

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
January 16, 2020 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 16th day of January 2020, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell (excused at 8:45 a.m.), District 3 - Kim Vaughan (via Google Hangouts) (excused at 10:45 a.m.), District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Register John Bishop, Kim Green, Mark Haney, Sandra Nielsen, Jean Doss (via Google Hangouts), Mike Miller

Adoption of Agenda -
2020-M-017

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2020-M-018

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 23, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings, the December 27, 2019 Regular Board meeting and Public Hearing and January 13, 2020 Special Board meeting as amended (Motion 2020-M-014 stricken), Public Hearing and Organizational meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - Matters removed from the Consent Agenda and added to Old Business.

New Business -

-Review Mosquito Abatement Director Job Description - Kim Green reviewed the proposed job description for the Mosquito Abatement Director position.

2020-M-019

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to approve the Mosquito Abatement Director Job description and authorization is given to post and advertise the position. Motion Carried.

-Review RFP for Governmental Representation and Consulting Services - Commissioner Grimshaw presented a different version of an RFP than what was included in the Board Packet. Board discussed and decided additional review should happen prior to approval.

2020-M-020

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to table the proposed RFP for Government Relations and Legislative Representative Services. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Bardwell excused at 8:54 a.m.

Recessed at 8:54 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:00 a.m.

-Jean Doss, Capitol Services Update - Jean Doss provided an update. Board discussed the Caro Center and the ability to extend water for the project. Jean provided an update regarding the State budget. Jean discussed the Jail and Pretrial Incarceration Release Report.

-Controller Request to Carryover Vacation Time - Clayette explained request. Board discussed the matter.

2020-M-021

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that per the request of the Controller/Administrator that authorization is given to carryover any unused vacation days earned (7.5 days) for the time period of January 12, 2019 to January 12, 2020 because of extenuating circumstances that required the Controller/Administrator to perform numerous responsibilities that normally would not be required resulting in the inability to use vacation time in the normal 12-month period. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Motion Carried.

-Animal Control Kennel Attendant Vacancy -

2020-M-022

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that per the request from the Controller/Administrator authorization is given to post and advertise to refill a part time Kennel Attendant due to an upcoming vacancy. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-2020 Mileage Rate -

2020-M-023

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that per the correspondence from the Internal Revenue Service that effective January 1, 2020 the standard county mileage rate be decreased from \$0.58 per mile to \$0.575 per mile. Motion Carried.

-RFP for Imaging/Restoration in the Register of Deeds Office -

2020-M-024

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that per the request from the Register of Deeds the posting for the RFP for imaging/restoration of records in the Deeds office be posted. Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Vaughan - yes; Young - no. Tie Vote motion fails.

2020-M-025

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan that per the request from the Register of Deeds for imaging/restoration of records in the Deeds office per the proposal received from Kofile Technologies. Motion Carried with Jensen dissenting.

-IT Department Vacancy -

2020-M-026

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to rescind the county hiring freeze and authorize the hiring of Matthew Brown as an IT Help Desk Technician at Step I effective January 17, 2020 pending favorable background, physical and drug screen. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

Other Business as Necessary -

-Police Contracts - Commissioner Grimshaw questioned how the police contracts are invoiced to the Townships and how payment is received. Clayette explained the process as it currently happens. Board discussed.

-Controller/Administrator Office Restructure -

2020-M-027

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to approve effective Jan 13, 2020 the Controller/Administrators Office restructure to eliminate the Chief Accountant Position, promote the part-time Account Clerk II to a full-time Human Resource/Finance Assistant. Eliminate the full-time shared Account Clerk II, promote the Administrative Assistant to Financial Coordinator, and update the wage scale for the Human Resource Director. Also, authorization to post and advertise to refill a part-time Account Clerk II for the Register of Deeds office. Total reduction to the General Fund is approximately \$66,958.00. Motion Carried with Grimshaw dissenting.

-Commissioner Vaughan excused at 10:45 a.m.

Extended Public Comment -

-Register Bishop asked the Board to verify that he can post and advertise for the part-time position in his office. Board verified that he could.

-Sheriff Skrent asked Commissioner Grimshaw if there is a question regarding his employee that the question be directed to him rather than to the deputy due to a statement made at the Vassar Township Clerk.

-Board discussed transitioning employee leave time to PTO hours.

-Wayne Koper addressed the Board and thanked the Board for passing a county budget. Addressed the "riot" remark made by Clayette Zechmeister. He feels requests made by department heads were not unreasonable and only asks requests when needed. Addressed how the meeting is dominated by one Commissioner and has negative words.

-Mike Miller addressed the Board that the property that was discussed, the owners are willing to sell the property and consider an offer. Matter to be placed on an upcoming agenda for discussion.

-Commissioner Jensen will not be able to attend the January 30th meeting.

-Clayette Zechmeister reported that Deena Bosworth will provide an update at the January 30, 2020 meeting.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**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

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report - His locals have received the draft animal control ordinance and will be responding.

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

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 - Meets today.
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Commissioner Young has reviewed the Saginaw County Animal Control ordinance and would like Tuscola County to consider modeling after theirs.

VAUGHAN - absent

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

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government - Vassar Township has received the draft Animal Control Ordinance.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk