

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 12, 2020 Minutes

Hybrid Meeting held in-person at the HH Purdy Building incorporating Google Meet Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order Under MCL 333-2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order and Public Act 228 of 2020.

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 12th day of November 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 In-Person:

District 2 - Thomas Bardwell

District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:07 a.m.)

Commissioners Present Virtual:

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

District 3 - Kim Vaughan - Lake County, State of Florida

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

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present In-person:

Eean Lee, Register John Bishop, Jerry Johnson

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Doug DuRussel, Debbie Babich, Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Steve Anderson, Steve Root, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Barry Lapp, Lisa Ozbat, Robert Baxter, Mark Ransford, Ann Hepfer, Matt Brown, Heidi Chicilli, Debbie Mika, Shannon Gwizdala, Kim Brinkman, Steve Erickson, Wayne Koper, Cindy Volz, Shelly Lutz, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:07 a.m.

At 8:11 a.m., there were a total of 27 participants attending the meeting.

*Adoption of Agenda -
2020-M-234*

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen 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-235*

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to adopt the meeting minutes from the
October 29, 2020 Regular Board 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-236*

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen that the Consent Agenda Minutes and
Resolution from the November 9, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be
adopted. 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 11/09/20

Description of Matter: Move to approve the purchase of the following items from the 2020
Mosquito Abatement fund:
\$17,815.17 for a ULV sprayer from account 240-100-970-030 (ULV
Sprayers).
\$20,296.60 for a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 work truck from
account 240-100-970-010 (Trucks).

Also, the following budgets be amended:
Reduce 240-100-970-050 (Office Equipment) by \$2,815 and Increase
240-100-970-030 (ULV Sprayers) by the same.
Reduce 240-100-747-000 (Gas, Oil Grease) by \$16,697 and Increase
240-100-970-010 (Trucks) by the same.
Reduce 240-100-970-020 (Truck Accessories) by \$3,600 and Increase
240-100-970-010 (Trucks) by the same.

- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to add \$13,500 to the 2021 transfer out in the General Fund to the Purdy Building Debt fund.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to add another full-time Animal Control Officer to the 2021 Budget by increasing the General Fund transfer to the animal shelter by \$60,000.
Also, increase the salary line item in the Animal Shelter for the remaining \$4,000.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve to include in the 2021 budget \$97,914 to the General Fund transfer out to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) fund to match the grant that was approved.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve to include in the 2021 budget for the Controller's Office in the General Fund budget: \$1,000 for membership, \$1,000 for travel and \$1,000 for training.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve to include in the 2021 budget for the Register of Deeds Office in the General Fund: \$4,500 for supplies, \$1,000 for travel and \$700 for training.

- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve to include in the 2021 Equipment/Technology Fund \$1,000 for two desks for the Controller's Office.
- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve to include in the 2021 General Fund jail budget \$237,584 for various items that were left off the budget spreadsheet presented October 26, 2020.
- Agenda Reference:** I
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the request from Judge Gierhart for the construction of a wall in the Friend of the Court (FOC) office at a cost of \$4,423. Also, cost is to be charged to the Circuit Court budget line item 101-130-801-000.
- Agenda Reference:** J
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 11/09/20
- Description of Matter:** Move to authorize the hiring of Leah Dinsmore as a part-time Account Clerk II in the Register of Deeds Office to replace the previously vacated part-time position pending physical and background check.

New Business

-8:00 Public Hearing – Village of Reese Annexation, Order of Determination to Annex Certain Lands to the Village of Reese

Recessed at 8:14 a.m.

Reconvened at 8:17 a.m.

2020-M-237

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to adopt Resolution 2020-11 titled "Order of Determination by the Board of Commissioners to Annex Certain Lands to the Village of Reese, Michigan". Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Firearm Purchase and 2020 Budget Amendment Request - Clayette presented a request from Undersheriff Baxter. Board has further questions and will bring the matter back up later in the meeting once the Undersheriff can join the meeting to explain.

-MSU Extension Agreement for Extension Services for FY2021- Jerry Johnson, District 10 Director explained the proposed agreement. Board discussed the agreement terms.

2020-M-238

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that the 2021 agreement with Michigan State University for Extension Services be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-MSU Extension (MSUe) 2020 Annual Report - Jerry Johnson, District 10 Director, presented the annual report.

2020-M-239

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to accept and place on file the 2020 MSUe Annual Report. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Sheriff Firearm Purchase and 2020 Budget Amendment Request (matter continued from above) - Undersheriff Baxter explained the request. Board considered including it in the 2021 Budget versus in the 2020 Budget.

2020-M-240

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the request from Undersheriff Baxter to approve the use of fund balance to purchase firearms for the road patrol deputies in the amount of approximately \$16,000. Also, approve all necessary budget amendments. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Subcontract with the County of Lapeer - Clayette Zechmeister explained the agreement.

2020-M-241

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to approve the FY2021 Subcontract Agreement with Lapeer County for the Thumb Narcotics Unit (T.N.U.) through the Byrne Jag Grant. No matching funds are required. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn - Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received.

2020-M-242

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the November 8, 2020 request from Marsha Perez that authorization be given to the Caro Women's Interfaith Committee to use the Courthouse Lawn from November 28, 2020 to January 2, 2021 for the annual Christmas display. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Budget Request - Steve Erickson has requested a budget increase of \$70,000 for the 2021 budget year. Clayette Zechmeister will forward the request to the Commissioners.

-County COVID-19 Update Regarding Recycling Center and SCMCCI - SCMCCI has had a COVID contact and is working remotely. The Recycling Center is currently closed due to having to place staff in quarantine due to COVID exposure. Ann Hepfer provided an update regarding the increase in the number of COVID cases in Tuscola County.

-Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Budget Request (continued from above) - Steve Erickson explained the reasons for the request for an increase in the EDC Budget. Board discussed the matter.

Commissioner Vaughan was present but was unable to vote on following motions due to a technical issue experienced.

2020-M-243

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to increase the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation budget to \$120,000.00 for 2021 Budget year. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - absent; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-Wage Increase Request from Judge Gierhart - Judge Gierhart explained the request submitted. Board discussed the matter.

2020-M-244

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve Judge Gierhart's recommendation to change the classification per the request from Deputy Court Clerk to Deputy Court Clerk/Recorder to include court recording responsibility effective January 1, 2021.

2020-M-245

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Grimshaw to amend motion 2020-M-244 to include with pay increased to \$20.18 per hour. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Vaughan - absent; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

2020-M-244 as amended

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve Judge Gierhart's recommendation to change the classification per the request from Deputy Court Clerk to Deputy Court Clerk/Recorder to include court recording responsibility effective January 1, 2021 with pay increased to \$20.18 per hour. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - absent; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 11:02 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

-Elected/Appointed Compensation - Board discussed the issue of salary for the Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds and Drain Commissioner. Board discussed the salary increase request presented by the Sheriff and County Clerk. Board discussed the salary increase request presented by Commissioner Grimshaw for the Register of Deeds and Drain Commissioner.

2020-M-246

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to raise the Register of Deeds and Drain Commissioner salary to equal that of the County Clerk and County Treasurer as of January 1, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - absent; Jensen - no; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-2021 Proposed Budgets -

- o General Fund
- o All Funds Budgets
- o Equipment/Capital Funds Detail

Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the 2021 proposed budget after the Commissioners made various adjustments during the meeting.

2020-M-247

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Draft 2021 County Budget be approved for review at a public hearing to be held on November 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Also, notice of the Public Hearing be placed in the local newspaper. And, copies of the updated budget be forwarded to county officials for review and comment. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - absent; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Update on Michigan Institute on Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM) and Alternative Medical Examiner Option (matter added) - Commissioner Bardwell provided an update on the MIFSM contact. Also, discussed the option of contracting with Capitol Toxicology and Dr. Morrone.

2020-M-248

Motion by Bardwell, seconded by Grimshaw that the Board of Commissioners authorize County Administration to evaluate the scope and cost of contracting with Dr. Morrone (or his medical group) to provide Medical Examiner services to the County. I further move that legal counsel for the County be authorized to work with County Administration and Dr. Morrone to negotiate a proposed agreement for Medical Examiner Services to be brought before the Board of Commissioners for final deliberation and decision as soon as feasible. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Commissioner Grimshaw reported on the Mid-State Health Board meeting.
- Commissioner Bardwell stated communication was received from the Jehovah's Witnesses.
- Commissioner Bardwell shared a thank you card received from Clayette Zechmeister.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**GRIMSHAW**

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government - City of Vassar has opted out of receiving services from SCMCCI.

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 - Meets at the end of the month.
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Township Boards in his district will have new members.

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA - Meeting cancelled
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Updated provided by Steve Erickson earlier in the meeting.

MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board - Update provided.
TRIAD
Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG

Board of Public Works
County Road Commission Liaison
Dispatch Authority Board - New CAD system should be up and running in the Spring of 2021.
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 - Update provided from the Village of Fairgrove meeting.

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

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Orientation - Commissioner Bardwell offered that if Commissioner Elect DuRussel needed anything to please reach out to the Board. Clayette is working on a New Commissioner packet. MAC new commissioner training will be virtual.

At 12:30 p.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting.

Extended Public Comment - None

2020-M-249

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to adjourn the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

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

Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk

TUSCOLA COUNTY
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Commissioner Grimshaw explained this hearing was necessary as there was a clerical error in one of the legal descriptions discussed at the public hearing held on September 17, 2020.

Public Comment – None

Public Hearing adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk