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TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 13, 2020 Minutes

Electronic Meeting held via Google Meet

Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-129, implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Commissioner Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held via Google Meet on the 13th day of August 2020, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Grimshaw

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 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent - District 4 - Mark Jensen

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Michael Rolando, Mary Drier, Barb Klimaszewski, Sandy Nielsen, Matt Brown, Tracy Violet, Tracy Speier, Debbie Babich, Glen Skrent, Mark Ransford, Mark Haney, Heidi Chicilli, Renee Francisco, Steve Anderson, Doug DuRussel, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Megan Bartolowits, David Stockman, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray, Lisa Ozbat, Rachael Bartolowits, Rahm Mormando, Bob Baxter, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Shelly Lutz, Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid

At 8:09 a.m., there were a total of 31 participants attending the electronic meeting.

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
2020-M-169

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

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
2020-M-170

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 30, 2020 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

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

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -*

-Request to use Courthouse Lawn for Suicide Prevention Week - Clayette Zechmeister explained the request.

2020-M-171

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that per the correspondence request dated August 4, 2020 from Susan Holder, with the Tuscola County Suicide Prevention Coalition, that permission be granted to use the Courthouse lawn for the month of September for suicide prevention month. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - absent; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Appointment to Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board - Clayette Zechmeister explained the request.

2020-M-172

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the recommendation from the Behavioral Health Systems Board that Karen Snider be appointed to fill the vacancy due to the resignation of Paula Cavanaugh. Appointment will be for the balance of a 3-year term which will expire on March 31, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Drain Commission Refill Vacant Position - Drain Commissioner Mantey explained his request.

2020-M-173

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation from Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, that Alecia Little fill the vacated Account Clerk III position effective August 24, 2020 at step one pending physical and background check. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 24, 2020 - Board discussed if there was a need to hold the meeting and it was determined that the meeting would be held as scheduled in order to discuss the 2021 Budget.

-Treasurer's Office Staffing Request - Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray explained the proposed request.

2020-M-174

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation of Patricia Donovan-Gray, County Treasurer, that temporary positions be advertised for to fill her office staff. Roll Call Vote - Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Old Business -*

-MIDC Information Barb Klimaszewski - Barb provided an overview of the recently signed contract. The Board also discussed the option of changing the position from full-time to part-time.

Per Commissioner Grimshaw's request, the below statement was made by Barb Klimaszewski:

At the end of the Fiscal Year, 100% of the grant funds must be spent. 50% of the grant funds will be received within 15 days after the contract is signed which does not require anything to be spent first.

-MIDC Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator Replacement - Clayette Zechmeister presented that the selected candidate was Michael Rolando.

2020-M-175

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that per the recommendation of the Controller/Administrator Clayette Zechmeister that Michael Rolando be appointed the Managed Assigned Counsel Administrator for the Tuscola County Michigan Indigent Defense program pending physical and background check. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - absent; Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:03 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Grimshaw

Absent: Jensen

-Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM) Letter - Dr. David Stockman presented to the Board regarding MIFSM's request to increase the cremation permit fee. Board discussed the matter at length. Mark Ransford spoke in reference to the matter. Board would like to refer this matter to legal counsel. Clayette to follow up with counsel.

Clerk Fetting excused at 11:12 a.m.

Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid assumed duties.

-Annex Entry Door Modifications at the Prosecutor's Office -

2020-M-176

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve the request from the Prosecutor's Office for the annex entrance door modifications in the amount of \$3,542.96 to Thumb Security Lock Service. Also, all appropriate budget amendments in the Capital Fund be authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

At 11:50 a.m. there were a total 19 participants attending the electronic meeting.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -None*

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **YOUNG**

Board of Public Works  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Dispatch Authority Board  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - Meeting has been cancelled.  
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  
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### **VAUGHAN**

Board of Health  
County Planning Commission  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Reviewed applications for Re-start Business grants.  
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

### **JENSEN** - absent

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)

**JENSEN** – continued (absent)  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
MEMS All Hazard  
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**BARDWELL**  
Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA - Zoom Meeting - Discussed LED lights and Farmers Market groundbreaking.  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District - Considering either cancelling or postponing upcoming meeting.  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
TRIAD  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

*Other Business as Necessary -*

-Clayette Zechmeister informed Board that Gary Rolka reached out and his offering his assistance in regards to apply for grants for the financing of the jail.

Clayette Zechmeister informed the Board of the Roll or Stroll Celebration held by Hills & Dales Hospital on August 14, 2020.

Clayette Zechmeister gave a brief update of the Caro Center.

Commissioner Grimshaw informed the Board he looked up the Supreme Court case regarding adding fees to tax bills and stated it is unconstitutional. Matter discussed. Board requested Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray attend a Board meeting to discuss the foreclosure property issue.

Commissioner Vaughan informed the Board that Boy Scout Road is open.

*Extended Public Comment -None*

2020-M-177

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 11:56 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

Caryl Langmaid  
Chief Deputy Clerk