



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:06 AM - Thursday, March 17, 2022

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

Clerk Jodi Fetting 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, March 17, 2022, to order at 8:06 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Vaughan

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner DuRussel

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Sandy Nielsen, Damian Wasik, Mark Ransford, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Bill Putman, Billy Putman, Barb Putman, Renee Wood, Steve Schreiner, Wes Tahash, Emaline Cameron

Also Present Virtual: Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, K. Free, Kim Brinkman, Mark Haney, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Matt Brown, Kate Curtis, Barry Lapp, Matt Lane, Dara Hood, Tim Green, Jon Ramirez, Renee Wood, Pam Shook, Steve Root

At 8:09 a.m., there were a total of 20 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2022-M-045

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2022-M-046

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to adopt the meeting minutes from the February 24, 2022 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2022-M-047

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel that the Building & Grounds Committee meeting minutes from March 2, 2022 and the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the March 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Drain Commissioner Annual Report** - Move that the 2021 Drain Commissioner Annual Report be received and placed on file.
2. **Reappointments to the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board of Directors** - Move that per the recommendation of the Tuscola Behavioral Health Systems Board of Directors that the following members be reappointed to their Board of Directors for a three-year term effective April 1, 2022:
Ms. Nancy Fritz, Mr. David Griesing, Ms. Susan McNett, and Mr. Walter Szostak.
3. **Region VII Area Agency on Aging Appointment** - Move that per the February 17, 2022 correspondence from Bob Brown, Region VII Area Agency on Aging Executive Director, that William Sanders be re-appointed as a delegate for a three-year term beginning April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025.
4. **Jail Software** - Move that Tuscola County enters into an agreement with Colossus, Incorporated to purchase Jail Tracker software. This software will replace the current jail management software from JDS/TDT Incorporated. Agreements will include a 50% down payment at the date of execution of the contract and a 50% payment when software is deployed. This agreement is for a period of 4 years. Also, all authorized signatures be approved.
5. **Lawn Mowing Service Bids** - Move to approve the 2022 lawn mowing services agreement with Laser Cut Lawn Care, LLC in the amount of \$29,900.00 for the season (based on 26 weeks at \$1,150.00 per week). Also, all authorized signatures be approved.
6. **Purdy Building Exterior Repair Bids** - Move to approve the bid for the Purdy Building exterior repair to Booms Construction in the amount of \$48,500.00. Also, approve a budget amendment of \$13,500.00 to line item 483-933-019-044 through the use of fund balance in the Capital Improvement Fund.
7. **Bids for the Seamless Padding System at the County Jail** - Move that per the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Director that the seamless padding system for the County Jail be awarded to Prime Coat Coating Systems who meets the requirements and is the low bidder for an amount of \$22,085.00.

New Business

1. Office Space Request for Proposal (RFP) Rescission -
Mark Ransford addressed the Board regarding the RFP that Ransford-Wasik, LLC presented to the Board to solve County Space needs for various County Departments. Ransford-Wasik, LLC has decided to rescind their submission at this time.
2. Letter to the Editor - "Water Problem vs. Putman" -
Renee Wood read the letter she submitted to the Tuscola County Advertiser which was included in the agenda packet.

Commissioner Vaughan explained that a water survey was completed at the time the water line was installed for the Caro Center but two of City of Caro's wells have failed since then. He also addressed discussions that have been had regarding the franchise agreements.

Matt Lane thanked Commissioner Vaughan for providing the clarifying comments on the City wells.

3. Tuscola County Central Dispatch 2021 Annual Report -
Sandra Nielsen, Dispatch Director, reviewed the Central Dispatch 2021 Annual Report.

2022-M-048

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to receive and place on file the Tuscola County Central Dispatch 2021 Annual Report. Motion Carried.

4. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Resolution -

Clayette Zechmeister explained the proposed resolution and the need to have an updated resolution placed on file to update from SCMCCI to SAFEbuilt.

2022-M-049

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to approve Resolution #2022-02 titled "Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Resolution" to designate SAFEbuilt to administer and enforce Part 91 of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Act. Also, the fee schedule be amended to include no surety bond for gravel, sand pit or peat operation for implementation in Tuscola County.

Yes: Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Thomas Young and Thomas Bardwell

Motion Carried.

5. Public Hearing for Annexation of Property into the Village of Millington -

Recessed at 8:58 a.m. for Public Hearing

Reconvened at 9:03 a.m.

At 9:03 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

6. Resolution for Village of Millington Annexation -

2022-M-050

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to approve the Resolution 2022-03 titled "Order and Determination by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners to Annex Certain Lands to the Village of Millington, Michigan." Village Council of the Village of Millington approved by Resolution on February 14, 2022.

Yes: Kim Vaughan, Doug DuRussel, and Dan Grimshaw

Absent: Thomas Young and Thomas Bardwell

Motion Carried.

7. Potential Action to Hire an Architect to Look Into an Addition to the Tuscola County Annex Building -

2022-M-051

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to hire TSSF Architects, Inc. to proceed with a conceptual plan for a potential addition to the Tuscola County Annex building. Estimated cost of \$2,500.00 - \$3,000.00 to be paid from the ARPA funds. Motion Carried.

8. Mosquito Abatement 2022 Seasonal Hiring of Employees -

Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the letter submitted by Larry Zapfe, Mosquito Abatement Director, of the list of seasonal employees for the 2022 season.

2022-M-052

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel that per the request of the Mosquito Abatement Director that the following list of seasonal employees be authorized to be hired for the 2022 season:

Bonnie Fackler, Jean Smith, Mike Sherman, Jack Clark, Connor Langenburg, Dennis Haley, Joe Benjamin, Rich Myers, Ron Turner, Kevin Gainforth, Lee Garnsey, Richard Domenick, Skip Speirs, Mark Howard, John Adamczyk, Mike Putnam, Richard Letts, Rodney Hood, Mike Ryan, Mike Emry, Amos Perkins and Kirk Bauer. Motion Carried.

9. Board of Canvassers Resignation -

Clerk Fetting explained the request to accept the resignation of Mike Slocum and she shared her appreciation of his service on the Board.

2022-M-053

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to regretfully accept the resignation of long-time Canvasser, Mike Slocum, as the Republican Representative on the Board of Canvassers for Tuscola County. Mike was a huge asset on that Board and will be greatly missed.

Motion Carried.

10. Board of Canvassers Appointment -

Clerk Fetting stated that the Republican Party Chair Billy Putman has recommended Isaac White to the partial term on the Board of Canvassers.

2022-M-054

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that per the Recommendation of the Republican Party Chair, Billy Putman, to appoint Isaac White as the replacement for Mike Slocum on the Board of Canvassers for a partial term expiring October 31, 2023. Motion Carried.

11. 2021 Audit Engagement Letter -
Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the engagement letter presented.

2022-M-055

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw that the engagement letter with Gabridge & Company to conduct the 2021 county audit be approved and the Chairperson be authorized to sign. Motion Carried.

12. National Day of Prayer -

2022-M-056

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to approve the February 24, 2022 request from Nancy Matuszak for the Annual gathering of the National Day of Prayer on the Courthouse lawn Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Also, request permission to put up banners a few days ahead and put up a tent for the day of the event. Motion Carried.

Old Business

1. Animal Shelter Parking Lot Expansion Bids -
Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, presented his recommendation after he reviewed all of the bids received.

2022-M-057

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel that per the recommendation from the Buildings and Grounds Director that BlackJack Asphalt be awarded the bid for the Animal Shelter Parking lot expansion in the amount of \$12,500.00. Motion Carried.

2. Adult Probation Fence Update -
Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, presented the bid at the March 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

2022-M-058

Motion by Doug DuRussel, seconded by Dan Grimshaw to accept the bid from Dohlen Fence and Deck for a vinyl fence at the Tuscola County Parole/Probation Office located at 449 Green Street in the amount of \$8,920.00. Also, approve any necessary budget amendments. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Correspondence Regarding the No Fault Insurance Resolution
2. Open Letter to MI Leaders - Clerks - February 28, 2022
3. Road Commission February 17, 2022 Board Minutes

4. Cheboygan County Resolution 2022-03 Urging the Return of State Workers to In-Person Operations
5. Grand Traverse County Resolution Supporting the Community Mental Health Authority (CMHA) and Opposing State Legislation to Change the CMHA
6. Muskegon County Resolution for Black History Month
7. Iron County Resolution Urging the Return of State Workers to In-Person Operations

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Young

Absent

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 VII Economic Development Planning
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Vaughan

Board of Health -
Meets Friday
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 -
Working on a Master Plan which will be presented to the Board.

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Grimshaw

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Jail Planning Committee -

Had a Committee Member reach out to him regarding past plans for the jail and he referred her to Mike Miller for further information.

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

Local Units of Government

DuRussel

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works -

Accoladed the program for their assistance given to two Tuscola County residents in obtaining their CDL.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Bardwell

Absent

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

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 9:30 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

1. Steve Schreiner would like to file a complaint against the Board of Commissioners and is requesting a hearing under Public Act 217 with the Construction Code Board of Appeals. Clerk Fetting will forward the application for a hearing to Mr. Schreiner.
2. -Bill Putman addressed the Board regarding the Putman Medical Center Project and getting water.

-Wes Tahash, Project Supervisor for the Putman Medical Center Project, reported that a police report has been filed as he believes that arsenic was being emptied into the lagoon behind the Putman property by the City of Caro.

-Steve Anderson confirmed that a Police Report was being prepared by Deputy LaFlure. Once the report has been completed, he will forward to EGLE for further review and possible investigation.

Adjournment

2022-M-059

Motion by Dan Grimshaw, seconded by Doug DuRussel to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk