

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
February 14, 2019 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 14th day of February 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Grimshaw

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen (arrived at 8:02 a.m.), District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:04 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Hoagland, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Mike Miller, Nancy Laskowski, Shelly Lutz, Tom Hess, David Trauberkraut

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
19-M-035

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried.

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
19-M-036

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 1, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings as presented.  
Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
19-M-037

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the February 13, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried with Grimshaw dissenting.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/11/19

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the February 4, 2019 letter from the Drain Commissioner that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and Dara McGarry be appointed to the position of Deputy Drain Commissioner at Step 5 of the wage scale based on her many years of experience in the Drain Office. Said change to be effective retroactively to February 1, 2019.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/11/19

**Description of Matter:** Move that per the January 14, 2019 letter from the Executive Director of the Region VII Area Agency on Aging that William Sanders be appointed to the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Board of Directors for a three year term beginning April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2022.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/11/19

**Description of Matter:** Move that the five year contract with Cintas to provide maintenance department uniforms be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

*New Business -*

-Psychological Services for Inmates - Mike Hoagland reviewed the information provided Sheriff Skrent. A proposal was received from Correctional Healthcare Companies, LLC to provide Mental Health coverage for inmates. Matter to be further reviewed for a recommendation. Matter to be placed on the next Board meeting.

-Keyno Schellenberger Engineering Services - Mike Hoagland provided an update from the Engineer as the State of Michigan has posed some questions he needs to further clarify.

-Drain Commissioner Account Clerk III Position -

19-M-038

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted and per the recommendation of the Drain Commissioner Jody Vrable be hired effective March 4, 2019 at step 1 of the wage scale contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check. Motion Carried.

-Letter of Retirement from Controller/Administrator -

19-M-039

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that with regret the letter of retirement from the current Controller-Administrator be received and placed on file with said retirement to be effective at the end of the work day on June 14, 2019. Motion Carried.

-Filling Controller/Administrator Position -Shelly Lutz contacted companies that complete candidate search and reviewed the prices quoted. Board discussed option of using a recruiter versus doing an independent search. Matter discussed at length.

19-M-040

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that per the recommendation of the Personnel Committee the following actions be taken regarding filling the upcoming vacant Controller-Administrator position:

- Use the traditional method of hiring including developing a job description, advertising/posting, interviewing and the Board of Commissioners ultimately choosing the individual to fill the position.
- Continue the position with the title of Controller-Administrator with the statutory provisions of the Controllers Act.
- Prepare a job description including position qualification requirements and a recommended wage for review at the February 25, 2019 Committee of the Whole and February 28, 2019 Board meeting.

Motion Carried with Grimshaw dissenting.

*Old Business -*

-Animal Control Update - Mike Hoagland is trying to get the involved parties to review the ordinance and provide feedback.

-2020 Budget - Commissioner Young wondered if it could be projected what the proposed tax revenue would be for the new wind turbines in Columbia Township.

-Airport Zoning Administrator - Application has been provided to Michael Yates.

-Medical Examiner Request - Mike Hoagland is continuing to work on.

-MAC Video Conferencing - Potential dates February 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and March 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Please consider what questions should be discussed during this opportunity.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Michigan Agriculture Preservation Fund Board - Commissioner Grimshaw will reach out for more details.

-Shiawassee County Jail Millage

-MAC Legislative Conference

-Tuscola County Stars Nomination

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

GRIMSHAW - No report.

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Recycling Advisory  
Local Units of Government

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA - Meeting rescheduled.  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
MAC Finance  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
TRIAD - new scams discussed.  
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Update regarding Ellington Township provided.

YOUNG

Board of Public Works  
County Road Commission Liaison - Meets next Thursday. Board discussed matter at length.  
Dispatch Authority Board  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Update provided.  
Great Start Collaborative  
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)  
Jail Planning Committee - Working in getting a cost estimate.  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)  
Region VI Economic Development Planning  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Group has been rejuvenated.  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Tuscola 2020  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

VAUGHAN - No report.

Board of Health  
County Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

JENSEN

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Update provided.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MEMS All Hazard - Report provided.

Local Units of Government Activity Report - Update provided regarding Watertown Township.

*Other Business as Necessary - None**Extended Public Comment -*

-Nancy Laskowski - Nancy suggested NaCO also as an avenue to explore in searching for a candidate for the Controller's position. Almer Township is in the process of joining the Airport Authority. Nancy stated that the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals members met last night and the Board requested training as to procedures in proceeding forward.

-Tom Hess - Tom expressed his support of the wind turbine farm in Juniata Township.

-David Traubenkraut - David encouraged the Board to do independent research on wind energy.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk