

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
August 15, 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 15th day of August 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, Nancy Laskowski, Register John Bishop, Senator Kevin Daley, Steve Anderson, Pam Shook, Mark Haney

*Adoption of Agenda -*

19-M-150

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*

19-M-151

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 25, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

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

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*

19-M-152

Motion by Young, seconded Jensen by that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Resolution from the August 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/12/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to receive and place on file the 2018 Tuscola County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/12/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to receive and place on file the 2018/2019 Animal Shelter Annual Report.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/12/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to authorize the Building and Grounds Director to purchase a Kubota BX2680 tractor from Farm Depot for \$28,591.90. This is a budgeted item in the Equipment Fund (244) and no further budget amendments are necessary.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/12/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that Renee Francisco, Administrative Assistant, be appointed as the officer delegate and Deborah Babich, Fiscal/Personnel Analyst be appointed as the alternate officer delegate to the Municipal Employer Retirement System and authorization is given to attend the annual conference. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/12/19
- Description of Matter:** Move that James Hook, Deputy, be appointed as the employee delegate and Patricia Donovan-Gray, Treasurer be appointed as the alternate employee delegate to the Municipal Employer Retirement System and authorization is given to attend the annual conference. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

*New Business -**-Senator Kevin Daley -*

Senator Daley has had meetings in relation to the Caro Center and provided an overview of the meetings. He has been told a final decision has not been made by Governor Whitmer but it is hopeful the decision will be announced the first part of September 2019. Senator Daley also provided an update regarding a recent agricultural meeting. There is a proposed bill in order to allow farmers to apply for a low interest loan. Senator Daley has the wind turbine tax bill on his priority list.

*-State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution -*

Steve Anderson provided an overview from the meeting held at the Road Commission regarding the flooding damage experienced in the Spring of 2019.

## 19-M-153

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution as presented with all appropriate signatures authorized.

Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*-KC Communication Consultants Contract -*

Clayette Zechmeister presented the proposed month-to-month contract for KC Communications.

## 19-M-154

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to approve a month to month contract in the amount of \$3,000 per month with KC Communication Consultants to provide expert communications information explaining the ongoing needs of the Caro State Psychiatric Hospital. Contract funding will be requested from key stakeholders.

Commissioner Grimshaw would like to have a sunset date to review the continuation of the contract.

## 19-M-155

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to amend motion 19-M-154 to include the statement of contract is limited to a 4-month duration. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - no; Jensen - no; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - no. Motion to amend failed.

## 19-M-154 - Vote on original language of Motion

Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Vanderbilt Park Dump Station -

Mike Miller provided an update regarding the progress on the Dump Station. Mike is having difficulty getting the plans for the water system from the engineer in order to review them.

-Medical Care Funds Transfer Request -

Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received.

19-M-156

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that per request from the Medical Care Facility Chief Executive Officer that \$162,035.48 be transferred from the Voted Medical Care Facility Fund (298) to the Regular Medical Care Facility (291) for the items listed in the August 09, 2019 letter. Motion Carried.

-TRIAD Request (matter added) -

Commissioner Bardwell presented a request from TRIAD for a door prize donation to be used at the Senior Expo on October 17, 2019. The County is unable to participate in providing a donation. There is money budgeted for TRIAD that has not been transferred yet.

-MAC 7th District Meeting Update (matter added) -

Meeting has been confirmed to be held at the Brentwood in a front room for September 16, 2019 with registration to begin at 8:30 a.m. The agenda is pending recommendations from members of the District.

*Old Business -*

-Controller/Administrator Contractor -

Commissioner Bardwell reviewed what he found out regarding the differences between 46.11 and 46.13b. Board has been presented with a draft copy of the contract for the Controller/Administrator position.

19-M-157

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to approve the Controller/Administrator Employment Agreement as presented from our Law Firm of Braun Kendrick for the period of 2 years effective June 15, 2019 to June 14, 2021 and send to Clayette Zechmeister for review and approval. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - no. Motion Carried.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Clayette asked for clarification on how to present resolutions received from other counties. Board would like to continue to receive in the agenda packet.

-Board discussed the option of getting buses to transport people to the Caro Center rally at the Capital. Commissioner Vaughan will work on coordinating a pick-up location and sponsors to off-set the bus costs.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****YOUNG**

Board of Public Works - Discussed if water is needed at the Caro Center would bonds need to be sold and handled through Board of Public Works.

County Road Commission Liaison - Bid has been sent out for grader blades.

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 - Update provided regarding potential lack of funding.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative - Update provided regarding European Frogbit.

Senior Services Advisory Council

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

**BARDWELL**

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA - Meeting cancelled.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District - Update provided earlier in the meeting.

MAC Workers Comp Board

TRIAD - Update provided earlier in the meeting.

Local Units of Government Activity Report

**JENSEN**

Board of Health - Meets on Friday but did participate in the Veteran's Affairs Expo. The Health Department has received a grant to assist in marijuana education.

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

MEMS All Hazard - Katie Alexander is the new Director to replace Kathy Pokorski who recently retired.

Local Units of Government Activity Report - Board discussed progress on the Amish family in the Millington area.

**GRIMSHAW**

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Provided an update regarding staffing.  
Recycling Advisory  
Local Units of Government

**VAUGHAN**

Board of Health  
County Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Update provided.  
MAC Environmental Regulatory – Vice Chair  
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee  
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use  
Parks and Recreation Commission - Commission discussed having the property re-surveyed.  
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison  
Local Units of Government Activity Report - City of Vassar Manager resigned yesterday.

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-Commissioner Grimshaw discussed items included in the Open Meetings Act (OMA) and would like the Commissioners to each have a copy. Closed Session minutes may be destroyed after a year and it is not a shall statement. Commissioner Grimshaw discussed open meeting act violations that are discussed in the OMA. Commissioner Grimshaw would like to be provided a hard copy of any emails sent to Commissioners as he does not use a county email. Board discussed the matter.

*Extended Public Comment - None*

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk