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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, June 10, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell (excused at 10:34 a.m.), District 3 - Kim Vaughan (excused at 10:34 a.m.), District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:08 a.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Leigh Nancy, Mike Green, Tisha Jones-Holubec. Register John Bishop

Finance/Technology
Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **Fairground Building Fund Raising** - Mike Green invited the Board to the pancake supper being hosted by the Tuscola County Fair Board in order to raise funds to finish the project. The event is July 19, 2019 beginning at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Contractual Medical Examiner System** - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update as the revised contract was reviewed by the county attorney. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
3. **Medical Examiner Annual Report** - Annual Report presented to the Board. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
4. **Sheriff Drone Purchase Request** - Sheriff Skrent has received a grant from USDA to cover the majority of the cost and he is requesting to use fund balance to cover the remaining balance. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
5. **Recycling Soil Removal Payment** - Commissioner Vaughan provided an overview of the past discussions regarding the soil removal at the new location for the Recycling Center. Board discussed the matter at length regarding the recovery of funds from Mr. Kozan. Board reviewed motion from the January 17, 2019 meeting. Board discussed if they want to pursue the money from Mr. Kozan. The County does not want to pursue Mr. Kozan as they feel it is Braun Kendrick's responsibility to recover that amount. Board discussed if a statement has been received from DEQ that once the current matters are cleaned up that the site will be released from DEQ. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
6. **Contract with Air Advantage** - Eean Lee provided a review of current contract. He would like the matter tabled to the next Committee of the Whole meeting as the Sheriff would like to review the contract. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
7. **Funding KC Consultants – City of Caro Contribution, Other Funding Sources** - Clayette Zechmeister has been in contact with the Caro City Manager, Michael Silverman, regarding cost sharing. Caro City is willing to negotiate a shared cost. Clayette is waiting on the verbiage from Mr. Silverman. Tisha Jones-Holubec stated the Caro City Council voted to pay up to \$1,500 per month as they wanted to see if any other entities are going to join in the cost sharing.
8. **State Funding for Flooding Damages** - Governor Whitmer declared a state of emergency for Tuscola County to address damage caused by the recent flooding.

On-Going and Other Finance

Finance - No updates.

1. Update Regarding Caro Psychiatric Hospital
2. MREC Wind Turbine Invoices (Juniata and Fairgrove Townships)
3. Update Regarding Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies – SB 46
4. Water Rates Paid for County Facilities Along M24 and Deckerville Roads
5. Opioid Lawsuit
6. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan
7. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs
8. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report Development
9. Convert to New State Chart of Accounts
10. 2020 Budget Development
11. Second Year MIDC Plan and Budget
12. Determine if any Drain Bonds can be Retired Early or Refinanced

Technology - No updates.

1. Animal Control Camera and Other Security
2. New Server and Network Storage Capacity
3. Jail Live Scan Scanner
4. GIS Update
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
9. New Kronos Time Attendance and BSA Finance/General Ledger Software

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **Discussion of Closed Session Notes Retention** - Commissioner Bardwell explained information he received of the possibility of retaining closed session minutes post-disposal time frame per the Open Meetings Act. Matter discussed.
2. **Controller/Administrator Contract** - Commissioner Bardwell provided an update regarding the proposed employment contract. There are 5 items that were provided by Clayette and reviewed by the attorney that need further discussion. Clayette stated her attorney has reviewed the employment agreement and had a few other concerns. Matter to be discussed further at the next Board meeting.
3. **Animal Control Ordinance Update** - Leigh Nacy stated the proposed changes made to the animal control county ordinance have been sent to the county attorney for review. Matter discussed.
4. **Elmwood Township Barking Dogs Matter** - Discussed in previous matter.
5. **LEAD Tuscola County Candidates** - Sheriff Skrent has requested that Undersheriff Baxter attend LEAD for the 2019-2020 year. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
6. **Economic Development Commission (EDC) Board Appointment (matter added)** - Clerk Fetting stated there was one applicant for the vacant position, Mike Green, to fulfill the remaining term previously held by Kent Graf which will expire December 31, 2019. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Personnel - no updates.

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

Commissioner Bardwell and Commissioner Vaughan excused at 10:34 a.m. to attend a meeting regarding the Caro Center.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **County Jail Study Committee – Development of a Concept Plan** - The consulting firm is currently gathering information. There is a meeting scheduled for June 20, 2019. Commissioner Grimshaw expressed concern of the wording of development of a concept plan as he does not feel the project is at that stage.
2. **Vanderbilt Park Update** - Measuring for water lines is currently being completed.
3. **Request to Use Courthouse Lawn** - Mr. Booth has requested to use the courthouse lawn for the months of June and July. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds - no updates

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

Other Business as Necessary - no updates

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

-Commissioner Grimshaw questioned the Board policy in who had authority to contact the county attorney as Commissioner Vaughan stated he had emailed the county attorney. Commissioner Young believes the past practice/policy has been for either Mike Hoagland or the Board Chair to be the contact person.

Public Comment Period - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

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