

**Draft**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Monday, January 27, 2020 – 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 (via Google Hangouts) (excused at 10:49 a.m.), District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:04 a.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Nancy Laskowski, Wayne Koper, Duane Hornbacher, Laura Strzelewicz, Sandy Nielsen, Leigh Nancy, Register John Bishop, Mark Haney, Char Fisher

**Finance/Technology**  
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

**Primary Finance/Technology (continued below) -**

**-Animal Control Ordinance Review -**

**-Local Government Input regarding Animal Control Ordinance -**

-Commissioner Young reported that there has been a good response from the local jurisdictions regarding suggested changes to the proposed Animal Control Ordinance. There has been some communication received over the weekend the Board would like to review.

-Nancy Laskowski is concerned that the proposed ordinance is in violation of the Right to Farm Act.

-Laura Strzelewicz handed out thoughts prepared by her husband Mark Strzelewicz who owns Caro Veterinary Clinic.

-Commissioner Grimshaw is not in favor of adopting the ordinance as proposed.

-Nancy Laskowski expressed concern of dogs that were locked inside a home for an extended period of time with little human interaction.

-Char Fisher would like to review the proposed ordinance as she feels it sounds like it may infringe on the Right to Farm Act and it may need to be approved by the Department of Agriculture.

-Leigh Nancy feels everyone's opinion needs to be considered. She is willing to work with the State in gathering their input as well. Currently, she has been working under state law and not the current county ordinance.

-Board would like time to review Saginaw County's Animal Control Ordinance to consider modeling after that layout. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda.

**Other Business as Necessary (continued below)-**

**-Boy Scout Road Closure Update** - Duane Hornbacher provided an update regarding the repair project on Boy Scout Road. There has been an agreement reached to open the road up to a one-way road with traffic lights to control the traffic flow.

**Primary Finance/Technology (continued from above) -**

**-RFP Lobbyist** - Clayette Zechmeister presented the proposed RFP that Commissioner Grimshaw presented at the previous meeting. Commissioner Grimshaw suggested adding a statement under minimum qualifications to disclose any potential conflicts of interest. Board would like the deadline to be on February 26, 2020 at noon. The Board would then like to open the bids at the February 27, 2020 Board Meeting. Matter to be added to the Thursday, January 30, 2020 Board agenda.

-Board discussed extending the contract with Capital Services to prevent a gap in services. Board would like Clayette to contact Jean Doss to determine her interest in a contract extension. Matter to be discussed further at Thursday's meeting.

**-United States Census Bureau Boundary Validation Program** - Clayette presented a letter received by the U.S. Census Bureau. Clayette would like to have Cody Horton review and verify the boundary lines that were presented.

**-Wind Tax Review** - Clayette reviewed a chart showing the actual and projected county general fund wind turbine revenue. Board discussed solar energy. The Board would like to see a chart showing the revenue received and expenses of the county to determine when there would be a cross of the two lines. The Board would like to see the actual revenue received from wind turbines for the years 2013 to 2019.

**-Controller's Office Restructure (matter added)** - Commissioner Grimshaw asked for clarification on the pay increase approved for the Human Resources Director. Also, asked for clarification on the salary included in the 2020 Budget for the Controller/Administrator. Clayette provided an explanation on how the budget will be amended to reflect the adopted changes. Board discussed the 2020 Above and Beyond budget chart and the figures that were included in the chart. Matter to be placed on an upcoming agenda for further discussion.

**On-Going and Other Finance  
Finance**

1. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan
2. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs

**Technology**

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

**Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioners Vaughan and Bardwell

**Primary Personnel -**

-Commissioner Bardwell shared that at the Board of Health meeting it was discussed that Behavioral Health Systems has their payroll services outsourced. He presented to the Board that it may be an option for the county to explore in the future.

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

1. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
2. Magistrate Pay Review - Shelly is working on complying data regarding when the pay increase was provided when the Magistrate positions were combined.

### **Building and Grounds**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

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

**-Land Survey – Next Steps** - Commissioner Grimshaw reviewed the land survey that was recently prepared for the state land property. Board would like to proceed forward with acquiring the land from the state. Commissioner Vaughan will follow up with EDC.

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

1. County Jail Study - Mike Miller stated that an option has been selected that will be drawn up to be presented to the Board.
2. Recycling Relocation Update - Mike Miller stated the project is moving forward.
3. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
4. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam - Commissioner Vaughan reported that Eric Fox is meeting with the engineer in splitting the property from the dam along with necessary easements. Matter can be removed from the agenda.

-Commissioner Young asked if another bulletin board could be added to the Purdy Building. Board discussed.

#### **Other Business as Necessary (continued from above) -**

**-SB 46 – Update** - Clayette Zechmeister presented an update from Jean Doss regarding SB46. Commissioner Jensen remoted into the committee hearing and provided an update.

#### **On-Going Other Business**

1. Board Rules of Order – Possible revisions within 6 months (January 13, 2020)
2. AZBA Board Appointments (Only appointed through January 31, 2020) - Clerk Fetting explained in the by-laws that the appointments are made in a unique fashion where the person appointed is held to a 3-year term or until a successor is appointed. No action is required on the appointments at this time.

-Commissioner Grimshaw would still like to review the Airport Ordinance for further discussion.

3. Policy Update - Commissioner Grimshaw has been reviewing the policies and provided an update. Clerk Fetting will work on getting dates of when the list of policies were adopted.
4. MAC 7th District to be hosted in February in Tuscola County.
5. Commissioner Bardwell attended a conference call on Waters of the US with an update provided.

-Commissioner Vaughan reviewed the Board of Commissioners role in oversight of the County Road Commission.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 10:49 a.m.

-Steve Erickson, EDC Director, is one of the final candidates for the Caro City Manager position. Commissioner Bardwell referenced the EDC by-laws and if he was selected the EDC Board of Directors would select a replacement.

**Public Comment Period -**

-Wayne Koper asked the Board to be considerate of Board discussion when it leads to being an attack on the Controller. Wayne also would like the Board to stream the meetings to allow the public to participate online. Wayne encouraged the Board to look at the Burk County GIS system. He does not feel that he should have to pay to access the Tuscola County GIS system.

-Nancy Laskowski expressed her appreciation of the help that Cody Horton provided to her. She feels that our printing prices are too low as for her to get a similar size poster is much more expensive at Staples. Juniata Township has begun curbside pickup and the recycling trailer will be available at the Township Hall. She referenced some of the complications that could occur if the meetings were streamed. The AZBA issued a denial of the 8 requested variances. She also referenced the weather in reference to pilots using the airport.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk