

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 26, 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 26th day of September 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Worship Director, Nicholas Schmelter, First Presbyterian Church, Caro

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

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 8:09 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mike Miller Nicholas Schmelter, Register John Bishop, Mark Haney, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Sandy Nielsen, Eric Morris, Shelly Lutz

Adoption of Agenda -

19-M-173

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

19-M-174

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 12, 2019 Regular Board as corrected and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -

-Clerk Fetting asked for clarification on the Consent Agenda motion regarding Capital Services contract versus the proposed motion. The Consent Agenda motion can remain.

Consent Agenda Resolution -

19-M-175

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Resolution from the September 23, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/23/19
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the two month contract with Capitol Services through November 30, 2019 for \$4,200 each month. Also, all signatures and budget amendments be authorized.

Old Business (continued below) -

-Child Care Fund Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Contract for 2019/2020 - Karen Southgate presented information regarding the contract.

19-M-176

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that the previously approved budgeted contract for the Parent Education & Supervised Visitation program with List Psychological Services PLC. Services for October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020 be approved and all signatures be authorized. Motion Carried.

New Business (continued below)-

-RFP for Farm Leased Land - Mike Miller presented the proposed RFP. Board discussed which party should be responsible for the property taxes. The Board is wondering what taxes the County is paying on the property. Treasurer Donovan-Gray confirmed that the property is marked exempt in the tax system.

19-M-179

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to approve the RFP as presented for the Farm Leased Land. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Health Department Personnel Policies - Clayette Zechmeister presented the proposed policies that have been updated. The Board of Health has approved the proposed policies. Board discussed the proposed change in Section 6.1 as well as others.

17-M-177

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to table the approval of the Health Department policy changes, to refer to the County Human Resources Department for further review and to have Ann Hepfer attend an upcoming meeting to present the proposed changes to the Board. Motion Carried.

-Tuscola County Health Department Fee Schedule - Board reviewed the proposed fee schedule presented in the Board packet.

19-M-178

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Tuscola County Health Department Fee Schedule effective date of October 1, 2019 as approved by the Board of Health. Motion Carried with Grimshaw dissenting.

-Mosquito Abatement Update (matter added) - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on behalf of Kim Green regarding the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) concern and the efforts that Kim is taking to assist in combating a potential outbreak.

Old Business (continued from above) -

-Vanderbilt Park Dump Station - Mike Miller presented what the additional cost would be to upgrade the station to be able to include the addition of showers at a later date. Tip Maguire told Mike Miller that a permit from EGLE is no longer required. Mike Miller can proceed forward to include the potential of adding in the shower option.

-Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Articles of Incorporation Review - Clayette Zechmeister presented the written opinion provided by the county attorney in reference to question three in the letter presented by Abbey, Abbey and Thomas PLLC. Board discussed the EDC Articles of Incorporation. Board would like to determine if they have been filed with the State of Michigan. Board also discussed the appointment process of members to the EDC Board. Board discussed the current EDC by-laws.

New Business (continued from above)-

-Closed Session for Labor Negotiations -
19-M-180

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of new collective bargaining agreements. Also, allow Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Shelly Lutz and attorney representative Eric Morris with Braun Kendrick Law Firm to be in attendance. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried at 9:37 a.m.

19-M-181

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to reconvene from Closed session at 11:17 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

19-M-182

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to approve the September 26, 2019 Closed Session minutes. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 11:20 a.m.
Reconvened at 11:29 a.m.

Correspondence (continued below) -

-Commissioner Bardwell read a communication received from Jean Doss to provide to the news media as a statement regarding the Caro Center on the County's behalf. Board discussed.

Old Business (continued from above) -

-Treasurer Account Clerk III Position Refill -
19-M-083

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to temporarily lift the county hiring freeze and authorize the hiring of Garrett Smith to fill the vacant Account Clerk III position in the County Treasurer's office at Step I effective September 30, 2019 pending favorable background, physical and drug screen. Motion Carried.

-KC Communications Contract Continuation - Board would like to continue the contract at this time. Matter to be placed on the agenda at the beginning of November to consider continuation or termination.

Correspondence/Resolutions (continued from above) -

-Prosecutor Reene would like to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss the 2020 Budget. Board discussed the proper way to handle. Clerk Fetting to contact Attorney Clayton Johnson for guidance.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

JENSEN

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board - Meeting cancelled as the state budget has not been passed.

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility (MCF) Liaison - MCF has received donations from families to use towards landscaping.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report - Tuscola Township is still working on repairing their cemetery from the spring floods.

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board - Meets tonight.
Caro DDA/TIFA - Report provided.
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District - Minutes from the meeting have been sent.
MAC Workers Comp Board
TRIAD - Annual meeting is upcoming.
Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG

Board of Public Works
County Road Commission Liaison
Dispatch Authority Board - Texting to 911 is up and running.
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Report provided.
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 - Report provided.
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VAUGHAN

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC Environmental Regulatory
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 - Commissioner Vaughan presented a concern he received from a resident in Dayton Township regarding the run-off of their drive-way and the Road Commission.

GRIMSHAW - No Report.

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government

Other Business as Necessary -

- Grand Traverse County Resolution - Board discussed.
- SCMCCI - Board would like to review the information that was requested at the September 23, 2019 meeting upon it being presented.
- Animal Control Ordinance - The draft ordinance is in final review stages.
- Community Corrections Report

Extended Public Comment - None

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk