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**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Thursday, June 8, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.**

Electronic remote access via Google Hangouts, in accordance with the Michigan Governor’s Executive Order 2020-75, implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:20 a.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Rahm Mormando, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Matt Brown, Mike Miller, Mary Drier, Mark Ransford, Tracy Violet, Steve Root, Barry Lapp, Dave Stevens, Steve Anderson, Jana Brown, Debbie Babich, Bob Baxter, Register John Bishop

At 8:04 a.m. there were 25 people attending the electronic meeting.

Finance/Technology

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

- 1. Community Corrections Grant Application Process – Dave Stevens, Community Corrections Coordinator - Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections - Dave Stevens** provided an overview of the program and the proposed application. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
- 2. MIDC 2020/2021 Cost Analysis Budget Review - Rahm Mormando** provided a review of the upcoming proposed budget to be submitted to the state for approval.

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:20 a.m.

Board discussed the matter at length regarding the MIDC proposed budget. Matter to be placed on Thursday’s Board Agenda.

- 3. Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM) Charges for Services – Update - Clayette Zechmeister** reviewed an opinion offered by the county attorney which recommended to not amend the contract. Board discussed the manner in which the cremation fee was adjusted without Board approval. Mark Ransford provided an update that MIFSM is requiring payment up front as well as is withholding the permits if payment has not been made. Matter to be placed on Thursday’s Board Agenda.
- 4. 9-1-1 Equipment End of Life Grant - Clayette Zechmeister** explained the proposed grant application that does require local matching funds. Sandy Nielsen explained that the application has been submitted due to a deadline and she is looking for support from the Board. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

Finance

1. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the progress of the project. It is expected that she will be able to prepare only a 2-year outlook. Board discussed the matter of state revenue sharing and the potential for cuts to happen. Board discussed rescission of motion 14-M-226.

Technology - Eean Lee provided an update regarding the Information Systems Department.

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

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. County Moving Forward – Next Steps

-Employee Pay - Clayette Zechmeister explained that employees have not been laid-off or furloughed. She explained that the county is self-insured regarding unemployment.

-Employee Work Schedules - Board discussed moving forward in bringing employees back into the office to work as well as employees continuing to work from home. Board would like to have employees resume work tomorrow with open to the public on June 15th.

-Meetings - Board discussed resuming public meetings as well as how to continue to offer a virtual meeting for the public to participate.

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
2. MAC 7th Meeting Updates - The next meeting will be held in October 2020.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Building and Grounds Coverage for Mowing Properties** - Mike Miller explained the need that led to the request to have Thumb Lawn and Care assist in mowing county properties for a short-period of time. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Vanderbilt Park Opening Under EO 2020-110** - Mike Miller provided an update regarding the steps that have been taken to open up Vanderbilt Park. Mike Miller also provided an update on the septic system project.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. State Police Lease - Mike Miller has reached out to MSP but has not heard back from them yet.
2. County Jail Study - The study has been completed and a presentation to be held when the meetings are back in person.
3. Legislative Representation RFP Review – Board Tabled Until Meetings Are in Person
4. Recycling Relocation Update - Mike Miller provided an update.
5. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
6. Recycling Trailer Pick-up Resuming (matter added) - Mike Miller stated this has been discussed but a plan is still being developed.
7. Alternative Locations for Board Meetings (matter added) - Board discussed using the Caro Fair Building or the Knights of Columbus hall for alternative meeting location.

Other Business as Necessary

1. Overtime During COVID - Board would like to have an update on overtime paid during the pandemic.
2. Caro Center Meeting - Commissioner Bardwell informed the Board that there is a meeting scheduled for this afternoon.
3. Long-distance charge to call into Google Hangouts - Commissioner Grimshaw questioned if his landline is being billed long distance. Eean Lee will try to determine that answer.

On-Going Other Business as Necessary

1. Board Rules of Order – Possible Revisions Within Six Months (1-13-20)
2. Policy Updates
3. Senate Bill 46

At 11:28 a.m. there were 25 people attending the electronic meeting.

Public Comment Period -

-Register John Bishop asked if when the county reopens to the public if the adopted response plan would be followed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk