

## TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 25, 2020 Minutes

Meeting held via 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 via Google Meet on the 25th day of November 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 Virtual:

District 1 - Thomas Young - Columbia Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan  
District 2 - Thomas Bardwell - Ellington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan  
District 3 - Kim Vaughan - Fremont Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan  
District 4 - Mark Jensen - Millington Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan  
(excused at 9:38 a.m., rejoined at 10:05 a.m. excused at approximately 11:25 a.m.)  
District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw - Vassar Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Debbie Babich, Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Steve Anderson, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Lisa Ozbat, Wayne Koper, Mike Miller, Jana Brown, Nancy Barrios, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Barry Lapp, Bob Baxter, Brian Harris, Ashley Bennett, Mark Reene, Shelly Lutz

At 8:11 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting.

*Adoption of Agenda -*

2020-M-250

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen 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-251

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 12, 2020 Regular Board meeting as amended. 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-252*

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Resolution from the November 23, 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 11/23/20

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the budget amendment request in the Parks and Recreation fund to show \$25,000.00 use of fund balance on the park renovations line item in connection with the installation of the dump station.

*New Business -*

-Vanderbilt Park Potential Area Grant for Phragmites - Commissioner Vaughan provided an update regarding the grant as he received clarification from Steve Erickson. Nancy Barrios explained that a grant letter would not be required and the expected amount is \$1,500.00. It is being requested that \$3,000.00 continue to be budgeted for unexpected costs.

2020-M-252

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to approve the Application for the Michigan Invasive Species Program Tier 1, core funding of up to \$3,000.00 to be paid from the Parks and Recreation Fund (208). Also, approve all signatures and budget amendments as necessary. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-9:00 a.m. Public Hearing Regarding the 2021 County Budget -

Recessed at 9:00 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:08 a.m.

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At 9:13 a.m., there were a total of 32 participants attending the meeting.

-Additional Requests from Departments - Clayette Zechmeister explained budget increases received from the Sheriff's Department, the Court Administrator and the Drain Commissioner.

2020-M-254

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to include in the 2021 General Fund jail budget the request from the Sheriff's Department for an additional \$1,854.00 for janitorial supplies and an additional \$3,304.00 in clothing and bedding. The offset will be from the contingency line item in the General Fund. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

2020-M-255

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Young to include in the 2021 General Fund Court budget the request from the Court Administrator for an additional \$47,000.00 for court appointed attorney fees. The offset will be from the contingency line item in the General Fund. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

2020-M-256

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to include in the 2021 General Fund Drain Commissioner budget the request from the Drain Commissioner for an additional \$3,000.00 in training and an additional \$300.00 for cell phones. Offset will be from the Contingency line item in the General Fund. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Commissioner Jensen excused at 9:38 a.m.

Commissioner Jensen rejoined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

-2021 All Funds - Clayette Zechmeister provided information to the Board.

- General Fund Expenditures Totaled by Department
- General Fund Revenue and Expenditures Detail by Line Item
- Equipment/Capital Requests
- Special Revenue Funds Detail by Line Item
- Final Amendments to the 2021 Budget

2020-M-257

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to reduce the proposed County Treasurer's 2021 Budget by a total of \$75,000.00 to a new total of \$404,611.00 with that balance reduction to be transferred to the contingency fund line item. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Board discussed sick time payout that is budgeted.

-Board discussed the cost of the workman's cost that has been budgeted. Board would like to research options available to reduce cost in the year 2021.

-Adoption of the 2021 County All Funds Budget General Appropriations Act -

Commissioner Jensen excused during the All Funds Budget motion 2020-M-258 discussion although the exact time is unknown but was approximately 11:25 a.m.

2020-M-258

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Young to approve the General Appropriations Act adopting the 2021 County Budget be approved with reference to changes made and copies of the adopted budget incorporated with the financial reporting section on the county web page making this information available to County Officials and the public. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Old Business* - None

*Correspondence/Resolutions* -

-Communication regarding Enbridge included in the board agenda packet.

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**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)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

**BARDWELL** - Brief overview of each matter provided.

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

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

**YOUNG** - continued

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**

Board of Health -Expressed his appreciation of the hard work the Health Department has done during the pandemic.  
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  
Recycling Advisory  
Local Units of Government

*Other Business as Necessary* - none

At 11:32 a.m., there were a total of 24 participants attending the meeting.

*Extended Public Comment* -

-Wayne Koper questioned the amount of funding that would be required to assist local businesses and employees because of the pandemic.

2020-M-259

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m.  
Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - absent;  
Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk

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Commissioners Absent: None

Also present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Debbie Babich, Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Steve Anderson, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Lisa Ozbat, Wayne Koper, Mike Miller, Jana Brown, Nancy Barrios

At 9:00 a.m., there were a total of 30 participants attending the meeting.

Public Comment: None

Neither the Board nor Controller/Administrator Zechmeister had additional comments.

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to adjourn the public hearing at 9:08 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Jensen – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk