

Draft
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, July 22, 2019 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:13 a.m.)

Absent: District 3 - Kim Vaughan

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mary Drier, Register John Bishop, Mike Miller, Judge Nancy L. Thane, Sheila Long, Karen Southgate, Mark Trumbauer, Dan Skiver, Kelly Quiroga, Nancy Laskowski, Rahm Mormando, Nancy Erdody, Leigh Nancy, Mark Haney, Sandy Nielsen, Jim Tussey, Gene Pierce, Karen Currie (via phone)

Finance/Technology - continued below
Committee Leaders -Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. **DHHS/Child Care 2019-2020 Budget -**
 - Sheila Long and Karen Southgate reviewed budget requests for 2019 - 2020 for the Child Care Fund and the amount of reimbursements the County should receive. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
 - Karen Southgate reviewed the contract for the Parent Education and Supervised Visitation Program. The County Attorney will review the contract. The matter will then be placed on a meeting agenda for approval.

Commissioner Grimshaw arrived 8:13 a.m.

2. **Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BC/BS) Renewal -** Dan Skiver from Brown and Brown reviewed the BC/BS renewal. Board would like to review PowerPoint presentation prior to making a decision. Matter to be placed on the agenda for Thursday's meeting.
3. **Animal Control Update -** Leigh Nancy provided an update regarding the Animal Shelter.
4. **Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan Annual Report Summary -** Clayette Zechmeister provided a review of the MERS annual report. Board would like a listing of accounts that the County is invested in, a listing of the top 25 investment companies, a history of gains and losses and a MERS Representative to present to the Board.

On-Going and Other Finance
Finance

1. MREC - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update from the meeting she recently attended.
2. Update Regarding Assessing/Taxation Disputes with Wind Turbine Companies – SB 46 - Update provided.
3. Opioid Lawsuit
4. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan - Project has been started.

5. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs - Clayette Zechmeister will review report and provide an overview to the Board.
6. 2018 Comprehensive Annual Report
7. 2020 Budget Development

Technology

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page
3. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
4. New Kronos Time Attendance and BS&A Finance/General Ledger Software - Eean Lee provided an update.

Personnel - continued below

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **IT Position** - Eean Lee reported a candidate has been selected for the vacancy in his Department. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
2. **MIDC Office Position** - Rahm Mormando reported a candidate has been selected for the vacancy in his Department. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Controller/Administrator Contract** - No update at this time on the contract. Board discussed options to fill the position.

Finance/Technology - continued from above

Committee Leaders -Commissioners Young and Jensen

5. **KC Communications Caro Center Update** - Karen Currie provided an update regarding the efforts in increasing communication methods in reference to the Caro Center. A Facebook page has been created "Caro 4 Michigan". The report release has been pushed back to July 26th or July 29th. She is hopeful a meeting with the Governor can be scheduled after the release of the report.

Personnel - continued from above

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Negotiation of Expiring Union Contracts – Setting Financial and Other Objectives - Clayette Zechmeister reported that open enrollment dates will be scheduled soon.
2. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
3. Scheduling a MAC 7th Meeting to Determine if Organization will Continue - Commissioner Bardwell will confirm date.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Animal Shelter State Inspection Update** - Mike Miller stated the sealing of the garage floor has been completed. There were a few other issues noted in the inspection that were handled easily.
2. **Animal Shelter Steel Door Replacement** - Mike Miller provided an update to the project and costs to complete in order to comply with the State Inspection. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. County Jail Study
2. County Land Bank/Sale of Property
3. Recycling Relocation Update - There was a large tree that fell during the storms this weekend at the current facility.
4. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building
5. Review of Alternative Solutions Concerning the Caro Dam

Other Business as Necessary

1. Elected Versus Appointed Road Commissioners - Matter to remain on the agenda for Commissioner Vaughan to discuss.
2. Section 19 Funding (matter added) - Clayette Zechmeister provided up update from Emergency Manager Steve Anderson regarding Section 19 funding for the Spring 2019 flood/rain event in Tuscola County. Tuscola County is expecting to be the fiduciary.

Public Comment Period -

- Nancy Laskowski provided handouts to the Commissioners from the Tuscola County Advertiser February 13, 2013 edition in reference to the NextEra wind project. Nancy feels that the Board in 2011 did show bias when appointing AZBA members.

-Jim Tussey provided an update of the FAA appeal. He also spoke of conflict of interest that was addressed by the NextEra attorney regarding members of the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals (AZBA) Board which Jim does not feel addresses all of the Board members that may have a conflict of interest. He feels the issue at hand is the airport not the turbines.

-Jason Utton presented to the Board regarding the Juniata wind project. He reviewed that FAA has approved the wind turbines. He stated that airport and the wind turbine project can co-exist.

-Nancy Erdody stated there has been a meeting scheduled with Reese Schools to discuss the water issue with her property. Commissioner Grimshaw has not received a response from Curtis Stowe yet and he would like the solution for the matter in writing.

-Oxbow Property - This is a township matter and the Ellington Township Supervisor has been made aware of it.

-MAC Conference - Commissioner Bardwell asked if any of the Commissioners were attending the August conference and no one has registered at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk