

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
June 24, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at Midway Hall, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 700 S. Almer Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 24th day of June 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

- District 1 – Thomas Young
- District 2 - Thomas Bardwell
- District 3 - Kim Vaughan
- District 4 - Douglas DuRussel
- District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

Others Present in-Person:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Jennifer Leitzel, Billy Putnam, Ed Maschke, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Kyle O'Meara, Laura Bassett, Alecia Little, A.J. Hale, Mike Miller

Also Present Virtual:

Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Malisa Pyles, Paul Featherston, Kellie Lindsey, Steve Burns, Kim Brinkman, Glenn Lindsey, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Sandra Nielsen, Debbie Babich, Mike Miller, Heidi Chicilli, Eric Morris, Mark Haney, Jana Brown, Robert Baxter, Shannon Gwizdala, Barry Lapp, Mike Slade, Luann Parks, Debbie Mika, Steve Anderson

At 8:10 a.m., there were a total of 23 participants attending the meeting virtually.

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
2021-M-134

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to adopt the agenda as amended.  
Motion Carried.

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
2021-M-135

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 10, 2021 Regular meeting and the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only –*

-Malisa Pyles, Watertown Township, expressed concern over damage that Off-Road Vehicles are causing in Watertown Township.

-Ed Maschke, Millington Township, addressed the Board regarding the Murphy Lake Assessment.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
2021-M-136

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that the Consent Agenda Resolution from the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

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

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the request from Behavioral Health Systems to remove Ms. Linda Ackerman from the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors.

*New Business -*

-Potential Contract for Inspection Services on the Medical Building – Kellie Lindsey, Steve Burns, Glenn Lindsey and Paul Featherston represent SAFEbuilt which is a Building Inspection Company that would be willing to take on the Putman Project located at W. Caro Road, Caro Michigan. Board discussed the matter of transitioning from South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) to SAFEbuilt if the Board decided to move in that direction.

2021-M-137

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by DuRussel, that Tuscola County remove its current building inspector from continuing any further work on or oversight of the project commonly known as 1800 W. Caro Road. Further moved, that the proposal for emergency project support for the 1800 W. Caro Road development submitted by SAFEbuilt is accepted by the County, subject to negotiation of a final contract that is in compliance with State requirements and that meets the

approval of County Legal Counsel. Further moved, that the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute such an agreement with SAFEbuilt. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) Fee Schedule – Clayette Zechmeister explained the request received to approve the fee schedule proposed by the Board of Health.

#### 2021-M-138

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by DuRussel that per the request from the Board of Health Motion #M21-073 that the Tuscola County Health Department Fee Schedule under the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) include the new Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies Initiative Pilot Project. The following fees will be incorporated:

- a. Pilot MIHP Additional Visit - \$95.00
- b. Pilot MIHP Care Coordination - \$80.00
- c. Pilot MIHP Complex Visit - \$140.00
- d. Pilot MIHP D/C Visit - \$110.00

Motion Tabled per 2021-M-139

#### 2021-M-139

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Bardwell to table Motion 2021-M-138 to obtain further information for clarification from the Tuscola County Health Department. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – no; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Clayette Zechmeister sent an email to the Health Department to try to clarify the questions posed by the Board.

-Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance Public Hearing –

Recessed at 9:00 a.m. for Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance Public Hearing

Reconvened at 9:14 a.m.

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

-Off Road Vehicle Ordinance (ORV) Adoption - Amending Tuscola County Ordinance Number 9 -

#### 2021-M-140

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to approve the amendment to the Tuscola County Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Ordinance Number 9 to include under Section 1: e) "ORV" means a motor driven off road recreation vehicle capable of cross country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV or vehicle includes, but is not limited to, a multitrack or multi-wheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation

deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind. ORV or vehicle does not include a registered or unregistered snowmobile, golf cart, a farm vehicle being used for farming, a vehicle used for military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement purposes, a vehicle owned and operated by a utility company or an oil or gas company when performing maintenance on its facilities or on property over which it has an easement, a construction or logging vehicle used in performance of its common function, or a registered aircraft. Also, all appropriate signatures be authorized. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Murphy Lake Assessment Resolutions – Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey presented to the Board an overview of the public hearing that was held regarding the Murphy Lake Assessment. He reviewed the responses and concerns that were presented. Board discussed the Boat Launch at the Lake. Kyle O'Meara presented to the Board regarding the proposed Resolution. Laura Bassett presented to the Board regarding the Bonds.

#### 2021-M-141

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to approve Resolution #2021-10 titled Murphy Lake Level Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2021 regarding the Murphy Lake Project. Resolution 2021-10 includes the designation of the Special Assessment District, the cost of the Murphy Lake Project in the amount of \$845,000.00, the Special Assessment District in the amount of \$845,000.00 and the issuance of the Bonds by the Special Assessment District pursuant to Part 307. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Board discussed the timeline that would be required if the Board wanted to purchase the Bonds. The pre-payment date for residents is July 19, 2021.

Recessed at 9:52 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:02 a.m.

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

At 10:06 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

#### 2021-M-142

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to recall Motion 2021-M-138 from the table. Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Clayette Zechmeister provided information that was received from the Health Department.

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

-CompOne Site Jail Assessment Audit - A. J. Hale from CompOne reviewed the audit that was completed in April 2021 on the Tuscola County Jail which was included in the agenda packet.

-Sheriff Glen Skrent addressed the Board regarding the project of building a new jail for Tuscola County. Sheriff Skrent recommended to invite Byce Associates to present to the Board. The Board would like to have Byce Associates present to the Board at a Committee of the Whole meeting. The Board would like Sheriff Skrent to attend a Board meeting on a monthly basis to provide an update.

## 2021-M-143

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to receive and place on file the Jail Site Assessment Safety & Risk Management report from CompOne Administrators conducted April 20, 2021 at 420 Court Street, Caro. Motion Carried.

*Old Business -*

-Promotion Pay - Clayette Zechmeister explained the matter was presented and explained at the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

## 2021-M-144

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the back pay for Detective/Sergeant James Hook in the amount of \$6,162.40 pursuant to Section 10.1 of the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) contract due to promotion pay not being properly implemented from 2013 through 2018. No budget adjustments are necessary in the Road Patrol Fund. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Police Officers Association (POAM) Letter of Understanding - Clayette Zechmeister explained that matter was presented and explained at the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Board discussed the matter further.

## 2021-M-145

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Bardwell to approve the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Bargaining Unit 1, Non-Supervisory Act 312 Eligible Unit letter of understanding sponsoring new hires to attend the police academy. Also, all appropriate signatures be authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – no; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – no; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Land Bank Allocation – Matter was presented at the June 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting. Board discussed matter further.

## 2021-M-146

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve a one-time appropriation of \$150,000.00 to the Land Bank for seed money from the Combined Revolving Tax Fund (Fund 626). Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – no; Grimshaw – no; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Recission of COVID-19 Rules (matter added) – Board discussed that MIOSHA and State of Michigan rules were suspended on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

## 2021-M-147

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by DuRussel that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners rescind all COVID-19 rules that were previously established as of June 24, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – no; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

## Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes
- Village of Millington Notice
- Kalamazoo County Resolution
- Lenawee County Resolution
- Human Development Commission (HDC) Report

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**GRIMSHAW** - No Update  
Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Recycling Advisory  
Local Units of Government  
Jail Planning Committee  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

**DURUSSEL** – No Update

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** – No Update

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
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** – No Update

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  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Tuscola 2020  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

**VAUGHAN** – No Update

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 - None*

At 11:44 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

*Extended Public Comment – None*

2021-M-148

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.  
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk



TUSCOLA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Public Hearing  
June 24, 2021

Tuscola County Proposed Ordinance As Amended  
Authorizing & Regulating Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Operation

Commissioner Thomas Bardwell called the public hearing for the Tuscola County Proposed ORV Ordinance Amendment, held at Midway Hall, Tuscola County Fairgrounds, 700 S. Almer Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 24th day of June 2021, to order at 9:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Present: Commissioner Thomas Young, Commissioner Thomas Bardwell, Commissioner Kim Vaughan, Commissioner Douglas DuRussel, Commissioner Dan Grimshaw, Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Jennifer Leitzel, Ed Maschke, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Kyle O'Meara, Laura Bassett, Alecia Little

Present Virtually: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Malisa Pyles, Kim Brinkman, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Sandra Nielsen, Debbie Babich, Mike Miller, Heidi Chicilli, Mark Haney, Jana Brown, Robert Baxter, Shannon Gwizdala, Barry Lapp, Bob DeCoe

At 9:00 a.m., there were a total of 23 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Public Comment:

Bob DeCoe, Fremont Township, read a letter that he sent to the Board that detailed changes he would like to see made to the ORV Ordinance.

Malisa Pyles, Watertown Township, expressed concern over ORV riders that are not following the rules and being disrespectful to property owners.

Kristen Wright sent a letter to the Board regarding the ORV Ordinance.

Board discussed the change made in reference to golf carts within the Tuscola County ORV Ordinance.

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the Public Hearing on the Tuscola County Proposed ORV Ordinance Amendment at 9:14 a.m. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk