

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 15, 2020 Minutes

HH Purdy Building

Hybrid Meeting held in-person and using Google Meet

Electronic remote access will be incorporated for this meeting,

in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order

Under MCL 333-2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order.

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building located in the City of Caro, Michigan and via Google Meet on the 15th day of October 2020, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Grimshaw

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

District 2 - Thomas Bardwell

District 3 - Kim Vaughan

District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioners Present Virtual:

District 1 - Thomas Young - Columbia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

District 4 - Mark Jensen - Millington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present In-person:

Tracy Violet, Register John Bishop, Steve Erickson, Jim McLoskey, Mike Miller

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Douglas DuRussel, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Steve Anderson, Steve Root, Sandy Nielsen, Jana Brown, Heidi Chicilli, Shelly Lutz, Cody Horton, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Matt Brown, Barry Lapp, Jessica Van Hove, Sandy Erskine, Robert Baxter, Nancy Barrios

At 8:16 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -
2020-M-218

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2020-M-219

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the
October 1, 2020 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings and the October
12, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting. 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 -
2020-M-208

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan that the Consent Agenda Minutes
and Consent Agenda Resolution from the October 12, 2020 Committee of the
Whole Meeting be adopted with Item B removed and placed under New
Business. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan
- yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the inmate telephone service agreement with Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC and Tuscola County, Michigan to be effective September 01, 2020. Also, all signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve a \$10.00 (per use) Vanderbilt County Park “non-camper” sewage dump fee. Also, all signatures are authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve an "Off-Season camper storage fee" of \$360.00 for the entire off-season for Vanderbilt County Park to be paid in advance (or \$2.00/day) Plus a \$20.00 per day electric fee for each day units are occupied for ice fishing or hunting purposes. Also, all signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the purchase and installation of "No Thru Traffic" signs for Vanderbilt County Park. Also, all signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the purchase of a TV for the Conference Room in Purdy Building for meetings. Also, all signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B (Item removed)
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/15/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the inmate healthcare services agreement effective January 01, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for \$154,034.04 with Correctional Healthcare Companies, LLC. Also, all signatures are authorized.

New Business -

-Correctional Healthcare Companies, LLC. Renewal of Contract - Matter was Item B in the Consent Agenda and was removed for further discussion.

2020-M-221

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to approve the inmate healthcare services agreement effective January 01, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for \$154,034.04 with Correctional Healthcare Companies, LLC. Also, all signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Jail COVID Challenge Update - Sheriff Skrent reviewed challenges that are being faced in Corrections with having two positive COVID tests.

-Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Expanded Update – Steve Erickson provided an update regarding the 138 grant applications that were received. The Executive Board awarded 107 grants in various amounts. Steve also stated that there are a couple of businesses that are interested in the former prison near the Caro Center. An update was provided on Brownfield Funding. Glen Roth retired in June 2020 and Steve expressed his appreciation of Glen for over 20 years of service.

-Recent Supreme Court Decision - Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the changes that have been implemented as the Supreme Court Decision was effective immediately.

-Michigan State Police (MSP) Post Fire Suppression Options/Estimates - Mike Miller reviewed the various options available and the costs associated with each option which were included in the Board Agenda packet. Mike Miller will communicate with the State the various options and bring the feedback back to the Commissioners.

-2021 Capital Expense Review and Prioritization - Mike Miller reviewed the capital expense report. Many of the items included on the request list are holdovers from 2020 when all expenses were placed on hold. He reviewed the items that he feels are highest priority.

-Elected/Appointed Compensation - Board discussed the salaries for the County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Drain Commissioner. Board would like to get the salary information from Shiawassee County and Newaygo County for their Elected Officials. Matter to be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

-Tuscola Behavioral Health System (TBHS) Jail Placement Costs Contract - Sheriff Skrent reviewed the proposed contract.

2020-M-222

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve the contract with Tuscola Behavioral Health System for the 2021 year as proposed with all signatures authorized to make the contract effective. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Animal Control Position Filled - Request was included in the Board Agenda packet.

2020-M-223

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that Gloria Armstead be hired to refill the vacant position of Animal Control Assistant. Gloria's hiring is contingent upon successful completion of a drug screening, physical, and background check. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Commissioner Training - Board discussed upcoming training being offered through MSU Extension for Commissioners. If a Commissioner is interested in attending, please contact Shelly.

-Cares Act Relief Act Mandatory Training Update – Shelly Lutz and Debbie Babich attended a recent webinar regarding the matter and provided an update.

Old Business -

-2021 Budget Progress - Future Milestones - Debbie Babich stated she is waiting on some information from a couple of Departments in order to continue forward in the budget process. If there is a Department that has not input a 2021 budget, the Board would like their 2020 numbers used in order to project the 2021 budget if the Department does not provide by October 16, 2020.

-MAC 7th Meeting Distribution - Meeting invitations have been sent out for a virtual meeting on October 19, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

-Estimate for an ADA Door at the Purdy Building - Mike Miller reviewed the estimate received to transition the front door of the Purdy Building to be ADA compliant.

2020-M-224

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to accept the bid for the handicap accessible front door for the Purdy Building from Thumb Security Lock Service in an amount of \$2,427.96. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Workman's Compensation Update - Shelly Lutz provided an update in regards to the increase in costs. Shelly is currently working with a representative to have further clarification to be provided to the driver of the cost increase. Board discussed the distribution of the cost of the Workman's Compensation costs.

-Building Codes Discussion - Board discussed to Building Codes. Commissioner Vaughan has received a written letter that he presented to the other Commissioners.

-Caro Center - Commissioner Bardwell reviewed an update provided by Jean Doss which was included in the Board Agenda packet.

-Tuscola Data on Autopsies and Cremations - Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the Medical Examiner History from 2000 to current.

Commissioner Young excused at 11:41 p.m.

-Parks & Recreation Non-Park Traffic Usage - Board intended to adopt this matter in the Consent Agenda. Clerk Fetting will add back to the Consent Agenda as there was confusion on if it was to be included in the Consent Agenda or placed on the regular agenda as two versions were presented.

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

JENSEN

Board of Health - Meets tomorrow.
Community Corrections Advisory Board - Meets next week.
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

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA - The farmer's market is coming together in downtown Caro.
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
TRIAD - Update provided from meeting regarding the number of cases of elder abuse.
Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG - absent

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)

YOUNG - continued

Region VI Economic Development Planning
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report

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 - The land near the river should have a deed presented soon to the County Land Bank.

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government

-Commissioner Bardwell reviewed Board Rules Section 6.2 and Board Rules Section 6.5.

-Eean Lee explained that a video switching device is being researched to allow an alternate view of the Board room when someone is speaking at the podium. Also, the option of a lapel microphone for the Commissioners is being researched.

Other Business as Necessary -

-Sandy Nielsen provided clarification on the Caro MMR coverage.

At 12:03 p.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Extended Public Comment

-Nancy Barrios asked for clarification on the revised form to include the off-season rates. She also asked if the Parks and Recreation Commission could begin to meet in person and the Board felt that they could as long as they adhered to the DHHS Emergency Order guideline.

2020-M-225

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes;

Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk