

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 30, 2020 Minutes
Electronic Meeting held via Google Hangouts
To be held in compliance with EO 2020-48 and 2020-59

Commissioner Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held via Google Hangouts on the 30th day of April 2020, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Grimshaw

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 (excused at 12:37 p.m.)

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Steve Anderson, Sandy Nielsen, Brian Neuville, Lisa Ozbat, Mark Haney, Mary Drier, Wayne Koper, Representative Phil Green, Pam Shook, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Bob Baxter, Tracy Violet, Jessica Van Hove, Matt Brown, Jane Degrou, Ann Hepfer, Steve Erickson, Treasurer Pat Donovan-Gray, Barry Lapp, Brian Harris, Glen Roth, Rahm Mormando, Senator Kevin Daley, Register John Bishop

At 8:09 a.m., there were a total of 29 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -
2020-M-091

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the agenda as amended.
Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2020-M-092

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 16, 2020 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Representative Phil Green Update (matter added) - An update was provided regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and how the situation has been handled in Tuscola and Huron County. He also provided an update as to how the House is attempting to work on an agreement with Governor Whitmer.

-County Impacts from COVID-19 Update - Ann Hepfer, Health Officer - Tuscola County has 98 cases that have tested positive with 13 deaths. Testing clinics have been started in Tuscola County two days a week. There is still a shortage of test kits.

-Human Development Commission (HDC) Additional Millage Allocation Request for Home Delivered Meals Program - Brian Neuville explained the pending request that is expected to carry the program through September 30, 2020.

2020-M-093

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that per the request from Brian Neuville, Deputy Director at Human Development Commission to approve the request of \$34,991.00 in additional appropriations from the Voted Senior Millage for the Home Delivered meal program. Also, authorize the budget amendment through the use of fund balance in the 297 Voted Senior Citizens Fund. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Next Steps on Potentially Opening of the County - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update to the Board regarding some steps that have already been taken but is looking for input from the Commissioners on steps to reopen the County. Board discussed putting a plan in place to be prepared even though the date is unknown.

-Economic Development Corporation (EDC) (matter added) - Steve Erickson provided an update regarding the struggles local businesses have been experiencing during the pandemic.

Recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

At 10:20 a.m., there were a total of 31 participants attending the electronic meeting.

-2020 Tax Rate General Operating L-4029 - Clayette Zechmeister explained that the L4029 needs to be approved and signed.

2020-M-094

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that the form L-4029 authorizing the 2020 tax rate levy for County General Operating be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Proposed Tuscola County COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (matter added) - Clayette Zechmeister provided a proposed plan that Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) provided as a template but was customized to Tuscola County. Board discussed the matter at length.

2020-M-095

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to table the discussion to the next regularly scheduled Tuscola County Board of Commissioners meeting. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Equipment/Technology Fund Review - Clayette Zechmeister presented the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 2020 budget year to review items that potentially could be postponed. Mike Miller was able to cancel the order of the pool vehicle. Eean Lee reviewed projects under Computer Operations that could be delayed.

-Capital Improvements Fund Review (continued below) - Clayette Zechmeister presented the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the 2020 budget year to review items that potentially could be postponed.

-Senator Daley Update (matter added) - An update was provided as the Senate is meeting today in regards to the extension of the emergency declaration. Opening of the state was discussed with the different businesses affected by the Stay Home order.

-Capital Improvements Fund Review (continued from above) - Mike Miller reviewed a couple of projects that he would like to move forward on and what projects can be delayed.

-Veterans Millage Renewal Proposal - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the fund balance.
2020-M-096

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that the ballot language, as recommended by the Corporate Council, to renew the veterans special purpose millage for a six (6) year period be submitted to the County Clerk for inclusion on the November 2020 ballot for a public vote.

TUSCOLA COUNTY VETERANS MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

For the purpose of providing dedicated services to veterans of the United States military and their qualified dependents within the County Of Tuscola ("County"), shall the previously voted increase in the taxable property rate limitation which may be imposed for all purposes upon real and personal property in the County, as provided in the Michigan Constitution of 1963, as amended, be renewed at the rate of .17 mills (\$0.17 per \$1,000) of taxable valuation, for a period of six (6) years, in the years 2021 to 2026, both inclusive? This levy is estimated to raise \$316,375 in the first year.

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

-Mosquito Control and Abatement Millage Renewal Proposal - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the fund balance.
2020-M-097

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that the ballot language, as recommended by the Corporate Council, to renew the Mosquito Abatement special purpose millage for a six (6) year period be submitted to the County Clerk for inclusion on the August 2020 primary ballot for a public vote.

TUSCOLA COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL AND ABATEMENT PROPOSAL

Shall the previous voted increase in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6, of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within Tuscola County, Michigan, be renewed at .6316 mills (\$.6316 for each \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of six (6) years from 2020 to 2025, inclusive, to finance the control and abatement of mosquitoes in Tuscola County? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage raises an estimated \$1,131,904 in the first calendar year after its approval. All revenue will be disbursed only to Tuscola County and shall be exclusively used for mosquito control and abatement services to property within Tuscola County. This is a renewal of a previously voter-approved authorization that will expire before the effective date of this authorization.

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

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

JENSEN

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Census is down and there is an expected revenue loss. Management is taking action to adjust for that loss.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL - No Updates

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

Senior Services Advisory Council

Tuscola 2020

Local Units of Government Activity Report - The water levels near the Quanicasse area are very high. Vanderbilt Park has a great view of the water.

VAUGHAN

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - The State Property paperwork has been completed and the State is ready to transfer to the County.

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 - A dedicated hotline has been established for citizens to use during the pandemic.

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Grimshaw requested the amount spent on legal fees to negotiate the Courthouse Deputies contract. Clayette reviewed the amounts she had available.

-Commissioner Grimshaw requested an update on MREC.

-Commissioner Young asked to verify when the Board will be meeting next. At this point, the Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2020 and the full Board meeting will be on May 14, 2020. If there are not enough action items for the COW meeting, the Board will consider cancelling it.

-Resolution from Berrien County Board of Commissioners.

At 12:34 p.m., there were a total of 29 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Extended Public Comment -

-Wayne Koper responded to Representative Green's update, referenced pension reform.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 12:37 p.m.

-John Bishop asked for clarification on the discussion regarding the services being provided by the Register of Deeds office.

-Pam Shook questioned if the Board would allow Vanderbilt Park to open and when the seasonal campers could come in. Commissioner Vaughan reviewed the procedures for private campgrounds. Board would like to have a projected

open date of May 15, 2020. Although, if the campsite is for an essential worker it would be considered sooner. Commissioner Bardwell suggested that the Board put something official in writing for Pam to have as a reference.

-Mike Miller would like clarity on Vanderbilt Park attendees.

-Commissioner Vaughan reviewed information he has received.

-Board would like to hold off on official action until more clarification can be received.

2020-M-098

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk