

**Draft**  
**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners**  
**Committee of the Whole**  
**Monday, September 28, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.**

**Electronic remote access via Google Hangouts, in accordance with the Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-154, 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 (excused at 10:18 a.m. and rejoined at 11:06 a.m.), District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (excused at 11:25 a.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Doug DuRussel, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Mary Drier, Tracy Violet, Heidi Chicilli, Steve Anderson, Robert Baxter, Brian Harris, Lisa Ozbat, Barry Lapp, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Matt Brown

At 8:14 a.m. there were 26 people attending the electronic meeting.

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

**Primary Finance/Technology**

1. **Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement** - Steve Anderson explained the grant agreement proposed. It is a renewal. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **2021 State Revenue Sharing Changes** - Clayette Zechmeister explained the recent news regarding State Revenue which is not expected to be cut.
3. **2021 Budget Prep Update** - Board discussed the 2021 Budget and Clayette explained the preparation that is underway. The Board discussed what should be presented at the Thursday Board meeting.
4. **Workman's Compensation** - Debbie Babich explained how the error in the calculation of the cost of Workman's Compensation was made and how the increase was adjusted for in department budgets. Board discussed the matter and how to handle it in the future. Proposed Budget adjustments to be presented at Thursday's meeting.
5. **Coronavirus Relief Local Government Grants (CRLGG) Update Potential Uses** - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the expenses that can be covered by the grant. Board discussed options available at length.

**On-Going and Other Finance  
Finance**

1. State Revenue Sharing Distributions
2. Fund Balance History Reports
3. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning
4. 2021 Budget Preparation

**Technology**

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

**Building and Grounds**

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

**Primary Building and Grounds**

1. **Adult Probation Building Fence** - Mike Miller provided an update and an estimate on pre-constructed fence panels. Board discussed.
2. **Purdy Building ADA Compliance Walk Through** - Mike Miller and Doug DuRussel will set up a time to meet at the Purdy Building.
3. **Update of 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Purdy Building Being Open** - Clayette Zechmeister stated the opening of the building has been positive.

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

1. State Police Building-Water and Annexation
2. County Jail Construction-Amortization for Cost/Potential Citizens at Large Group
3. Space Needs for Courthouse
4. Legislative Representation RFP Review – Board Tabled Until Meetings Are in Person
5. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building

**Personnel**

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

**Primary Personnel**

1. **Update on Hazard Pay** - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update that the funding was received and has been distributed.

**On-Going and Other Personnel**

1. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
2. Wage Study Comparisons
3. MAC 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting Updates

Commissioner Jensen excused at 10:18 a.m.

### **Primary Other Business as Necessary**

1. MIFSM Cremation Fees – Closed Session Scheduled on October 1, 2020.
2. Elected Officials Involvement with Ballot Initiatives - Letter - Board discussed placing the letter on county letterhead and place in Thursday's Board Packet. Clayette will handle that task.
3. Animal Control (matter added) - Commissioner Bardwell would like to invite Leigh Nancy to attend an upcoming meeting and provide an update to the Board.

### **On-Going Other Business as Necessary**

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

-Chairman Bardwell would like Ann Hepfer to provide an update at Thursday's meeting if she is available.

-Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the Caro Center and that the project is on track for Spring 2023 completion.

At 10:49 a.m. there were 25 people attending the electronic meeting.

### **Public Comment Period -**

-Sandy Nielsen asked for further clarification on the Workman's Compensation Issue. Board discussed.

Commissioner Jensen rejoined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

-Clerk Fetting referenced an Opinion and Order issued in the Court of Claims case Michigan Alliance for Retired Americans vs Jocelyn Benson. This order, as it stands, will hold the election open for 14 days for the delayed delivery of Absentee Ballots postmarked by November 2, 2020.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 11:25 a.m.

-Doug DuRussel asked for clarification on the number of computers in the County grant request. He will get with Eean for that clarification.

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 p.m.  
Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Jensen - yes; Vaughan - yes; Grimshaw - absent - Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk