

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 11, 2019 Minutes

H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Young 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 11th day of April 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Pastor Jon Terry, New Hope Alive Church, Reese

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:06 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent: District 2 - Thomas Bardwell

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting (arrived at 8:50 a.m.), Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid, Mike Hoagland, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Register John Bishop, Nancy Laskowski, Clayette Zechmeister, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Bob DeCoe, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Amy Yeararta, Jim McLoskey, Kelly Richmond, Leigh Nacy, Shelly Lutz

Adoption of Agenda -

19-M-071

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

19-M-072

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the March 28, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Amy Yeararta spoke the Tuscola County Senior Citizen Alliance needing a new umbrella to conduct business under. The Board recommend she contact Steve Erickson for assistance.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

19-M-073

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that the following Consent Agenda Resolution from the April 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted.
Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/8/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that the 2019 County Equalization Report be received and placed on file and the Chairperson be authorized to sign said document.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/8/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Chief Information Officer that in order to further strengthen computer system security, authorization is given to purchase Umbrella Cloud Security for an annual amount of \$9,306. Also, appropriate amendments be made to the computer operating budget.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/8/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that the out-of-state travel request by the Dispatch Director be approved with the understanding that as an Association of Public Communication Official (APCO) board member, travel and conference costs are paid by APCO.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 4/8/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the letter of request that the Courthouse Lawn be authorized for use on September 8, 2019 by the Suicide Prevention Coalition.

New Business -

-Robert DeCoe Tuscola County Democratic Party Chair -

- New State Psychiatric Hospital - The Tuscola County Democratic Party is supportive of retaining the Caro Center in Tuscola County. Governor Whitmer has committed to sending Department of Health and Human Services employees to Tuscola County for a Town Hall meeting although a date has not been set.

- Economic Development Commission (EDC) - Robert DeCoe expressed concern of an employee of the EDC stating personal views in a local paper as Mr. DeCoe feels that person should be non-partisan as a representative of the EDC.

-Comments Regarding County Prosecutor and Caro Police -
Matter removed from agenda.

-Caro Psychiatric Hospital -

Mike Hoagland has prepared a massive amount of documentation which shows the importance of retaining the Caro Center in Tuscola County. Mike is attending a meeting in Lansing today to speak regarding the history. The Engineer will also speak as to how the water issue has been solved.

-Veterans Grant -

Mike Hoagland provided an update on a grant that Mark Zmierski applied for that will allow for outreach to Veterans.

19-M-074

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to accept the Veteran's Service Fund Grant for Outreach for an amount up to \$63,979. Also, a special revenue fund be established to administer these grant funds and a budget be set for this program. And, the Controller-Administrator be authorized to sign said grant agreement. Motion Carried.

-Register of Deeds Staffing Request -

Register Bishop presented at the April 8, 2019 meeting regarding the request to fill a position in his office.

19-M-075

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the county hiring freeze be temporarily lifted per the explanation of need by the Register of Deeds based on the hiring freeze criteria established by county. Also, Ashley Sholes be hired as an Account Clerk III effective May 6, 2019 contingent upon satisfactory physical and background check. Motion Carried with Grimshaw voting no.

-Various Building and Grounds Bids -

Mike Hoagland stated that the requested items are included in the current Buildings and Grounds budget.

19-M-076

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw that the replacement of the awning at the Purdy Building be awarded to Dial Tent and Awning Company who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$11,750. Motion Carried.

19-M-077

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the animal shelter kennel area ceiling replacement be awarded to Rickwalt Building Solutions who was the sole bidder for an amount of \$11,500. Motion Carried.

19-M-078

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Director, parking lot sealing bids for the State Police Post, Animal Shelter and the Luder Road Maintenance Building be awarded to Blackjack Asphalt and Sealing Company who was the low bidder for the combined project in the amount of \$5,050. Motion Carried.

-County Land Bank -

Board discussed the opportunity of implementing a County Land Bank but would like to gather further information before making a decision. Matter to be added to upcoming Board agenda with Treasurer Donovan-Gray and Steve Erickson in attendance.

-Parks and Recreation Request to Michigan Land Bank -

Commissioner Vaughan explained the letter of request submitted by the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding the property formerly known as Camp Tuscola.

19-M-079

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw that per the recommendation of the County Parks and Recreation Commission, that the Parks and Recreation be authorized to pursue acquiring real property from the State of Michigan Land Bank located near the former Camp Tuscola. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Mike Hoagland stated that according to the FAA website that a no hazard determination has been issued on over 50 of the wind turbines in the project.

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSGRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government - Attended the Juniata Township meeting and it is disheartening as to the divide among the residents that is happening in the Township.

JENSEN

Board of Health - Meets Friday. The outbreak of Measles is of a high concern.

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Update provided.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee - Meets next week.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Grant has been received and how to utilize the grant in the best way possible.

MAC Judiciary Committee - Meets in two weeks.

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report - Attended the Watertown Township Meeting.

BARDWELL - absent

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG - No Report

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Great Start Collaborative

Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)

Jail Planning Committee

MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Region VI Economic Development Planning

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative

Senior Services Advisory Council

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

VAUGHAN

Board of Health

County Planning Commission - The Commission feels that the Board is diversified in representing areas of the County.

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

Other Business as Necessary -

-Leigh Nancy - A Kennel Attendant is resigning as of April 25, 2019 due to receiving an internship and is requesting permission to replace the part-time position.

19-M-080

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to authorize lifting the county hiring freeze and to authorize the hiring a part-time Kennel Attendant to replace the vacant position at a Step-1 of the pay scale. Motion Carried with Grimshaw voting no.

-Commissioner Grimshaw would like the matter of eliminating the County Hiring Freeze placed on an upcoming agenda for further discussion.

Extended Public Comment -

-Robert DeCoe - He ancestor was the first Register of Deeds for Tuscola County. He also thanked Mike Hoagland for his dedicated service to Tuscola County.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Caryl Langmaid
Chief Deputy Clerk