



MINUTES

Board of Commissioners

Meeting

8:00 AM - Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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

Commissioner Vaughan called the special 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 Tuesday, March 19, 2024, to order at 8:00 AM local time.

Prayer - Commissioner Lutz

Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call - Clerk Fetting

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

Commissioners Absent: Thomas Young, Matt Koch

Others Present In-Person: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Jon Ramirez, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Karen Snider, Martin Prozondek, Cindy Hughes, Katie Robinson, Judy Cockerill, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Dan Grimshaw, Cody Horton, Sheila Long, Shelly Lutz, Neil Hammerbacher, Curtis Blackhurst, Caryn Michalak, Erica Dibble, Amanda Ertman, Judge Jason E. Bitzer

Also Present Virtual: Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Mark Haney, Alecia Little, Carrie Tabar, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Crystal Knoblock, Debbie Babich, Echo Torrez, Steve Root, Angie Daniels, Renee Francisco, Estee Bitzer, Kate VanAuken, Nicole Friday, Dara Hood, Tom Young, Chad Tumblin, Barry Lapp, Jodi Barrons, Angie House, Greg Ryneerson

At 8:03 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda -

2024-M-062

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

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only

None

Consent Agenda

None

New Business

1. Scheduled Interviews for Controller/Administrator Position -
 1. Neil Hammerbacher
 2. Curtis Blackhurst
 3. Caryn Michalak
 4. Erica Dibble

The Board interviewed each candidate separately allowing for an opportunity for questions and answers as to the candidates qualifications to be the next Controller/Administrator. Each candidate was given approximately 30 minutes.

Recessed at 10:09 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

At 10:18 a.m., there were a total of 27 participants attending the meeting virtually.

2. Next Steps for Hiring the Controller/Administrator -

The Board members that were present discussed what they each felt were important qualifications for a candidate to encompass for the Controller/Administrator position. Each of the Commissioners stated that a background in finance is important.

The Board would like the matter added to the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 25, 2024 for further discussion.

3. Resignation Letter from Eric Wanink, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney -

2024-M-063

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to accept with regret the Letter of Resignation from Eric F. Wanink, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, effective April 23, 2024. Mr. Wanink has served the Tuscola County Prosecutor's Office for almost 21 years, over 15 years as Chief Assistant Prosecutor.

Motion Carried.

Old Business

None

Correspondence/Resolutions

1. Legislative Update 3-1-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties
2. Legislative Update 3-8-24 - The Michigan Association of Counties

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)
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

Bardwell

No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board
MAC Finance Committee
NACo Rural Action Caucus (RAC)
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

Lutz

No Report

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Department of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

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

Other Business as Necessary

-Clerk Fetting stated there is a May 2024 Special Election with Caro Community Schools placing an Operating Millage Renewal and Bond Proposal on the ballot.

-Clayette Zechmeister stated that the marijuana revenue has been received which Tuscola County received more than what was budgeted. The additional funds will be placed in the County's Contingency Fund.

At 10:47 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment

-Judy Cockerill stated there is one clear candidate that understands the duties of the position and has the financial reporting background of county government.

Adjournment

2024-M-064

Motion by Bill Lutz, seconded by Thomas Bardwell to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk, CCO