

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 27, 2021 Minutes

Electronic remote access implemented for this meeting, in accordance with Tuscola County Board of Commissioners 2021-07 Declaration of a Local State of Emergency related to COVID-19

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held as a hybrid meeting via Google Meet Conferencing on the 27th day of May 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Grimshaw

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioner Present In-Person:

District 3 - Kim Vaughan

District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

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

Commissioner Absent:

District 4 - Doug DuRussel

Others Present in-Person:

Eean Lee, Bill Putman, Barb Putman, Billy Putman, Brandon Putman

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tracy Violet, Mike Miller, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Steve Anderson, Daniel Lisowski, Debbie Babich, Eric Morris, Heidi Chicilli, Jamie Nisidis, Jana Brown, Kim Brinkman, Robert McKay, Sandra Nielsen, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Pam Shook, Mike Slade, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Brian Neuville, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Renee Francisco, Doug Kramer

At 8:22 a.m., there were a total of 29 participants attending the meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -
2021-M-108

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2021-M-109

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 13, 2021 Regular meeting as corrected and the May 24, 2021 Committee of the Whole meetings. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - absent; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only –
-Sandy Nielsen commented on the proposed Nepotism Policy.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
2021-M-110

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Consent Agenda Resolution from the May 24, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel - absent; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/24/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to appoint Eugene Davison to the Council on Aging to a partial term expiring on December 31, 2021.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/24/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that the form L-4029 authorizing the 2021 Tax Rate Levy for County General Operating be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/24/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Director the Annex Building roof replacement bid be awarded to Marlette Roofing in the amount of \$82,100.00. Also, all necessary budget amendments be approved.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 5/24/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Director the Animal Shelter Cat Room viewing window bid be awarded to Booms Construction in the amount of \$2,375.00. Also, all necessary budget amendments be approved.

New Business -

-Building Code Concerns - Putman Construction – Bill Putman presented to the Board regarding the Putman Project on W. Caro Road. The project timeline was outlined. Putman Construction would like to have a third-party inspection company contracted with for the remainder of the project.

Recessed at 9:48 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:56 a.m.

Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Grimshaw

*Closed Session with Eric Morris and Jamie Nisidis, Braun Kendrick –
2021-M-111*

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider written materials from the County's attorneys that are exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1) (g) of the Freedom of Information Act with Eric Morris, Jamie Nisidis, Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister and Eean Lee authorized to attend at 9:57 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Closed Session called at 9:57 a.m.

Reconvened Open Session at 11:21 a.m.

Present: Young (joined at 11:23 a.m.), Bardwell, Vaughan, Grimshaw

At 11:21 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the meeting.

-Putman Project Discussion –

-Commissioner Grimshaw would like SCMCCI building inspectors to be able to meet at the project in order to have a building permit issued to have the project moved forward.

-Commissioner Vaughan wants the correct permits in place whether it is with SCMCCI, a third-party inspection company or the State of Michigan.

-Commissioner Bardwell reviewed that the parties need to come together to move the project forward, to have the State of Michigan get involved, or to have litigation take place to issue a preliminary injunction.

2021-M-114

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to instruct Eric Morris, Tuscola County Legal Counsel, to meet with Building Codes at the Putman Building Site for inspections to occur as soon as possible or failing to facilitate that event, Eric Morris is instructed to research alternative third party inspection options to take over the construction project inspections. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Discussion to add Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing to the Agenda – Clayette Zechmeister explained there was an oversight in adding the CDBG Public Hearing to the board agenda today and requested the matter be added as all postings have taken place.

2021-M-115

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to add the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing to the agenda for May 27, 2021 under New Business. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

2021-M-116

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to recess the Board of Commissioners meeting for the CDBG Public Hearing. Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Recessed for Public Hearing at 11:55 a.m.

Reconvened at 12:02 p.m.

Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Grimshaw

2021-M-117

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan that with the CDBG Public Hearing held on May 27, 2021, the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners approves the program procedure guide as presented for the Community Development Block Grant Program moving forward. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Proposed Lease with Dost Property, LLC – Matter to be added to the June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole agenda.

-Revised MIOSHA Emergency Rules – Matter to be added to the June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole agenda.

-Updated Non-Court Employee COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan – Matter to be added to the June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole agenda.

-Board discussed the matter. Steve Anderson prepared a draft adjusted plan for the Commissioners to review.

-Refill Two Vacant Part-Time Positions at the Recycling Center -

2021-M-118

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that per the recommendation from the Recycling Director that Katie House be hired to fill the vacant Part-time Material Handler position effective June 1, 2021 pending favorable physical, drug screen and background check. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

2021-M-119

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation from the Recycling Director that Cameron Jones be hired to fill the vacant Part-time Material Handler position effective June 1, 2021 pending favorable physical, drug screen and background check. Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Request to Use Courthouse Lawn –

2021-M-120

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to approve the request from Susan Rickwalt-Holder for the Tuscola County Suicide Prevention Coalition to use the Courthouse Lawn. Banners/signs to be placed during the month of September and on Sunday, September 12, 2021 the awareness event to be held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Items will be removed prior to the Pumpkin Festival set up date. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Old Business –

-Tuscola County Nepotism and Fraternalization Policy – Board discussed proposed policy. Board would like the definition of cousin to be first cousin.

2021-M-121

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve the Tuscola County Nepotism and Fraternalization Policy to become effective June 15, 2021. Also, distribute the policy to all Elected Officials, Labor Unions and Department Heads for posting at all workplaces immediately. Also, direct staff to implement the policy according to applicable county policies and agreements. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – no; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Controller/Administrator Employment Agreement – Matter to be placed on the June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

-Updated Vehicle Policy – Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the changes that were made to the Vehicle Policy. Board discussed the matter.

2021-M-122

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the updated Vehicle Policy. Also, distribute to all Elected Officials and Department Heads. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-State of Emergency – Declaration for Open Meetings Act (OMA) – Board discussed the matter and will not be extending the Tuscola County Local State of Emergency Resolution 2021-07.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused himself from the in-person meeting and appeared via telephone at 12:30 p.m.

-Resolution Designating Certain Real Property as County Park Land – Clayette Zechmeister explained the reasoning for the proposed resolution.

2021-M-123

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to approve Resolution 2021-09 designating certain real property as county park land under the aegis of the Tuscola County Parks and Recreation Commission. Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions –

-Email from Gary Rolka

-Zoning for Wind Energy Map of Michigan

-Zoning for Solar Energy Map of Michigan

-Zoning Jurisdictions Map in the State of Michigan

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**YOUNG**

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

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 – No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

DURUSSEL - absent

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
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 – Farmers Market Grand Opening Scheduled.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

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Local Units of Government Activity Report

Other Business as Necessary - None

At 12:30 p.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the meeting.

Extended Public Comment –

-Doug Kramer, Koylton Township Supervisor, spoke in favor of retaining a county level Building Code Department.

2021-M-124

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; DuRussel - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk

TUSCOLA COUNTY
Community Development Block Grant
Public Hearing
May 27, 2021
Google Meet

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Commissioner Thomas Bardwell called the public hearing for the Tuscola County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) as a hybrid meeting via Google Meet Conferencing on the 27th day of May 2021, to order at 11:55 o'clock a.m. local time.

Present: Commissioner Young, Commissioner Bardwell, Commissioner Vaughan, Commissioner Grimshaw, Clerk Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Brian Neuville, Sandy Nielsen, Heidi Chicilli, Tracy Violet, Debbie Babich, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Jana Brown, Kim Brinkman, Mike Miller, Mike Slade, Robert McKay, Steve Anderson

At 11:55 a.m., there were a total of 31 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Brian Neuville presented to the Board regarding the CDBG Program. The CDBG Program allowances have expanded so more people within Tuscola County are able to be assisted. Brian also explained how the program fund is replenished when a property change happens. The program will follow the Michigan Procedure Guide. This program is income based. Brian explained that there is \$36,580.00 available to provide assistance but this must be accomplished by the end of August 2021. There are projects that have been on a waiting list that will be able to be moved forward due to this funding.

Commissioner Grimshaw and Brian Neuville discussed the matter of Tuscola County being able to contribute funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARP).

Public Comment: None

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to adjourn the CDBG Public Hearing at 12:01 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk