

Draft
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, September 23, 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 8:05 a.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Nancy Laskowski, Steve Erickson, Jim McLoskey, Register John Bishop, Mark Haney, Jean Doss (via conference call), Steve Anderson, Nancy Erdody, Marilyn Holt, Chuck Heinlein, Curtis Stowe, Dan Syms, Pete Newman, Chris Hamilton, Jerry Peruski, Gene Pierce, John Sauber

Finance/Technology
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Update (matter added)** - Steve Erickson presented a video the EDC has put together to place on their website once their website has been updated.
2. **Building Codes Update** - Curtis Stowe reviewed permits filed from 2016 to 2019. Chris Hamilton reviewed the company's revenue tracking system and how their two offices can support each other. Curtis discussed the Reese School demolition project that has been brought to the Board's attention. The SCMCCI contract was reviewed and discussed. Reese School project discussed at length. Chris suggested that research be completed regarding the process of issuing a ticket. Board would like a report provided on a semi-annual basis.
3. **Capitol Services** - Jean Doss provided an update in regards to the potential approval of the State Budget and how that could affect the Caro Center. The proposed budget includes a 100 bed facility for Caro. Jean recommends that the allies keep working together to continue the fight to maintain the funds in the upcoming budget. Matter discussed at length.

Recessed at 9:57 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:06 a.m.

4. **KC Communication Contract** - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on behalf of KC Communications as to the plan in maintaining social presence. Board discussed if the contract should be renewed. There is still time to renew or cancel. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda.
5. **Capitol Services Contract** - Clayette Zechmeister presented a proposed contract that is a month to month contract. Board would like to have the contract for two months and to amend the end date to be November 30, 2019. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. **Opioid Litigation update** - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the litigation case. Action on the matter is expected to be at least a year out.

7. **Financial Overview** - Clayette Zechmeister presented preliminary budget reports for the 2020 budget year. There are two departments that need to submit their budget numbers. Meetings will be scheduled between Committees and Department Heads to review requests.
8. **Drain Office Employee Restructure Request** - Drain Commissioner Mantey is requesting his request to be addressed by the Board as he was directed to be included in the upcoming negotiations. Clayette Zechmeister recommends this be addressed during negotiations with AFSCME.

On-Going and Other Finance Finance

1. MREC - updates
2. Update Regarding Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies – SB 46
3. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan
4. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
5. 2020 Budget Development

Technology

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page
3. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
4. Malware and Phishing Alerts - The County continues to monitor the threat of malware and the continued effort in training employees.

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **Negotiation process** - Negotiations will begin on Thursday this week.

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 7th Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue - Meeting went well and it was decided to continue the MAC 7th District.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Farm Lease** - Mike Miller explained that the previous lease was only a one-year lease. Brian Schriber would like to renew the contract with the county but is questioning if the county is going to re-bid it before he plants his winter crop. As the concern to have a multi-year lease due to the Medical Facility project has been addressed, the Board would like to have the lease re-bid for a 3-year term. Board would like to have the current lease wording and legal description wording reviewed prior to signing with the next leaseholder.

2. **Vanderbilt Park Dump Station** - Mike Miller provided an update to the dump station as it is being recommended an Allgen system be installed. Board would like to know if the design includes the option of adding showers at a later time and if the design does not include that option the Board would like information on having that option included. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda for further discussion.
3. **Michigan State Police (MSP) Post Tank Inspections** - Mike Miller provided an update regarding extending the city water system to the Michigan State Police post. A flow test will need to be completed for the fire suppression to see if it is compatible. The MSP Post is not located within the City of Caro limits and possibly would need to be consideration for annexation. Mike Miller will provide more information at an upcoming meeting.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. County Jail Study
2. Recycling Relocation Update - Mike Miller provided an update on the progress that has been made at the new location.
3. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
4. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam - Matter discussed.

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Bardwell reported regarding a communication regarding EDC from Abbey, Abbey and Thomas, PLLC. Board asked Clayette to research the third question posed in the letter. A financial report was provided to the Board. Board also discussed the recent EDC Board appointments. The EDC Board meeting took place at the new building at the fairgrounds to accommodate the size of the Board.

-Commissioner Grimshaw discussed the authorization of bills in relation to the Caro Center Rally.

Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk