Julie Matuszak.

John Laurie was unanimously elected.

Secretary-Clerk Michael Tuckey turned the meeting over to Chairman Laurie.

Nominations were opened for Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Gary Parsell was nominated by Julie Matuszak and seconded by Duane Weber.

Gary Parsell was unanimously elected.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the minutes of the December 23, 2020 regular meeting of the Board be approved. Roll Call Vote: Weber – Yes, Kennard – Yes, Matuszak – Yes, Parsell – Yes, Laurie – Yes --- Motion Carried.

Payroll in the amount of \$132,559.26 and bills in the amount of \$403,469.63 covered by vouchers #2020-64, #2021-01, and #2021-02 were presented and audited.

Motion by Matuszak seconded by Weber that the payroll and bills be approved. Roll Call Vote: Weber – Yes, Kennard – Yes, Matuszak – Yes, Parsell – Yes, Laurie – Yes --- Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Segment:

None.

At 8:15 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2021 Cold Patch:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Specified Material</u>	<u>Price</u>
Unique Paving Materials	UPM	\$ 95.85 p/ton

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2021 Cold Patch be accepted and awarded to Unique Paving Materials for the UPM specified material. Roll Call Vote: Weber – Yes, Kennard – Yes, Matuszak – Yes, Parsell – Yes, Laurie – Yes --- Motion Carried.

Management and the Board further discussed the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the current Road Commission operating procedures.

Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert provided to the Board an update regarding the Township's plans for 2021 local road work.

At 8:30 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2021 Portland Cement Concrete:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Concrete-3500</u>	<u>Concrete-4500</u>	<u>Cement</u>
Rock Products Company	\$116.23 / cyd	\$120.75 / cyd	\$14.00 per 94 lbs.
R & R Ready Mix, Inc.	\$120.00 / cyd	\$124.00 / cyd	\$13.03 per 94 lbs.

Motion by Weber seconded by Parsell that the bids for 2021 Portland Cement Concrete be accepted and awarded to Rock Products Company. Roll Call Vote: Weber – Yes, Kennard – Yes, Matuszak – Yes, Parsell – Yes, Laurie – Yes --- Motion Carried.

Management and the Board discussed the upcoming Blue Water Highway Council Meeting, which Gary Parsell will serve as Chairman for the year 2021.

At 8:45 A.M. the following bids were opened for 2021 Liquid Calcium Chloride:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>Intermittent</u>	<u>TCRC Pick Up</u>
Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales	\$.539 p/gal	\$.549 p/gal	\$.46 p/gal
Wilkinson Solutions, LLC	alternate bid	alternate bid	alternate bid
Michigan Chloride Sales	no bid	no bid	no bid

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the bids for 2021 Liquid Calcium Chloride be accepted and awarded to Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales. Roll Call Vote: Weber – Yes, Kennard – Yes, Matuszak – Yes, Parsell – Yes, Laurie – Yes --- Motion Carried.

## PUBLIC HEARING

At 9:00 A.M. a public hearing was held for the proposed improvements to Dutcher Road from Ringle Road to M-24 in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Fairgrove Township. Acting County Highway Engineer Dankert presented the plans for the project. Fairgrove Township Supervisor Keith Aeder was also in attendance at the meeting. Members of the public were given the opportunity to speak at the hearing, of which a complete transcript of the hearing is available at the Road Commission Office. After hearing comments from the public, the following motion was introduced:

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak to close the public hearing and forward the transcript of the hearing to the Fairgrove Township Board for their further review regarding the proposed improvements to Dutcher Road from Ringle Road to M-24 in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Fairgrove Township. Roll Call Vote: Weber – Yes, Kennard – Yes, Matuszak – Yes, Parsell – Yes, Laurie – Yes --- Motion Carried.

Motion by Parsell seconded by Matuszak that the meeting be adjourned at 10:00 A.M. Roll Call Vote: Weber – Yes, Kennard – Yes, Matuszak – Yes, Parsell – Yes, Laurie – Yes --- Motion Carried.

Chairman

Secretary-Clerk of the Board



## Resolution 8-2021

Date: January 20, 2021

### Pandemic Resolution

**WHEREAS**, The Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 20, 2021 and reviewed request to approve and distribute as specified this Pandemic Resolution.

**WHEREAS**, we live in a time of pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, we are now entering into the second year of the global pandemic which has impacted every Grand Traverse County citizen in a myriad of ways;

**WHEREAS**, the threat from the virus, though serious, has resulted in a thwarting of personal freedoms without sufficient regard for ongoing and potentially irreparable economic, emotional, educational and other societal impacts;

**WHEREAS**, the orders by the MDHHS lack legislative support of the democratically elected representatives, having been initiated unilaterally and unconstitutionally by the Governor of Michigan,

**WHEREAS**, the orders by the MDHHS have disallowed any degree of personal accountability, eroded constitutional rights of citizens and have placed undue burden and restrictions on local businesses and local employees;

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued orders without providing funding or sufficient guidance for the enforcement of such orders;

**WHEREAS**, the right and responsibility of individuals to self-determine what is best for their own health, liberty and pursuit of happiness is necessary and ensured by our Constitution, which we have taken an oath to defend and uphold;

**THEREFORE**, The Grand Traverse County Commission does not support the expenditure of any county funds for the purpose of arrest and prosecution of any person accused of violating MDHHS emergency orders regarding COVID-19, and encourages the Grand Traverse County

Sheriffs Department and The Grand Traverse County Prosecutors Office to make this the lowest priority;

**FURTHER**, we call upon the citizens of Grand Traverse County to act responsibly with regards to others while determining for themselves what is best for themselves, for their own families and loved ones and how to contend with the ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 virus;

**FURTHER**, we call upon local businesses to use their own good judgement to operate in a manner which minimizes risk to patrons while protecting the health and welfare of their business, care for their employees, and the community;

**FURTHER**, **The Grand Traverse County Commission** directs this resolution to be sent to all 83 Michigan counties, the State of Michigan House, The State of Michigan Senate, and the Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer.



Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners  
Resolution 2021-14

Pandemic Resolution

The Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, at a Reconvene of a Regular Meeting, January 22, 2021, reviewed and approved the following:

**WHEREAS**, we live in a time of pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, we are now entering into the second year of the global pandemic which has impacted every Kalkaska County citizen in a myriad ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat from the virus, though serious, has resulted in a thwarting of constitutional liberties and personal freedoms without sufficient regard for ongoing and potentially irreparable economic, emotional, educational and other societal abuses; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Whitmer working with the Attorney General, Secretary of State, the Directors of the Michigan Health Department and the Michigan Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, did engage in fining, penalizing, and revoking the licenses of businesses for failure to obey and enforce the unconstitutional Executive Orders; and

**WHEREAS**, the orders by the MDHHS lack legislative support of the democratically elected representatives, having been initiated unilaterally and unconstitutionally by the Governor of Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, the orders by the MDHHS have disallowed any degree of personal accountability, eroded constitutional rights of citizens and have placed undue burden and restrictions on local businesses, local employees and the citizens of Kalkaska County; and

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has issued orders without providing funding or sufficient guidance for the enforcement of such orders; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1st Amendment to the constitution states: *"Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof: or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."*; and

**WHEREAS**, title 18, u.s.c. section 241 says *"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same..."*

Title 18, u.s.c 242 says *"Whoever, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District to the deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or to different punishments, pains, or penalties, on account of such person being an alien, or by reason of his color, or race, than are prescribed for the punishment of citizens, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year, or both";* and

**WHEREAS**, the right and responsibility of individuals to self-determine what is best for their own health, liberty and pursuit of happiness is necessary and ensured by our Constitution, which we have taken an oath to defend and uphold;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Kalkaska County Commission calls upon the Michigan Legislature to exercise their co-equal authority by adopting constitutionally sound measures which limit the unchecked exercise and abuse of executive power, which restore individual responsibility and accountability, and which return Michigan to the ranks of freedom-loving governments everywhere.

**FURTHER**, The Kalkaska County Commission does not support the expenditure of any county funds for the purpose of arrest and prosecution of any person accused of violating MDHHS emergency orders regarding COVID-19, and encourages the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department and The Kalkaska County Prosecutors Office to uphold their oaths of office to support the Constitution, which is the Supreme Law of the land, and make this the lowest priority;

**FURTHER**, we call upon the citizens of Kalkaska County to act responsibly with regards to others while determining for themselves what is best for themselves, for their own families and loved ones and how to contend with the ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 virus;

**FURTHER**, we call upon local businesses to use their own good judgement to operate in a manner which minimizes risk to patrons while protecting the health and welfare of their businesses, care for their employees, and the community;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, both United States Senators, all Michigan Members of Congress, both Speakers of the House of Representative and the Senate, along with the Michigan Association of Counties and all Counties within Michigan, along with the Michigan Township Association and all Townships, Cities and Villages within Michigan.

Commissioners present: Baldwin, Banko, Bicum, Comal, Crambell, Fisher and Sweet.  
Commissioners absent: None

**Motion** by Commissioner Bicum. Supported by Commissioner Sweet.

Roll call vote:

Yeas: Bicum, Sweet, Baldwin, Banko, Comai, Crambell, Fisher.

Nays: None

Absent: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**



Kohn Fisher, Chairman 1-22-2021  
Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

) ss.

COUNTY OF KALKASKA )

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Kalkaska County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners at its Reconvene of a Regular Meeting held 1-22-0221.



Deborah Hill, County Clerk 1-22-2021  
Clerk of the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners



**RESOLUTION #21-01  
IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL BUSINESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Novel Coronavlrus (Covid-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that Covid-19 is having direct impacts on all County residents, impacts which include but are not limited to, physical and mental health care difficulties, educational constraints, and financial strains; and

**WHEREAS**, to date, the County has had 2268 cases of Covid-19, or one in 16 residents, and 34 deaths, or one in 1076 residents, and

**WHEREAS**, the Houghton County Board of Commissioners understands that many local businesses have suffered and continue to suffer economic harm due to Covid-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Whitmer’s administration has now opened the state to most business except, restaurants, bars, night clubs and contact sports; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan is currently one of only three states with a statewide ban on indoor dining; and

**WHEREAS**, we call on Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature offer state grants to financially assist affected small restaurant and bar owners; and


**WHEREAS**, Houghton County Board of Commissioners recognizes that our citizens and visitors are resourceful, intelligent and capable of safely supporting businesses while following safe Covid-19 protocols; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Houghton County Board of Commissioners call upon Governor Whitmer and MDHHS Director Gordon to immediately suspend restrictions on in person dining, bars and indoor rinks.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Whitmer, both Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate, along with the Michigan Association of Counties and all Counties within Michigan.


Houghton County Board of Commissioners  
 Albert Koskela, Board Chair and District 2 Commissioner  
 Thomas Tikkanen, Vice Chair and District 1 Commissioner  
 Glenn Anderson, District 3 Commissioner

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*Thomas Tikkanen*  
*Glenn Anderson*

Gretchen Janssen, District 4 Commissioner 

Roy Britz, District 5 Commissioner 

Motion Moved by:

Motion Supported by: 

Roll Call Vote: Yes:  
No: None.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
 )ss.  
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON )

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Houghton, State of Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of the County of Houghton at a regular meeting held on the 22nd Day of January, 2021, the original of which Resolution is on file in my office.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Houghton, Houghton, Michigan, this 22nd Day of January, 2021.

  
Jennifer Kelly, Clerk  
County of Houghton