



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, December 16, 2021

H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building Board Room, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, December 16, 2021, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Reverend William Sanders
Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Young

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, Dan Grimshaw

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived at 8:06 a.m.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner DuRussel excused at 2:05 p.m.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present In-Person: Jodi Fetting Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Billy Putman, Renee Wood, William Sanders, Bob Brown, Debbie Babich, Sandy Nielsen, Mark Ransford, Bill Putman, Brandon Putman, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Bob Baxter, Shelly Lutz, Eric Morris, Tim Zube, Damian Wasik, Barb Putman, Blake Putman, Stefanie Bruce

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Barry Lapp, Debbie Babich, K. Free, Dara Hood, Mary Drier, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Matt Brown, Pam Shook, Larry Zapfe, Mark Haney, Alecia Little, John Fraser, Mike Slade, Kim Brinkman, Shannon Beach, Kate Curtis, Stefanie Bruce, David Sernick, Kyle Nordstrom, Dan Bovarnick, Cody Horton, Steve Anderson, Brian Harris, Steve Root

At 8:13 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2021-M-284

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2021-M-285

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 24, 2021 Regular Board meeting and December 2, 2021 Special Board meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

-Renee Wood addressed the Board regarding property she has available within the Caro City limits if the County would be interested.

Consent Agenda

There were no items moved to the Consent Agenda at the December 13, 2021 meeting.

2021-M-286

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Consent Agenda Minutes from the December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole be adopted. Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Region VII Area Agency on Aging Updates -
Bob Brown, Executive Director, provided an overview of the program and the benefits realized by the citizens of Tuscola County.
2. Nominations for and Election of Board Vice-Chairperson for 2022 -

2021-M-287

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Doug DuRussel to appoint Thomas Young as the Board Vice-Chairman for the year 2022.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel,
and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

3. Opioid Litigation Settlement Resolution 2021-17 Authorizing Entry of State Local Government Intrastate Agreement Concerning Allocation of Settlement Proceeds in the National Opioids Litigation -

2021-M-288

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Kim Vaughan to approve Resolution 2021-17 Authorizing Entry of State Local Government Intrastate Agreement Concerning Allocation of Settlement Proceeds in the National Opioids Litigation.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel,
and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

4. Opioid Litigation Settlement Resolution 2021-18 Authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation -

2021-M-289

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to approve Resolution 2021-18 Authorizing Entry of Participation Agreements in Partial Settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel,
and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

5. Adoption of the Revised 2022 Board of Commissioners (BOC) Meeting Schedule -

2021-M-290

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to approve the revised 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule. Motion Carried.

Board of Commissioners agreed that the Committee assignments will remain the same for the 2022 year.

6. Parks and Recreation Committee Request -
The Parks and Recreation Chairman is requesting removal of member Gerald Peterson due to absenteeism at meetings. His term will expire December 2022. Board discussed the service and commitment of Gerald Peterson over the years to Tuscola County. Board would like a Resolution prepared expressing their appreciation. Matter to be placed on the December 29, 2021 agenda.

7. Bridge Millage Transfer #Bridge 2021-1 -

2021-M-291

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Doug DuRussel to approve the Bridge Millage transfer request of \$255,144.17 as identified by voucher #Bridge 2021-1 dated October 28, 2021 for the transfer of Bridge Millage to the Road Commission general fund Motion Carried.

8. Bridge Millage Transfer #Bridge 2021-2 -

2021-M-292

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to approve the Bridge Millage transfer request of \$670,881.08 as identified by voucher #Bridge 2021-2 dated December 3, 2021 for the transfer of Bridge Millage to the Road Commission general fund Motion Carried.

9. Primary Road Millage Transfer #Road 2021-1 -

2021-M-293

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to approve the Primary Road Millage transfer request of \$1,440,761.48 as identified by voucher #Road 2021-1 dated December 6, 2021 for the transfer of Primary Road Millage to the Road Commission general fund Motion Carried.

10. Tuscola County 2022 Public Budget Hearing -

2021-M-294

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Kim Vaughan to recess the Board of Commissioners meeting for the 2022 Budget Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:00 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:48 a.m.

At 9:48 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting virtually.

11. Adoption of the 2022 County All Funds Budget General Appropriations Act -

2021-M-295

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to approve the General Appropriations Act adopting the 2022 County Budget be approved and copies of the adopted budget incorporated with the financial reporting section on the county web page making this information available to County Officials and the public.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, and Kim Vaughan

No: Doug DuRussel and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

12. Closed Session for Written Legal Memorandum -

2021-M-296

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the contents of a written legal memorandum from its attorney, which is exempted from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, with Eric Morris with Braun Kendrick, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Shelly Lutz and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend the closed session at 10:10 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel,
and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

At 10:40 a.m., there were 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

13. Closed Session for Labor Strategy -

2021-M-299

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Kim Vaughan that the Board meet in Closed Session, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements with Eric Morris with Braun Kendrick, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Shelly Lutz, Glen Skrent, Robert Baxter and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend the closed session at 10:41 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel,
and Dan Grimshaw

Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:41 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:39 a.m.

At 11:39 a.m., there were 24 participants attending the meeting virtually.

2021-M-302

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Thomas Young that the County accept the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) December 14, 2021 proposal for the Sheriff's Road Deputies Unit. I further move that Chairman Bardwell is authorized to execute a final collective bargaining agreement consistent with the terms of the December 14, 2021 accepted proposal. Motion Carried.

2021-M-303

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the County accept the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) December 9, 2021 proposal for the Corrections Unit. I further move that Chairman Bardwell is authorized to execute a final collective bargaining agreement consistent with the terms of the December 9, 2021 accepted proposal. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Guidehouse Memo on Facility Project Renovation and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds Usage Update -

David Sernick, Guidehouse Senior Consultant, State and Local Government, provided an overview of the Support the Public Health Response, Respond to the Negative Economic Impacts, Premium Pay for Essential Workers, Revenue Loss, Investments in Infrastructure and ARPA Proposals Eligibility Assessment presented to the Board.

2. Request for Proposal (RFP) on Office Space Needs Review -
Clayette Zechmeister provided an overview comparing the two bids received from the RFP on County Space Needs. The comparison was for if the County were to complete the build out. Board discussed the option of the county building a new building rather than leasing a building. The Board discussed the potential cost of CPI that could be added to the Ransford-Wasik proposal after the first five years. Board discussed the options for each bid on having a turn-key option which was discussed as proposal two. Matter discussed at length.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner DuRussel excused at 2:05 p.m.

Recessed at 2:05 p.m.

Reconvened at 2:12 p.m.

At 2:12 p.m., there were 15 participants attending the meeting virtually.

3. 2019 Scrap Tire Grant Amendment for 2022 -
Mike Miller, Building and Grounds/Recycling Director, presented the request at the December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting

2021-M-304

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young to extend the Scrap Tire grant agreement with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Motion Carried.

4. Cash Over/Short Policy -
Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer, presented the proposed policy at the December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2021-M-305

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the proposed Cash Over/Short Policy as presented by the Tuscola County Treasurer. Motion Carried.

5. Weighmaster Contract with the Tuscola County Road Commission -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the proposed contract at the December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2021-M-306

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to approve the 2022 & 2023 agreement for Weighmaster enforcement services between the Tuscola County Road Commission and the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department; 2022 in the amount of \$94,692.00 and for 2023 in the amount of \$97,620.00. Motion Carried.

6. Request to Use Courthouse Lawn -
Clayette Zechmeister presented the request received at the December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2021-M-307

Motion by Kim Vaughan, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the request from Tuscola County Right to Life to use the Courthouse lawn for the annual Memorial Service on Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Alpena County Resolution #21.29 Supporting ARP State Match Funds
2. Delta County State of Emergency
3. Ogemaw County Resolution 21-152 Oppose Senate Bill 597 and Senate Bill 598
4. Denmark Township Policy No 2021-12 Support for Tuscola County Board Commissioner Resolution 2021-13
5. Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes November 24, 2021

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Young

Board of Public Works

County Road Commission Liaison

Dispatch Authority Board

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

EDC is partnering together to host a Job Fair January 13, 2022 at Rawson Memorial Library.

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

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
MAC Finance Committee
TRIAD
Meeting Canceled
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

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

Grimshaw

Absent

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Other Business as Necessary

None

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2021-M-308

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 2:19 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk