



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Thursday, June 29, 2023

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

Commissioner Vaughan 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 Street, Caro, MI 48723, on Thursday, June 29, 2023, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Young

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, Bill Lutz

Commissioners Absent: Matt Koch

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Sergeant Ryan Robinson, Deputy Blek, Prosecutor Mark Reene, Gina Gohs, Paul Gohs, Julie Walters, Cassie Gibbs, Robin Neff, Amy Gregor, Brad Kamrad, Shelly Lutz, Geoffrey Stuart, Nick Prezzato, Erica Walle, Emily Novak, Carrie Venus, Bob Baxter, Cody Horton, Mitchell Piper

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mitchell Holmes, Cody Horton, Debbie Babich, Brandon Bertram, Alecia Little, Matt Brown, Register Marianne Brandt, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Jon Ramirez, Jodi Barrons, Tuscola GOP, Cindy Hughes, Barry Lapp, Angie Daniels, Isaac White, Estee Bitzer, Stephen Root, Kayla Siegel

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2023-M-150

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes

1. Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2023-M-151

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 15, 2023 Regular meeting and the June 15, 2023 Public Hearing minutes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

2023-M-152

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Items from the June 26, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Friend of the Court (FOC) Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract for 2023-2028 -

Move that the Friend of the Court Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract for 2023-2028 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

2. Mid-Michigan Police K9, LLC -

Move that per the request from Undersheriff Baxter that the contract with Mid-Michigan Police K9, LLC to train one Belgian Malinois or German Shepherd Dog and handler to competency as a Dual-Purpose Narcotics Detection and Patrol Canine Team be approved. Also, all necessary signatures be authorized. Further move to approve the following budget amendments in the Road Patrol Fund: Budget the use of \$5,000.00, move \$3,500.00 from 207-309-932-000 Equipment, to the K-9 account 207-309-931-000 . Process Invoice #2023-3T43 from Mid-Michigan Police K9, LLC in the amount of \$13,500.00 from line item 207-309-931-000.

3. Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract for 2023-2028 -

Move that the Prosecuting Attorney Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Contract for 2023-2028 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

4. Johnson Controls Service Agreement -

Move that per the recommendation of Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, that the Planned Service Agreement from Johnson Controls for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Building, Courthouse and Michigan State Police Building in the amount of \$16,730.00 for the first year from 08/01/2023 to 07/31/2024 and \$17,400.00 for the second year from 08/01/2024 to 07/31/2025 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

New Business

1. Retirement Resolution Gina Gohs, Prosecuting Attorney's Office -

2023-M-153

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that County Resolution 2023-17 honoring Gina Gohs, Secretary II, for 15 years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Tuscola County be approved and placed on file.

Motion Carried.

2. Sergeant Ryan Robinson & Deputy Blek Introductions -
Sergeant Robinson explained the success that he and Deputy Blek has had being the K9 Team in Tuscola County.
3. Tuscola County Indigent Defense Fiscal Year 2024 Plan Approved by Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) -
Geoffrey Stuart provided an overview of the MIDC program and upcoming plan.

2023-M-154

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Compliance and Cost Analysis Renewal of the Tuscola County Indigent Defense Plan. Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) has approved and accepted the plan on June 21, 2023. Also, all signatures and necessary budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

4. First Amendment to the Commercial Lease Agreement at 429 State Street, Caro Michigan for Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Offices -
Geoffrey Stuart and Clayette Zechmeister explained the changes in the lease agreement due to the MIDC offices relocating in the Rolka Building.

2023-M-155

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the First Amendment to Commercial Leased Agreement by and between Rolka Property, LLC and Tuscola County for Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Offices. Changes have been reviewed by legal counsel and approved by the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments are authorized. Motion Carried.

5. Refill Vacant Road Patrol Deputy -
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, presented a request to fill an open position.

2023-M-156

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from Undersheriff Robert Baxter that Matthew Clark, who was given a conditional job offer pending a satisfactory background, physical, psychological and drug test, be hired to fill a vacant Road Patrol Deputy position. Clark is currently employed by the Caro Police Department and has 14 years of law enforcement experience, 7 of which are full-time. Due to his years of experience, it is requested that he start at Step 5 at the rate of \$27.76 per hour. Per the Letter of Agreement between the County and the Police Officers Association of Michigan Collective Bargaining Agreement, it is recommended that Clark receive the \$3,000 sign-on bonus, to be structured at the discretion of the Sheriff. Motion Carried.

6. Refill Additional Vacant Road Patrol Deputy -
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, presented a request to fill an open position.

2023-M-157

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young that per the request from Undersheriff Baxter, that Caleb Bock, who was given a conditional job offer pending a satisfactory background, physical, psychological and drug test, be hired to fill a vacant Road Patrol Deputy position. He will be considered full-time and paid at the Step 1 rate of \$24.08 per hour while attending the police academy. Start date to be August 21, 2023. Motion Carried.

7. Corrections Officer Attending Academy to Refill Vacant Road Patrol Deputy Position -
Robert Baxter, Undersheriff, presented a request to fill an open position.

2023-M-158

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the request from Undersheriff Robert Baxter, that current Corrections Officer, Mallory Fini, attend the police academy, starting August 21, 2023. She will move from the Corrections Unit to the Road Patrol Unit at Step 1 rate of \$24.08 per hour. Motion Carried.

8. District Health Department Number 2, 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Subrecipient Funding Agreement -
Steve Anderson, Emergency Manager, explained the proposed contract.

2023-M-159

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Young to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Subrecipient Funding Agreement with the District Health Department #2, who is the acting fiduciary agent for the 2022 Homeland Security Grant Program. Agreement has been reviewed and approved by Braun Kendrick. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

9. Land Bank Request for Additional Funding -
Ashley Bennett, Treasurer, provided information regarding the grant program for the Land Bank. Board discussed the amount that should be transferred to the Land Bank.

2023-M-160

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Kim Vaughan that per the request from Ashley Bennett, County Treasurer and Land Bank Chairperson, that \$500,000.00 be appropriated from the Provision of Government Services fund balance in the General Fund to the Tuscola County Land Bank to ensure and establish future funding for land bank properties and revitalization throughout Tuscola County.

Yes: Thomas Young, Kim Vaughan, and Bill Lutz

No: Thomas Bardwell

Absent: Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

Recessed at 9:29 a.m.

Reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

10. 9:00 a.m. - Closed Session Regarding Real Estate Matters for Vanderbilt Park

2023-M-161

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that the Board meet in closed session under section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider a written legal opinion exempt from disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, with Mitchell Piper, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Cody Horton and Ashley Bennett to be allowed to attend the closed session at 9:35 a.m.

Yes: Thomas Young, Thomas Bardwell, Kim Vaughan, and Bill Lutz

Absent: Matt Koch

Motion Carried.

Recessed to Closed Session at 9:35 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 10:51 a.m.

At 10:51 a.m., there were a total of 14 participants attending the meeting virtually.

11. Peoples State Bank (PSB) Building Construction Invoice -

Mike Miller, Buildings and Grounds Director, explained the request to have ACM materials removed at the PSB Building.

2023-M-162

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz that per the recommendation of Mike Miller, Building and Grounds Director, that the Rightway Remediation, LLC quote for the removal of ACM materials in the amount of \$5,900.00 at 171 North State Street in Caro be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized. Funds are available in the Capital Improvements Fund (483). Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Legislative Update 6-16-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Legislative Update 6-23-23 - The Michigan Association of Counties
3. Delta County Resolution 23-04 Second Amendment Sanctuary County
4. Delta County Resolution 23-05 Opposing Statewide Septic Code
5. Mackinac County Resolution Opposing Statewide Septic Code
6. St. Joseph County Resolution 8-2023
7. 2023-12 Affirming Support of all Constitutional Rights
8. 2023-13 Revised School Code
9. 2023-14 Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control
10. Sanitary Code Resolution No. 2023-100001

Commissioner Liaison Committee Reports

Lutz

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Grant was received to support the weatherization program and the homeless prevention program.

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

Frankenmuth Credit Union issued a grant to Millington Arbela Fire Department for new jaws of life.

Human Development Commission Board of Directors Liaison

Koch

Absent

Behavioral Health Systems Board

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

Bardwell

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Meets tonight to finalize the contract for the new CEO.
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
MAC Finance Committee
TRIAD
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Young

Board of Public Works
County Road Commission Liaison
Fiber Optic installation is progressing.
Dispatch Authority Board
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Great Start Collaborative
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)
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
County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
Will schedule the EDC Director to come in to provide an update.

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

-Clayette Zechmeister stated a Thank you was received from Cars and Crafts.

-Clayette Zechmeister stated a Thank you was received from Jean Doss.

At 11:13 a.m., there were a total of 13 participants attending the meeting virtually.

1. Purdy Building Closure on July 3, 2023 (matter added) -

Clayette Zechmeister stated that the Treasurer's Office, Register of Deeds Office and Drain Commissioner's Office will be closed on Monday, July 3, 2023. Board discussed closing the rest of the building.

2023-M-163

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to close the H.H. Purdy Building on Monday, July 3, 2023 with notice to be posted on the H.H. Purdy Building (doors), the county website and to notify local TV outlets. Motion Carried.

Extended Public Comment

None

Adjournment

2023-M-164

Motion by Thomas Young, seconded by Bill Lutz to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk, CCO