

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 30, 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 30th day of May 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Pastor William Sanders, Watrousville United Methodist Church

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

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

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Steve Anderson, Sharon Beals, Kim Green, Register John Bishop, Mark Haney, Gary Rolka, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Pastor William Sanders, Jean Doss (via Google Hangouts), Nancy Laskowski, Undersheriff Bob Baxter, Jim Tussey, Sandy Nielsen, Deborah Babich

Adoption of Agenda -

19-M-100

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

19-M-101

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 16, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Behavioral Health Systems Audit - Sharon Beals presented an overview of the audit to the Board.

19-M-102

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the 2017/2018 Behavioral Systems Audit be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Child Care Fund Budget Amendment Request - Matter removed from agenda.

-Mosquito Abatement Request to Fill Vacant Biologist Position - Kim Green presented request to fill Biologist Position. Kim also discussed the concern of a large mosquito hatch due to the recent flooding and requested the ability to utilize overtime if necessary.

19-M-103

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that per the recommendation of the Mosquito Abatement Director that Shyann Clark be hired as the full-time Mosquito Abatement Biologist effective June 3, 2019 at the pay step of \$19.08 per hour. Motion Carried.

19-M-104

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to allow the Mosquito Abatement Director to use overtime at her discretion. Motion Carried.

-Foreclosures or Potential Foreclosures - County Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray provided an update regarding the foreclosure on the trailer park in Reese, former Methodist Church in the City of Caro and parcels located near Shay Lake.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn - Request from Robert Booth was discussed. Further information to clarify date and time is needed prior to moving forward.

19-M-105

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to table the request by Robert Booth to use the courthouse lawn. Motion Carried.

-SB46 Wind Turbine Update - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the matter. Senator Daley has been in communication with Mike Hoagland. Matter discussed.

-Update Regarding New State Psychiatric Hospital - Jean Doss provided an update to the Board regarding steps that are being taken with KC Communications in developing talking points. An update regarding the language placed in the proposed Senate budget was provided. Jean stated that Tuscola County needs to stay on course to the plan in place and to not allow other interested counties to derail that.

-Sheriff Annual Report -

19-M-106

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that the 2018 Sheriff Annual Report be received and placed on file. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff New Copier Contract & Reallocation of Funds for Bullet Proof Vests - Board discussed the request. See further discussion below.

19-M-107

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the May 21, 2019 request from the Undersheriff that authorization is given to enter into a new copier machine agreement that will result in a monthly savings of \$307.00 with Brady Business Systems. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Request to Purchase Spike System - Clayette Zechmeister explained how the budget amendment would be handled.

19-M-108

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that per the request of the Undersheriff that authorization is given to purchase tire deflation spikes from Safety System Company who was the low bidder for an amount of \$4,401.00. Also, the 2019 Road Patrol budget be amended for said purchase through the use of \$4,401.00 in Road Patrol fund balance. Motion Carried.

-Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Medical Care Facility (MCF) Board Per Diem Review - Clayette Zechmeister provided information regarding the difference the DHHS/MCF Board members receive versus other Boards and Commissions members under the authority of the Board of Commissioners. Matter discussed.

19-M-109

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to change the Board of Commissioners Per Diem Payment Policy effective January 1, 2017 Page 2 Bullet 1 to read per diems per day may be charged for each meeting except for convention and conference which are limited to one per day. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff New Copier Contract & Reallocation of Funds for Bullet Proof Vests - See discussion above. Undersheriff Baxter attended the meeting to explain the need for bullet proof vests. Board discussed purchasing all vests needed rather than a partial order.

19-M-110

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the May 21, 2019 request from the Undersheriff that the 2019 jail budget be amended with a reduction in the equipment line item 101-304-942 of \$1,040.00 (for the jail portion of the savings for the copier agreement) and the same amount of increase in the uniforms line item 101-304-746 for the purchase of bullet proof vests in addition authorize up to \$7,800.00 to order up to 26 additional bullet proof vests with the use of fund balance money. Motion Carried.

-Steve Anderson (matter added) - Steve Anderson updated the Board regarding the recent flood damage in Tuscola County and to proceed forward with a state declaration.

19-M-111

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that authorization is given to move forward with the local and state declaration process to seek relief funding for the Road Commission for storm damage received during the heavy rain/flooding event that occurred on May 25, 2019. Also, all appropriate documents are authorized for signature. Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:23 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

-Next Steps Contractual Medical Examiner System - Draft contract was emailed today to the Commissioners. Board would like to have draft contract forwarded to the attorney for review with matter to be placed on the next Committee of the Whole agenda if possible.

-Vanderbilt Park Update - Commissioner Vaughan provided an update from the meeting that was held with the engineer regarding the dump station at Vanderbilt Park.

-New Controller/Administrator Compensation - Commissioner Bardwell asked the Board for input regarding decisions that need to be made in reference to the Controller/Administrator position. The matters that need to be addressed are the salary for the position, a decision to have a contract or no contract and a decision for an official start date. The Board has been provided with the top 20 salaries in Tuscola County. Board discussed the salary range that could be offered.

19-M-112

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to set the salary at \$87,740.00 for the Controller/Administrator position. Roll Call Vote - Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Board discussed whether a contract should be entered into with this position.

19-M-113

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to develop an employment agreement contract to be entered into with the Controller/Administrator. Motion Carried.

Board discussed the terms that should be included into the employment agreement contract.

19-M-114

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to have the effective start date for the Controller/Administrator position be June 14, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. midnight. Motion Carried.

19-M-115

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young the term of the initial employment agreement contract be for a 2-year period. Motion Carried with Vaughan dissenting.

19-M-116

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to have the severance pay remain as presented in Section B Paragraph 1 in draft employment agreement. Motion Carried

Old Business -

- Braun Kendrick Invoice - Clayette Zechmeister reported that she was not aware that the invoice has been sent.
- Closed Session Minutes - Commissioner Bardwell will follow up on matter.
- Animal Control Ordinance - Commissioner Vaughan will contact Clayton Johnson regarding the County Animal Control ordinance for clarification.
- Commissioner Vaughan has been contacted by a person interested in opening a coffee shop in a local Village that ran into a hang-up with building codes and requirements that they were told that had to be followed. Commissioner Vaughan will follow-up.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- 2019 State Equalization Report
- Oakland County IT Services Agreement for the Clemis program

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTSYOUNG

Board of Public Works - June meeting cancelled.
County Road Commission Liaison - Met today.
Dispatch Authority Board
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Meets June 14th.
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 - Sanilac County is now included.
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Quality Roast ceremony was well attended.

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

GRIMSHAW - No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government

JENSEN

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Jail Planning Committee
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee - Update provided from meeting.
MEMS All Hazard - Expressed accolades to the Tuscola County Road
Commission for their good work during the recent flooding.
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Update provided regarding Cass
River Greenways.

BARDWELL

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

Other Business as Necessary -

-Resolution to be presented to Mike Hoagland - Clerk Fetting will assist
Commissioner Bardwell in preparing a resolution.

Extended Public Comment -

-Gary Rolka addressed the Board regarding the Caro Center. He thanked the Commissioners for their support in retaining the Caro Center in Tuscola County.

Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk