

Draft
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, May 13, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell (Via Conference Call; excused early), District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Honorable Judge Nancy L. Thane, Karen Southgate, Brian Neuville, Kristy Sutherland, Kim Green, Karly Creguer, Mark Kosik, Cody Horton, Register John Bishop, Nancy Laskowski, Rick Boylan, Lieutenant Brian Harris, Mark Haney, Tracy Violet, Jean Doss (via Google Hangouts), Undersheriff Bob Baxter, Leigh Nacy, Jonathan Lauderbach, Erico Lopez, Mark Trumbauer, Jim Tussey, Ben Doyle

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel - Continued below

1. **Request to Re-Establish In-Home Parenting Program** - Karen Southgate presented the request to establish the program again in Tuscola County as the opportunity to contract with the State of Michigan has ended. Karen would realign her budget in order to maintain this as budget neutral for this year. The request includes the ability to find potential contractors for the program. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

Finance/Technology

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **Human Development Commission Senior Millage Transportation Funding Request** - Brian Neuville and Kristy Sutherland presented the request for the funding request from the Senior Millage. Clayette Zechmeister stated there is sufficient fund balance to cover the fund request. Commissioner Grimshaw would like specific details as to which line items will be adjusted. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. **Update Regarding Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies, SB 46** - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update.
3. **MREC Wind Turbine Invoices, Juniata Township Share** - Mike Hoagland has provided the information to Supervisor Garrett Tetil. Supervisor Tetil stated he will present the information at the next Township Board meeting. Nancy Laskowski confirmed it is on the Township Agenda.

4. **Resolution in Support of Constructing a New Psychiatric Hospital in Tuscola County** - Potential Resolution was included in the Committee Packet for the Board to review. Matter to be added to Thursday's Agenda with roll call vote.
5. **Aerial Photography Intergovernmental Agreement with the State** - Cody Horton presented the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement. The aerial photography will include imagery from 2016 and 2020. Cody is requesting to be named the Image Service Contact and have the Agreement presented to be signed. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. **Approval of Grant for Animal Control Truck** - Clayette Zechmeister is requesting approval to finalize a grant request through Rural Development for Animal Control. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
7. **Community Corrections Contract Approval** - Clayette Zechmeister explained the request to have a resolution passed to request grant funds. Matter to be placed on Thursday's Agenda with roll call vote.
8. **Equalization 2019 Tax Rate Request** - Clayette Zechmeister presented report. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
9. **Network Security Performance Overview** - Eean Lee presented an assessment of the success the IT Department has realized in Network Security. A news clip from 60 minutes was shown.
10. **Update Regarding Caro Psychiatric Hospital – Jean Doss Capital Services** - Jean Doss provided an update from the Senate Appropriation Subcommittee meeting. She spoke on making sure the upcoming budget is as strong as possible and what are the facts that should be presented to the Governor to maintain the Caro Center in Tuscola County. Also, discussed was the political side of the matter. Senator Daley and Representative Green are working to educate Legislators on both sides of the isle. Jean would like to have more communication tools as well as our own report to submit after the consultants hired by the state present their report. Michigan Sheriff's Association entered a public position of support to build the new state psychiatric hospital in Caro. Jean recommended considering engaging with a professional communication company to better use tools that may be available. Board discussed contracting with KC Communications. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

Finance

1. Water Rates Paid for County Facilities Along M24 and Deckerville Roads
2. Opioid Lawsuit
3. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan
4. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
5. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report Development - Report is being prepared.
6. Convert to New State Chart of Accounts - State has put on hold.
7. 2020 Budget Development - Looking at August or September 2019.
8. Second Year MIDC Plan and Budget
9. Determine if any Drain Bonds can be Retired Early or Refinanced

Technology

1. Animal Control Camera and Other Security - Cameras have been installed.
2. New Server and Network Storage Capacity - Server has been installed.
3. Jail Live Scan Scanner - Lieutenant Harris provided an update.
4. GIS Update - Cody provided update earlier in meeting.
5. Increasing On-Line Services
6. Updating County Web Page
7. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
8. CLEMIS Road Patrol Software – Impacts on Local Police Departments - Launch in July 2019.
9. New Kronos Time Attendance and BSA Finance/General Ledger Software - Kronos has launched. BS & A discovery meetings have begun.

Personnel - Continued from Above Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

2. **Next Steps Controller/Administrator** - Commissioner Vaughan stated a contract and wages will be discussed by the Personnel Committee and presented at an upcoming meeting.
3. **Notification of Meetings to Review Future Road and Bridge Work** - Commissioner Young provided an update. He finds it very helpful to attend the Road Commission meetings and may leave an upcoming Board meeting to be able to attend as the meetings are scheduled at the same time.
4. **Mosquito Abatement Biologist Position** - Kim Green reported that the Biologist has accepted a position somewhere else and is requesting permission to post the vacancy. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. **Animal Control Vacancy** - Leigh Nacy has selected a candidate, Jordan Fierros, to fill the part-time position at Animal Control. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. **County Planning Commission Vacancy** - Clerk Fetting presented the three candidates that applied for the Committee vacancy. Board would like to complete interviews at 10:00 a.m. at Thursday's meeting. Clerk Fetting will contact the applicants.
7. **LEAD Tuscola Program** - Clerk Fetting has requested that Rita Papp attend the 2019-2020 LEAD Tuscola Program. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Personnel - No Updates

1. 4-H Presentation
2. Animal Control Ordinance Update
3. Negotiation of Expiring Union Contracts – Setting Financial and Other Objectives
4. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
5. Evaluate Potential Training Programs
6. Start the Development of Pay Grade Schedule and Updated Job Descriptions
7. County Planning Commission Vacancy
8. Scheduling a MAC 7th Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **County Jail Study Committee, Development of a Concept Plan** - Commissioner Grimshaw presented regarding a Jail Feasibility Study and quote received from Byce & Associates, Inc. The request is to approve having the study completed. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **Recycling Relocation Update** - Mike Miller provided an update that the soil removal project was completed last week.
3. **Vanderbilt Park Update** -
-Mike Miller provided an update regarding the water system project as the Engineer has not been timely. He has just received information from the Engineer that he will review and present at a future meeting.
-Central Michigan University is requesting permission to use the Park for a research project. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. **Alarm System for Underground Storage Tank at Michigan State Police** - Mike Miller presented a situation that occurred with the alarm system. Johnson Controls has provided a proposal that provides a better notification system. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
5. **Request to Use Courthouse Lawn** - The Tuscola County Prevention Peer 360 is requesting to use the courthouse lawn on August 31, 2019. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. County Land Bank
2. Cass River Greenways
3. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
4. County Property Ownership Inventory
5. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam
6. Sidewalk Improvements and Parking Lot Sealing
7. Purdy Building Awning, Sign and Stucco Repairs
8. Jail Entrance Step and Ceiling Tile
9. State Police Post Water Tank Inspection, Sidewalk and Parking Lot Repairs
10. Potential Sale of Certain County Properties
11. New Septic System at Vanderbilt Park and Vegetation Clearing
12. Health Department Painting, Animal Control Ceiling and Court Windows
13. Recycling Soil Removal and Construction

Other Business as Necessary

1. NextEra Presentation - Erico Lopez (matter added) - Erico Lopez presented to the Board that NextEra wants to do business in Tuscola County. Ben Doyle, Capitol Airspace Group, presented to the Board regarding his company's involvement in a preliminary study completed in reference to the Tuscola Area Airport and the Pegasus wind project. Mark Trumbauer asked the Board to be considerate of the resolutions being passed and the make-up of the Boards that are adopting them.

2. Methods of Providing Dental Care to Indigent
3. Elected Versus Appointed Road Commissioners
4. Work with DTE and Others to Solve Increasing Energy Demands in the County
5. Update County Policies

Public Comment Period -

-Jim Tussey - Spoke in reference to the group "Friends of the Airport" that is being utilized to raise money to pay for attorneys to protect the airport. The FAA approval includes language to follow set guidelines. He explained the position of the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) in adopting the resolution.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 11:35 a.m.

-Erico Lopez - Stated they have followed the proper steps in order to gain the proper permits. He encouraged the Board to communicate with local Boards where NextEra currently has projects.

-Nancy Laskowski - Stated that Juniata Township has not joined the Tuscola Airport Authority.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk