

**Draft**

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Committee of the Whole  
Monday, August 12, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.  
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI**

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mary Drier, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Debbie Babich, Nancy Laskowski, Nancy Erdody, Jim McLoskey, Joe Verlin, Register John Bishop, Leigh Nancy, Mark Haney, Jean Doss (via google hangouts), Matt Campbell

**Finance/Technology**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

**Primary Finance/Technology**

1. **2018 Budget Presentation – Joe Verlin, CPA, CGFM-Gabridge & Company –** Mr. Verlin reviewed the audit and the findings that were the outcome of the audit. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Capitol Services update, Jean Doss -** Ms. Doss reviewed where she feels Tuscola County is at regarding the Caro Center. Director Gordon has issued a recommendation to have the Caro Center be an 84 bed center and re-establish moth beds in other establishments. Issues of concern from the report were reviewed. Karen Currie from K.C. Communications is working on the details for a rally on the Capital steps for 11:00 a.m. on August 27, 2019. Senator Daley, Representative Green and County consultants have a meeting scheduled with representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on August 13, 2019. Matter discussed at length.

Recessed at 9:44 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:53 a.m.

3. **Animal Shelter Annual Report – Leigh Nancy, Animal Control Director -** Director Nancy reviewed the annual report. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. **KC Communications Consultants, Update and Contract -** Karen Currie provided a written update which was included in the agenda packet. Board discussed continuing the contract on a month to month basis. Matter to be placed on the agenda for Thursday's meeting.
5. **Tractor Purchase Request – Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director -** Request was included in the agenda packet. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. **2020 Budget update -** Clayette Zechmeister presented the Budget Development Calendar. Department Heads can enter budget requests through the BS & A system. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
7. **Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Request (matter added) -** Commissioner Bardwell requested a thank you letter be sent to Steve Currie from

MAC for their support in the Caro Center. Clayette Zechmeister will work on the communication.

8. **MAC District 7 Meeting (matter added)** - Commissioner Bardwell stated the meeting will be on September 16, 2019 with registration to begin at 8:30 a.m. Clerk Fetting will confirm a meeting space at the Brentwood. Board discussed topic ideas as a tentative agenda will need to be created.

### **On-Going and Other Finance Finance**

1. MREC - updates
2. Update Regarding Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies – SB 46
3. Opioid Lawsuit
4. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan
5. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
6. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report - Matter to be removed.
7. 2020 Budget Development

### **Technology**

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page
3. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
4. New Kronos Time Attendance and BS&A Finance/General Ledger Software

### **Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

### **Primary Personnel**

1. **Union Contract Negotiations** - Clayette Zechmeister has received a letter from POAM to open the union contract.
2. **MERS Delegate Appointments** - The employee officer delegate will be Renee Francisco with Debbie Babich as the alternate. The employee representative will be Jim Hook with Patricia Donovan-Gray as the alternate. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Controller/Administrator Contract** - Commissioner Bardwell reported that a final draft of the proposed contract has been presented to the Commissioners and to Clayette Zechmeister. One item that Commissioner Bardwell has concern with is the wage increase is tied to the wage increase given to County non-union employees. Commissioner Grimshaw has concerns with Section 4a in the contract and that the pay increase should be merit based. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

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

1. Negotiation of Expiring Union Contracts – Setting Financial and Other Objectives
2. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
3. Scheduling a MAC 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue

**Building and Grounds**  
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

**Primary Building and Grounds**

1. **Vanderbilt Park Dump Station Update** - Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

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

1. County Jail Study
2. County Land Bank/Sale of Property
3. Recycling Relocation Update
4. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
5. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. **Letter of Appreciation from the Fair Board for the Sheriff's Department Work Crew** - Clayette Zechmeister presented the letter received.
2. **Letter of Thanks from Arbela Township to the Sheriff's Department Work Crew** - Clayette Zechmeister presented the letter received.
3. **Tuscola County Airport Zoning Board of Appeals (AZBA) Update (matter added)** - Clerk Fetting stated that the 33 variance applications that were filed were denied by the AZBA Board. An appeal case has been filed in the 54th Circuit Court.
4. **Memorandum from Robert Gordon** - Board discussed memorandum from Director Gordon to Governor Whitmer.

**Public Comment Period -**

- Nancy Erdody - Provided an update regarding her issue in the Village of Reese with the school reconstruction project. Board would like the opportunity to discuss the matter with Curtis Stowe. Commissioner Grimshaw will contact Curtis to set up a meeting.
- Nancy Laskowski - Expressed concern if the Board of Commissioners would support the decision of the AZBA Board in the appeal case.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk