

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 1, 2020 Minutes

Electronic Meeting held via Google Meet

Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-154, 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 1st day of October 2020, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young (excused at 12:13 p.m.), District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Douglas DuRussel, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Raechel Bartolowits, Judge Nancy Thane, Ann Hepfer, Lisa Ozbat, Steve Anderson, Wayne Koper, Register John Bishop, Bob Baxter, Steve Root, James Childs, Carmell Pattullo, Sandy Nielsen, Tracy Violet, Jana Brown, Heidi Chicilli, Mark Ransford, Kenneth Currey, Jackie Cook, Shannon Gwizdala, Shelly Lutz, Robert McKay

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

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
2020-M-206

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-207

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 17, 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 -*

- Register John Bishop asked questions regarding the Coronavirus Funding Grant.
- Sandy Nielsen asked for clarification on the Workman's Compensation matter.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*

2020-M-208

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Resolution from the September 28, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 9/28/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$30,999. Also, all signatures are authorized.

*New Business -*

- 2020 Tuscola County Coronavirus Funding - Ean Lee reviewed his proposal to purchase additional laptop computers. Board discussed.

2020-M-209

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve the proposed expenditures from the Coronavirus Relief Funding in the amount of \$417,467.00 for the following requests from the Technology/IT Department for all items in the Department's request, video visitation at the Jail and remaining to purchase PPE as necessary. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

- Update from Ann Hepfer, Health Officer - Ann provided an update on the Coronavirus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Drive-thru testing for influenza and coronavirus is being conducted. An option for an enclosed drive-thru testing site is being researched.

- Legislative Update - Commissioner Bardwell talked with Senator Daley yesterday. Senator Daley stated that either he or Representative Green will try to attend the Board Meetings more regularly.

- Election Grant Request – Clerk Fetting explained the opportunity to apply for the grant through the Center for Technology and Civic Life. Board expressed their support in moving forward to apply for the grant.

-Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority -  
2020-M-210

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that as in previous years South Central Construction Code Commission be approved for the administration and enforcement for plan review and inspection of school buildings for, Akron-Fairgrove Schools, Caro Community Schools, Cass City Public Schools, Kingston Community Schools, Mayville Community Schools, Millington Community Schools, Reese Public Schools, Vassar Public Schools, Unionville Sebewaing Schools, and Tuscola ISD. Also, authorized documents are approved for signature. Annual approval of this inspection work is a requirement of the State. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Virtual Open Enrollment Information - Shelly explained matter.

*Old Business -*

-Workman's Compensation Budget Amendment Request - Debbie Babich and Shelly Lutz explained the budget amendment request for the Workman's Compensation Fund.

*New Business (continued from above) -*

-Closed Session -

2020-M-211

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the contents of a written legal memorandum from its attorney, which is exempted from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, with Clay Johnson, Eric Morris, Shelly Lutz, Jodi Fetting and Tracy Violet to be allowed to attend the closed session at 10:22 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:22 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

At 11:14 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the electronic meeting.

*Old Business (continued from above) -*

-MIFSM Contract and Cremation Fee Increase Request Correspondence - Board is going to take additional time to review the matter.

-Workman's Compensation Budget Amendment Request - Board continued discussion from before the Closed Session in regards to the unexpected budget increases in Workman's Compensation.

2020-M-212

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Workers Compensation Budget Amended Request as presented. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-2021 Budget Process:

- 2021 Budget Information Sheet - Debbie Babich reviewed the information provided in the Board packet.
- 2021 General Fund Projected Revenues - Board discussed.
- 2021 General Fund DRAFT Total Department Expenses - Board discussed using the projected state revenue sharing amounts and projected non-union raise.
- 2021 Estimated All Fund Balances - Board Discussed

2020-M-213

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Young that the Controller/Administrator be directed to prepare the revenue line-item detail budgets according to Alternative 1 that includes the Revenue Sharing restored to the 2020 levels. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

2020-M-214

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw that the Controller/Administrator be directed to prepare the General Fund expenditure budget to include a 3% increase for all non-union employees. Young - yes; Vaughan - yes, Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

2020-M-215

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that the Controller/Administrator be directed to submit these budget changes to departments for review and comment.

2020-M-216

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to amend motion 2020-M-215 to include proposed 2021. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

2020-M-215 as amended

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that the Controller/Administrator be directed to submit these proposed 2021 budget changes to departments for review and comment. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Correspondence/Resolutions - None*

Commissioner Young excused at 12:13 p.m.

## **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 - Meeting held outside.  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

### **BARDWELL**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District - Virtual Meeting being worked on.  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
TRIAD  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

### **YOUNG** - No Updates

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

**VAUGHAN** - No Updates

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 - Update provided.

Recycling Advisory - Meeting held yesterday.

Local Units of Government

*Other Business as Necessary* - None

At 12:18 p.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the electronic meeting.

*Extended Public Comment* -

-Register John Bishop spoke in reference to the CARES act grant funds usage.

-Wayne Koper spoke in reference to the US Census 2020.

2020-M-217

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Grimshaw to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:24 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk