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Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, October 12, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.

**Electronic remote access will be implemented for this meeting,
in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services Emergency
Order Under MCL 333-2253 – Gathering Prohibition and Mask Order.**

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell,
District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Doug DuRussel, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Mary Drier, Tracy Violet, Heidi Chicilli, Steve Anderson, Robert Baxter, Lisa Ozbat, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Matt Brown, Ann Hepfer, Phil Petzold, Steve Root, Cody Horton, Mark Thompson, Jason MacDonald, Barry Lapp, Sandy Erskine, Senator Kevin Daley, Wayne Koper, Brain Harris, Caryl Langmaid, Leigh Nancy, Nancy Barrios, Register John Bishop, Shelly Lutz

At 8:07 a.m., there were people 37 attending the electronic meeting.

County Impacts from the Supreme Court Decision

1. Update from Ann Hepfer Health Officer - An update was provided in reference to the Emergency Order issued by Director Gordon with the new guidelines issued and the increased capacity at school athletic events.
2. Legislative Update from Senator Daley - An update was provided in reference to the pending legislation regarding virtual meetings and the Open Meeting Act. Senator Daley also spoke in regards to the Emergency Order issued by Director Gordon.
3. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Emergency Orders under MCL 333.2253 - Board discussed the current Emergency Order issued by Director Gordon.
4. Board of Commissioners Moving the County Forward - Mike Miller reviewed the Board Room and the small conference room seating capacity to adhere to the Emergency Order and social distancing guidelines. Board discussed the matter at length regarding the options available to hold the Board meeting on Thursday. The Board will meet in a hybrid meeting which will include in-person and virtual participation on October 15, 2020 with at least 3 Board members present at the Board Room. The Clerk and Comptroller's Office representative will attend virtually for this meeting. Mike Miller and Eean Lee will work to get the Board Room and Small Conference Room ready.

Recessed at 10:12 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:24 a.m.

Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Jensen, Grimshaw

At 10:24 a.m. there were people 37 attending the electronic meeting.

Finance/Technology

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. Workman's Compensation– Mark Hankerd reviewed the changes that Tuscola County is experiencing in the cost projections for 2021 and the reasons why there has been an increase in the amount due in Workman's Compensation.
2. 2021 Budget Development progress - Debbie Babich reported that the budget preparation is on target for preparation.
3. 2021 Capital Expense Review and Prioritization - Mike Miller will review at Thursday's meeting when the Commissioners have the request list included in their packet.
4. MMR Reduction of Service - Board discussed the reduction in services being provided to the Caro area by MMR during the evening hours.
5. Animal Control Update and Projected Needs - Leigh Nancy provided an update to the Board on various items at Animal Control. She is working on replacing the position of the part-time Kennel Attendant and reviewed her 2021 Budget requests.
6. Inmate Telephone Services Agreement - Matter was discussed by the Board. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
7. 11th Amendment to the Inmate Health Care Services - Matter was discussed by the Board. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.
8. MIFSM Update - Commissioner Bardwell provided an update and is continuing to work with the County Attorney.

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Adult Probation Building Fence - Mike Miller is working on getting an estimate.
2. Recycling Building Progress - Mike Miller provided an update on the progress that has been made at the new Recycling Center. The plan is to make the transition move between buildings the first week of November.
3. Purdy Building Public Access Update - Mike Miller reviewed the items that need to be addressed in the Purdy Building.
4. Update on 1st Week of Purdy Building Public Access Opening - No update at this time.

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. Virtual Open Enrollment Update – Virtual meeting dates have been scheduled for October 27, 2020 and October 30, 2020.
2. Elected/Appointed Compensation - Board discussed the salaries of the Elected Officials. Board would like to have a list of the salaries for the Elected Officials and the Appointed Department Heads for Tuscola County as well as surrounding counties.
3. Administrative FTE reduction impact – Board discussed the situation the Controller's Office is in regards to being short-staffed. Board discussed the timeline of budget preparation and other requirements of the office.

Other Business as Necessary

1. Elected Officials & Ballot Initiative Update - Matter discussed.
2. MAC 7th Virtual Meeting Discussion - Commissioner Bardwell will proceed with scheduling a virtual meeting.
3. Parks & Recreation Letter With Storage Agreement - Nancy Barrios reviewed items that have been recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Board of Commissioners to adopt. Matters of Non-Camper Dump Fee and Off Season Storage Fee to be placed on the Consent Agenda. Matter of Non-park traffic use to be placed on Thursday's Agenda. Matter of clarification of park survey boundaries to be researched where the documentation is.

Correspondence

1. Inspection letter from Anne Veitengruber - Commissioner Bardwell reviewed the letter received regarding Building Codes.
2. EPA Underground Injection Permit - Correspondence was reviewed.

At 2:00 p.m. there were 23 people attending the electronic meeting.

Public Comment Period -

-Register John Bishop referenced Board Rule 6.3. Also spoke of Mike Hoagland receiving additional vacation time due to longevity.

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

Caryl Langmaid
Chief Deputy Clerk
Tuscola County