

**Draft**

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners  
Committee of the Whole  
Monday, September 9, 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 (arrived at 8:09 a.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Nancy Laskowski, Steve Erickson, Jim McLoskey, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Register John Bishop, Mark Haney, Jean Doss (via conference call)

**Finance/Technology**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

**Primary Finance/Technology**

1. **Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Update, Steve Erickson** - Steve Erickson provided an update that he received from the State Land Bank regarding removal of buildings at the State Land property. He also provided an update on growth that Quality Roast is experiencing. Steve has proposed potential Board members to be appointed to the EDC Board which he would like to have appointed prior to the EDC Kickoff Meeting. Matter of EDC Board appointments to be placed Thursday's Agenda.
2. **Capitol Services Update, Jean Doss** - Jean Doss reported that the 2020 State Budget will move forward even though road funding has not been addressed. This should forego a state government shutdown. Jean also discussed the financial impacts that could happen regarding the budgeted line item for the Caro Center.
3. **KC Consulting Contract** - Clayette Zechmeister stated if the Board is not interested in renewing the contract that written communication needs to be provided by September 17, 2019. Board expressed concern over retaining the Caro 4 Michigan Facebook page and logo. Matter of contract discussion to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
4. **Capitol Services Contract** - Board discussed if a discounted contract could be looked at to continue services with Capitol Services. Matter of contract discussion to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

**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. 2020 Budget Development - Most of the Departments have submitted 2020 budgets. Clayette is currently working on projections.

### **Technology**

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page
3. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System

Recessed at 9:43 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

### **Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

#### **Primary Personnel**

1. **Refill Vacant Full Time Account Clerk III in Treasurer's Office** - Treasurer Donovan-Gray has a vacant Account Clerk III position in the Treasurer's Office. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Refill Vacant Full Time Chief Accountant in the Controller/Administrator's Office** - Clayette Zechmeister is requesting to refill the Chief Accountant position. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda.

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

1. Negotiation of Expiring Union Contracts – Setting Financial and Other Objectives - Shelly Lutz has been in contact with the Labor Attorney with a tentative date of September 26, 2019 to meet with the Board.
2. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
3. Scheduling a MAC 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue - Commissioner Bardwell read a letter from St. Clair County in favor of the dissolution of the District 7 association.

### **Building and Grounds**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

#### **Primary Building and Grounds**

1. **Building Codes-Reese School** - Commissioner Grimshaw would like to have a discussion at a Board meeting to discuss the matter based on a conversation that was had. Commissioner Grimshaw has also received a concern from the Village of Reese. Board would like Curtis Stowe to attend Thursday's meeting to discuss the situations with Reese Public Schools and Village of Reese. Board would like to review the contract that is held with SCMCCI.
2. **County Land Bank/Sale of Property - Survey** - Commissioner Vaughan reported that Steve Erickson did receive an email from the State Land Bank but Commissioner Vaughan did not feel that it provided enough documentation.

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

1. County Jail Study

2. Recycling Relocation Update - Project update provided by Mike Miller.
3. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
4. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam

**Other Business as Necessary**

1. **Animal Control Ordinance Update** - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update that the Ordinance is in the final review stages and is hoping to have ready to present at a Board meeting yet this month.

Commissioner Grimshaw received a complaint involving a City of Vassar resident regarding her dogs. Commissioner Grimshaw will provide Clayette a copy of the letter he received so it can be presented to Director Nancy.

2. Commissioner Bardwell read a thank you card received, signed by many people that rode the bus to Lansing, in appreciation of Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Vaughan, Clerk Fetting and Controller/Administrator Zechmeister for attending the Caro 4 Michigan rally.

**Public Comment Period -**

-Tisha Jones-Holubec encouraged the Board to attend the Leadership Committee at the end of the month to engage in conversation with Legislators in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

**Jodi Fetting**  
**Tuscola County Clerk**