

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

February 11, 2021 Minutes

Amended February 25, 2021

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 254 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 11th day of February 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner DuRussel

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Grimshaw

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 - Lake County, State of Florida

District 4 - Doug DuRussel - Tuscola Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw - Vassar Township, Tuscola County, State of Michigan

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Tracy Violet, Matt Brown, Shelby Koper, Ann Hepfer, Mary Drier, Debbie Babich, Lisa Ozbat, John Schneider, Mark Haney, David Hemker, Dianna Lutz, Eric Morris, June Kennedy, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Wayne Koper, Sandy Erskine, Jana Brown, Michael Rolando, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Pat Dennis, Kim Brinkman, Sheila Long, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Larry Zapfe, Phil Petzold, Shelly Lutz, Register John Bishop

At 8:12 a.m., there were a total of 32 participants attending the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -

2021-M-024

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2021-M-025

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to adopt the meeting minutes from the
January 28, 2021 Regular meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes;
DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution -

2021-M-026

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that the Consent Agenda Minutes and
Resolution from the February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be
adopted. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes;
Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/08/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Purchase Agreement with the State Land Bank Authority to purchase real property located in the Township of Indianfields, County of Tuscola. Described in County Resolution 2020-7 as Parcel B, Parcel C and Parcel A-1 (Part of parcel no. 013-020-100-0600-01). Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/08/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the request from Brian Neuville, Deputy Director from Human Development Commission, due to an increased demand for home delivered meals caused by COVID-19, that \$91,887.00 be added to the budget for extra home delivered meals using line item 297-672-700-020 through the use of fund balance in the Voted Senior Citizens fund.

- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/08/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve amendment #1 to the G2G Cloud Solutions between I.T. Services and Oakland County for online payments. This amendment will add the feature to process credit cards for Tuscola County for online payments. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/08/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the budget amendment request from Undersheriff Baxter to increase the Road Patrol budget line item 207-309-975-000 by \$16,000.00 for the purchase of firearms and ammo through the use of the fund balance in the Road Patrol fund.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 2/08/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the State Police Lease proposal at 1365 Cleaver Rd in Caro for annual rent consideration of \$52,822.00. Also, to submit the proposal to State of Michigan, DTMB Real Estate Division for review.

Chairman Bardwell read Section 6.3 from the Board Rules titled Disorderly Conduct.

New Business -

-Updates - Ann Hepfer, Health Officer, provided an update on the number of COVID-19 cases within Tuscola County. Health Officer Hepfer also provided an update on the vaccination clinics. The vaccination clinic is being moved to the Richville Conservation Club. There are 7,418 Tuscola County residents that have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccination.

After three requests made by the Board Chair to Wayne Koper to remove a vulgar posting in Wayne Koper's video picture on the virtual Board meeting via Google Meet, the vulgar posting was not taken down for the continuation of the meeting. One more request was made and when the sign was not removed, upon agreement of the Board, Mr. Koper was removed from the virtual meeting using his video connection option. Before being removed from the virtual meeting, Chairman Bardwell reminded Mr. Koper that he could join the meeting again using the telephone and the Chairman provided the phone number and PIN.

-Budget Amendment Request – Court Administrator Sheila Long explained the request to add the overtime line item as it was missed in the budgeting process.

2021-M-027

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that per the request from Chief Judge Amy Grace Gierhart that the overtime line item 101-130-706-000 for hourly employees in the Unified Court budget be amend by \$1,500.00. This is the same amount that it has been in years past. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Old Business-

-Request to Add a Position (in County Treasurer's Office) – County Treasurer Ashley Bennett reviewed the legislative changes that are affecting her office requiring additional steps to be completed prior to foreclosing on a property. Due to the additional workload, she explained the request to add an additional staff member to the Treasurer's Office. Matter discussed at length.

2021-M-028

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the request from Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer, that as a result of Public Acts 255 and 256 a new full-time Abstract/Tax Clerk be hired *to devote more time* to the foreclosure process. This position will be funded by the Tax Foreclosure Fund under MCL.111.78.

2021-M-029

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to amend wording in Motion 2021-M-028 to remove "to devote more time" and change to "as a full-time employee". Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

2021-M-028 as amended

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the request from Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer, that as a result of Public Acts 255 and 256 a new full-time Abstract/Tax Clerk be hired as a full-time employee to the foreclosure process. This position will be funded by the Tax Foreclosure Fund under MCL.111.78. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – no; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Animal Shelter Furnace Bid Award – Mike Miller has reviewed the bids received and is recommending that Burkhard Plumbing be awarded the bid.

2021-M-030

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation of Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director the bid for the Animal Shelter furnace replacement be awarded to Burkhard Plumbing and Heating who was the low bidder at \$5,290.00. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Pool Vehicles Bid Awards – Mike Miller has reviewed the bids received and is recommending that Moore Motor Sales be awarded the bid and to purchase the vehicles outright.

~~2021-M-034~~

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that per the recommendation of Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, the bid for two new pool cars (Ford Edge SE) be awarded to Moore Motor Sales for a total price of \$57,494.00. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

2021-M-031 Recalled to the Floor on February 25, 2021

2021-M-041 From February 25, 2021 meeting

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to recall Motion 2021-M-031 to the floor for reconsideration. Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – absent; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

2021-M-031 – Recalled Motion from February 25, 2021 meeting

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that per the recommendation of Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, the bid for two new pool cars (Ford Edge SE) be awarded to Moore Motor Sales for a total price of \$57,494.00. Original Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Recalled Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – absent; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – no; Young – no; Bardwell – no. Motion Failed.

-Board Organization Rules Review - Board discussed proposed changes to the Board Rules Section 6.4 to add clarification to extended public comment section. Board also discussed adopting a conflict-of-interest policy. Board discussed process of assigning topics to committees. Board also asked that clarification be added to Section 8.1 Committee of the Whole regarding the preparation of agendas.

-Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) Building Codes – Clayette Zechmeister presented a draft RFP to the Commissioners that was included in the Board packet. Clayette asked the Board to review and offer input to her for any recommended changes or updates. Board discussed potential changes and also discussed getting what Tuscola Township, Arbela Township and Vassar City has used.

-MAC 7th Meeting – Commissioner Bardwell explained the meeting will be held virtually on February 15, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

-State Land Bank Communication – Clayette Zechmeister provided information to the Commissioners that was submitted by Jim Tischler from the State Land Bank regarding the acquisition of the property near the state land. Commissioner Bardwell would like the matter added to the February 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting under old business.

-Workman's Compensation Training Opportunities – Shelly Lutz provided information regarding education and training opportunities offered by CompOne. All the trainings, except the CPR Training, does not have any costs associated with them. Shelly will proceed forward to see which Elected Officials and Department Heads want to participate.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Alpena County Resolutions
- Antrim County Resolutions
- Jackson County Resolutions
- Letter from Dale Churchill dated January 26, 2021 regarding Tuscola County Resolution 2021-03.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

DURUSSEL

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works – First meeting of the year is scheduled for Friday.

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 – Meeting Cancelled. Farmer's Market is progressing forward.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District – Meeting on February 15, 2021.

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

TRIAD – Meeting Cancelled.

Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG

Board of Public Works
County Road Commission Liaison
Dispatch Authority Board
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works – First meeting of the year is Friday.
Great Start Collaborative
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)
Jail Planning Committee
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee
Region VI Economic Development Planning
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report – Commissioner Young, DuRussel and Bardwell attended the meeting held February 8, 2021 regarding the Murphy Lake dam.

VAUGHAN – No report

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
Recycling Advisory – Update provided from the meeting. Looking into getting a cross-cut shredder.
Local Units of Government
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Other Business as Necessary - None

At 11:55 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting.

Extended Public Comment -

-Register John Bishop referenced the Board Rules in regard to public comment.

2021-M-032

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.
Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - yes;
Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk