

Draft
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, February 10, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.
HH Purdy Building - 125 W. Lincoln, Caro, MI

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan (via Google Hangouts), District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:07 a.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Shelly Lutz, Mike Miller, Eean Lee, Carmell Pattullo, Nancy Laskowski, Wayne Koper, Jonathan Lauderbach, Magistrate Joe VanAuken, Art Graff, Ann McLaughlin, Eric King, Eileen Doering, Jamie Nisidis, Barbara Ruckle, Ken Hecht, Tim Kinney, Carrie Nichols, John Schneider, Tisha Jones-Holubec, Jim Tussey

Finance/Technology

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology -

1. **Cost Allocation Plan Contract for Audit Years 2019, 2020 and 2021** - Board discussed contract and slight increase in cost for this contract renewal. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

**On-Going and Other Finance
Finance**

1. Preparation of Updated Multi-Year Financial Plan
2. Continue Review of Road Commission Legacy Costs

Technology

1. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page
2. Implementation of New Computer Aided Dispatch System
3. Disaster Recovery Lunch and Learn - Frankenmuth Insurance and SIS have invited local partners to the event. Eean will be a keynote speaker. The event will be on March 13, 2020 at Uptown North Main in Frankenmuth.

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioners Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. **Paperless Payroll** - Board discussed implementation of not issuing paper payroll checks. Shelly to complete further research in offering only direct deposit or a payroll card option. Magistrate VanAuken expressed that some businesses do not accept payroll cards unless the employee's name is on the card. The goal is to have a decision made and implementation around July 1, 2020.
2. **Out of State Travel Request for Chief Information Officer** - CIO Eean Lee explained his request for out of state travel and costs associated with the request. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

3. **Update on Lobbyist RFP** - Commissioner Bardwell wanted to make sure the RFP has been posted. Clerk Fetting stated she received notification that it has been posted on the county webpage. The RFP can be found under Online Services.

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
2. **Magistrate Pay Review** - Magistrate VanAuken stated that his job description has been provided as requested. Board discussed the salary changes that happened originally when the two Magistrate positions were combined as well as when the on-call duties were split with the Referee Hoffmeister. Board would like to consider adjusting his pay to include the original \$10,000 that was offered to Magistrate VanAuken when the positions were combined. Board would like him to meet with Judge Gierhart to gain further clarification on her position in the matter. Matter to be added to the first Committee of the Whole meeting in March 2020.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. **Land Purchase** - Mike Miller reported an offer has been accepted in the amount of \$6,500.00 to purchase the property discussed. All costs to be paid for by the County. The clean-up of the property to be completed within 60 days. Board would like to add to the Special Board of Commissioners meeting being held today.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. County Jail Study
2. **Recycling Relocation Update** - Mike Miller provided an update on the progress of the building. He has scheduled to have the painting completed.
3. **County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Pole Building**
4. **State Land Purchase** - Commissioner Vaughan reported the paperwork has been submitted to the State.
5. **Smoking Policy** - Commissioner Grimshaw would like to have marijuana considered to be included in the policy when it is reviewed. Wayne Koper referenced that state law has language included in it that references smoking marijuana in public so it may not need to be addressed in the policy.

Other Business as Necessary

1. **Potential Video of Meetings** - CIO Eean Lee stated a request has been received from Wayne Koper to post the meetings online. Before he researches the options available, he would like to know the Board's position. Wayne Koper clarified that at this point he would like the availability to live stream the meeting. Board discussed requirements that may need to be followed. No action at this time.
2. **MAC VII District Upcoming Meeting** - Commissioner Bardwell stated that the meeting has been scheduled for February 17, 2020. Renee stated that approximately 10 people have responded that they will be attending. Eean Lee will be presenting on Cybersecurity. Renee is currently working on the agenda.

3. **Road Commission** - Commissioner Bardwell expressed an observation that on Deckerville Road there is a difference in the ice on the road at Lamton Road which is the county line as it appeared to him that Sanilac County had applied salt where Tuscola County had not.
4. **Boy Scout Road Update** - Commissioner Vaughan stated progress is being made on getting the road opened to a one-way road.
5. **Construction Code Board of Appeals Decision** - Commissioner Vaughan has contacted the county attorney for clarification in regards to the denial decision made by the Construction Code Board of Appeals for the greenhouse in the City of Vassar. The applicant can appeal to the State Board for relief. Commissioner Vaughan stated there is an option that the Board of Commissioners can amend the code that Building Codes uses to make a determination. The Board has the option to amend this requirement every three years but has never exercised that. Board would like the county attorney to research and provide further information related to this matter.

On-Going Other Business

1. Board Rules of Order – Possible revisions within 6 months (1-13-20)
2. Policy Updates
3. SB 46

Public Comment Period -

-Nancy Laskowski spoke in reference to the Building Codes and the code that the State of Michigan follows.

-Barbara Ruckle spoke in reference to the denial decision made by the Airport Zoning Board of Appeals (AZBA) and asked the Board to stand behind the AZBA.

-Art Graff spoke about Building Codes and their ability to enforce codes. He also spoke in reference to the information provided on the Mitten Wind literature regarding the tax revenue.

-Wayne Koper questioned what SB46 stands for which Commissioner Jensen provided a brief explanation.

-Eileen Doering stated if the turbines would just be moved outside of the protected airspace of the airport then the county would still receive that tax revenue.

-Eric King referenced the weather conditions and the visibility of the turbines.

-Nancy Laskowski asked if there will be public comment prior to the closed session and Commissioner Bardwell responded that Brief Public Comment is on the agenda.

-Jim Tussey spoke in reference to unintended consequences and referenced comments made by the Commissioners at previous meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk