

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
October 28, 2021

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building, 125 W Lincoln Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Vaughan

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

District 1 – Thomas Young  
District 2 – Thomas Bardwell  
District 3 – Kim Vaughan

Commissioners Absent:

District 4 – Douglas DuRussel  
District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw

Others Present In-Person:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tracy Violet

Also Present Virtual:

Eean Lee, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Alex Petrik, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Barry Lapp, Sandy Nielsen, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Kim Brinkman, Mike Slade, Dara Hood, Debbie Babich, Eric Morris, Matt Brown, Bob Baxter, Cindy McKinney-Volz

At 8:06 a.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the meeting virtually.

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
2021-M-234

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
2021-M-235

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adopt the meeting minutes from the October 14, 2021 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only – None**Consent Agenda Resolution –  
2021-M-236*

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that the Consent Agenda Resolution and Minutes as corrected from the October 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 10/25/21

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

*New Business –*

-Adoption of the 2021 Apportionment Report (matter added) –  
2021-M-237

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to receive and place on file the 2021 Tuscola County Apportionment Report as presented. Motion Carried.

-Closed Session 9:00 a.m. To Discuss the Contents of a Written Legal Memorandum – Matter not handled as there was not a 2/3 presence of Commissioners.

-Closed Session 9:30 a.m. To Discuss the Contents of a Written Legal Memorandum  
- Matter not handled as there was not a 2/3 presence of Commissioners.

-Closed Session 10:30 a.m. To Consider Material Exempt from Discussion or Disclosure Regarding Security Measures in the County - Matter not handled as there was not a 2/3 presence of Commissioners.

-Request for Additional Building Space – Health Officer Amanda Ertman expressed interest in occupying the space previously held by South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI). SCMCCI is vacating the space today. Board discussed where to store the records that are currently there. Clayette Zechmeister and Mike Miller will coordinate with Amanda Ertman to gather more details on the request.

*Old Business –*

-Multiple Court Administrative Orders for Tuscola County Courthouse and Face Mask Policy and September 21, 2021 Court Memo –

-Multiple Court Administrative Orders for Tuscola County Courthouse - Board discussed the budget requests that were received from Judge Amy Grace Gierhart. Board discussed the timeframe associated with the requests. Board and Eric Morris discussed if communication should take place with the Judge between now and the next Board meeting on November 10, 2021.

## 2021-M-238

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that due to budget constraints in the General Fund to deny the Chief Judges request item #1 in her September 21, 2021 memo for additional funding for a new position in the amount of \$55,000.00 plus benefits for a full-time Courthouse security officer in the 2022 budget. Motion Carried.

## 2021-M-239

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that due to budget constraints in the General Fund to deny the Chief Judge's request item #2 in her September 21, 2021 memo for three full-time certified road patrol officers as court employees. Court Security will continue to be funded as it currently is in 2021 for the 2022 budget. Motion Carried.

## 2021-M-240

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to deny the Chief Judge's request item #3 in her September 21, 2021 memo to reinstate the full-time Law Clerk position with a salary of \$48,000.00 as this position's wages were applied, at the Chief Judge's request, to the new Deputy Court Administrator position created in August 2020 when the former Law Clerk was terminated. The Deputy Court Administrator position started at \$55,681.00 and is now at \$61,352.00, a 10% increase in one year. Motion Carried.

## 2021-M-241

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to deny the Chief Judge's request item #4 in her September 21, 2021 memo to increase the Deputy Court Administrator's annual salary to \$78,000.00 as the current allocation of Human Resources functions between the Court and the County is an effective and cost-efficient use of General Fund dollars. Further moved, that it is the County's position that the Chief Judge assuming every aspect of Human Resources will lead to duplication of efforts, additional costs, and potentially serious transition issues that may not have been considered by the Chief Judge. Motion Carried.

## 2021-M-242

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to inform the Chief Judge and the State Court Administrative Office of the County's decisions on these matters. Motion Carried.

-Face Mask Policy – Board discussed what areas the Chief Judge would have authority to place a face mask policy in effect in the courthouse. The public (non-court) areas are the areas in discussion. The Board discussed who sets policy for those areas and all county buildings.

## 2021-M-242

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to direct the Controller/Administrator and County Corporate Counsel to craft a letter to the Chief Judge in response to Administrative Orders Circuit Court 2021-09J, District Court 2021-09J and Probate Court 2021-06J with all appropriate signatures authorized. Motion Carried.

-Resolution 2021-15 Approving the 2021 Apportionment Report -

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve Resolution #2021-15 titled Resolution Approving the 2021 Apportionment Report. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – absent; Grimshaw – absent; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

*Correspondence/Resolutions –*

- Michigan Municipal Risk Management Letter of Appointment for Eean Lee, CIO, to the Technology & Cyber Security Risk Control Advisory Committee
- Alger County Resolution #2021-18 to Support Amendments to the Open Meetings Act
- Ogemaw County Resolution #21-129 to Support Amendments to the Open Meetings Act
- Menominee County Resolution #2021-23 to Exempt Counties with a Population of 75,000 or Less from Certain Provisions of the Open Meetings
- Sanilac County Resolution Supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Programs
- Alger County Resolution #2021-19 Opposing Senator Shirkey's Gearing Toward Integration Proposal and Supporting Pathways Community Mental Health Services Program
- Muskegon County Resolution 2021-411 Supporting West Michigan Agriculture Technologies and Regional Food Systems Initiative
- Missaukee County Resolution #2021-11 in Support of Vaccine Awareness and Medical Autonomy

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****YOUNG** – No Report

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 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** - Absent

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

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District – Commissioner Bardwell asked if there has been any response for the upcoming meeting. Renee reported that Sanilac County is the only County who has responded and the proposed date is a meeting day. Renee will reach out to the District for a proposed date in January 2022.

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

*Other Business as Necessary* – None

At 9:42 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

*Extended Public Comment* – None

2021-M-245

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk