

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 10, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 10th day of June 2021, 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 1 – Thomas Young
- District 2 - Thomas Bardwell
- District 3 - Kim Vaughan (excused at 12:14 p.m.)
- District 4 - Douglas DuRussel
- District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

Others Present in-Person:

Eean Lee, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Dara Hood

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tracy Violet, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Barry Lapp, Debbie Babich, Mary Drier, Kim Brinkman, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Matthew Bierlein, Alecia Little, Senator Kevin Daley, Eric Morris, Matt Brown, Steve Root, Steve Burke

At 8:04 a.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the meeting virtually.

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
2021-M-125

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Motion Carried.

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
2021-M-126

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 27, 2021 Regular meeting, the June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting as corrected and the June 8, 2021 Finance Committee meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -  
2021-M-127*

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Consent Agenda Resolution from the June 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/07/21

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the Clean Sweep Program grant agreement with Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in the amount of \$25,000.00. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

*New Business –*

- Drain Assessments – Robert Mantey, Drain Commissioner reviewed the options that the Board can consider at the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting on the June 21, 2021 and the Board meeting on June 24, 2021. Board will need to consider if they want to pre-pay if the project is approved. Board discussed the potential cost of the project. Clayette Zechmeister requested information from Drain Commissioner Mantey regarding the bond.

-Legislative Updates - Senator Kevin Daley reviewed a variety of Senate Bills that have been introduced. Also discussed the availability of appointments at the Secretary of State's Offices. The re-start of local business and minimum wage was also discussed. The Board discussed an amendment to the Open Meetings Act to allow virtual participation by Commissioners.

Closed Session, Eric Morris Braun Kendrick -  
2021-M-128

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel that the Board meeting 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 from Braun Kendrick, Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister and Eean Lee authorized to attend at 9:05 a.m. Motion Carried.

Recessed to Closed Session at 9:05 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

Roll Call: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

Recessed at 10:37 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

Roll Call: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

At 10:46 a.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

-South Central Michigan Construction Code Inc (SCMCCI) Building Codes Discussion –

-Commissioner Vaughan stated the Putman Project wanted to build in phases although SCMCCI was not agreeable to allow that to happen as they wanted to review the project as a whole.

-Commissioner Grimshaw stated the normal process is to have the Building Permit to be issued at the beginning of the project. He is hopeful that Tuscola County Legal Counsel could continue discussions to keep the project moving forward.

-Commissioner Bardwell would like to see a list of what items are being required by SCMCCI to be completed by the Putman Group in order to obtain a Building Permit.

-Commissioner Grimshaw would like SCMCCI to communicate with Tuscola County Legal Counsel on steps to move forward.

-Board directed Clayette to work with Tuscola County Legal Counsel to convey the Board's intention to move the project forward.

-Amendment to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Agreement – Mike Miller updated the Board that the end-date of the grant will be extended for continuation of the program.

2021-M-129

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by DuRussel to approve the Amendment request with Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) to extend the end-date of the agreement to December 31, 2021 of the Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Agreement in the amount of \$16,000.00. Also, all appropriate signatures be authorized.

Motion Carried.

*Old Business -*

-Johnson Controls Planned Service Proposal – Mike Miller reviewed the Planned Service Summary received from Johnson Controls.

2021-M-130

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by DuRussel to approve the two (2) year Planned Service Agreement Contract with Johnson Controls for \$15,140.00 for 2021; and \$15,640.00 for 2022. This includes preventative maintenance services cost for coil cleaning at Department of Health and Human Services, Court and Jail buildings. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized. Motion Carried.

-Storage Lease with Dost Properties, LLC – Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and term extension for renewal of the lease. Board discussed the automatic renewal option of up to 5 terms. Board also discussed the CPI that would be used for the renewal payment terms.

2021-M-131

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to approve the storage lease at 362 North State Street, Caro MI with Dost Property, LLC in the amount of \$3,720.00 per month. This lease shall be for the term of ten (10) years commencing the first day of the month following the completion of Landlord's Work in the year 2021 and ending on midnight of the day prior to the anniversary date of the Commencement Date in the year 2031. The Lease term shall automatically renew for up to five (5) additional terms of ten (10) years, each commencing on the calendar date immediately following the last day of the prior term. Rent for each renewal term shall increase by the CPI Increase for each renewal term. Also, all appropriate signatures be authorized. Motion Carried with Grimshaw voting against.

-Clayette Zechmeister and Mike Miller to reach out to Sheriff Skrent and Mark Ransford regarding storage of records of the Sheriff's Department.

-Recycling 2021 Indirect Cost Potential Reduction – Board discussed the rate used for Indirect Costs. Clayette Zechmeister stated the rate used for Dispatch has been corrected.

2021-M-132

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by DuRussel to reduce the 2021 indirect cost to the Recycling budget by \$33,000.00 to apparent over cost of administrative expenses. Motion Carried.

-Board discussed the administrative expenses that are being billed to the special millages. Board referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 12:14 p.m.

*Correspondence/Resolutions –*

-Letter from the Village of Reese Manager

-Clayette Zechmeister explained that she has received inquiries from companies regarding the RFP for Building Codes but has not received an actual proposal yet.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****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

**GRIMSHAW** – No Report

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

**DURUSSEL** – No Report

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 – Farmer's Market opening day was successful.  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
MAC Finance Committee  
TRIAD  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

**YOUNG**

Board of Public Works  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Dispatch Authority Board  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works – Meets tomorrow.  
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

*Other Business as Necessary –*

- Commissioner Grimshaw spoke regarding title work completed on a piece of property that was sold at a tax foreclosure sale.
- Commissioner Bardwell directed Clayette to get a legal opinion on if closed captioning is subject to OMA guidance.
- Board would like Clayette Zechmeister to attend the next meeting in person. Clerk Fetting can remain virtual at this point.
- Clayette Zechmeister stated that Steve Burke informed her that paperwork needs to be completed today.
- Clayette Zechmeister stated that she is still waiting on the bond rating from S&P.

At 12:27 p.m., there were a total of 19 participants attending the meeting virtually.

*Extended Public Comment –*

- Sandy Nielsen addressed the Board in case they had further questions of her regarding the indirect cost discussion.

2021-M-133

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk