

Draft
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, November 23, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.

**Electronic remote meeting 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 and Public
Act No. 228 of 2020.**

Commissioners Present Virtual:

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

Commissioner Absent - None

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Doug DuRussel, Debbie
Babich, Tracy Violet, Mary Drier, Steve Anderson, Wayne Koper, Mark Haney,
Sandy Nielsen, Lisa Ozbat, Ann Hepfer, Mike Miller, Matt Brown, Terry Blackmer,
Jeff Mallory, Matt Brown, Phil Petzold, Heidi Chicilli, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Jana
Brown, Senator Kevin Daley, Cody Horton, Megan Bartolowits, Brian Harris, Bob
Baxter, Brian Newcomb, Dr. Mark Hamed, Mark Ransford, Cindy McKinney-Volz,
Prosecutor Mark Reese, Nancy Barrios, Shelly Lutz, Barry Lapp

At 8:06 a.m., there were a total of 37 participants attending the meeting.

County Updates

1. Update from Senator Kevin Daley - Senator Daley referenced Senate Bill 46, bills in relation to Solar Power, COVID restrictions put in place by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), extending PA 228 of 2020 and the November General election.
2. Update from Ann Hepfer, Health Officer and Dr. Mark Hamed, Medical Director - An update was provided regarding the increase in the number of positive COVID cases within the Thumb area. Board discussed the situation at length. Ann did explain that unfortunately the county is only offering testing one-day per week due to limited resources. She did provide alternative testing options for the community to take advantage of.

Prosecutor Reese expressed his gratitude for Ann Hepfer and her team for their dedication and countless hours of work during the pandemic.

Commissioner Jensen excused at 9:43 a.m. during the update from Ann Hepfer.

Recessed at 10:24 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, Grimshaw (arrived after roll call)
Commissioner Absent: Jensen

At 10:54 a.m., there were a total of 38 participants attending the meeting.

Finance/Technology

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Young and Jensen

Primary Finance/Technology

1. County Park 2020 Budget Amendment - Clayette made a request to use fund balance to bring the 2020 budget into balance and explained the request. Mike Miller also explained the additional costs incurred at the dump station at Vanderbilt Park. Matter to be placed on the Consent Agenda.

On-Going and Other Finance

Finance

1. RFP Building Codes - Matter to be placed on an agenda in 2021.
2. Fund Balance History Reports
3. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning

Technology

1. Update on Laptop Purchase - Eean Lee provided an update on the delivery of the laptops to be delivered in January 2021. It was the consensus of the Elected Officials and Department Heads to wait on that order rather than incur additional costs to the county for sooner delivery.
2. Video Switch Boardroom
3. Lapel Microphones Commissioners
4. GIS Update
5. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page

Building and Grounds

Committee Leaders-Commissioners Jensen and Grimshaw

Primary Building and Grounds

1. Vanderbilt Park Potential Area Grant for Phragmites - Mike Miller explained the proposed grant to have the phragmites sprayed at Vanderbilt Park. The application deadline is December 11, 2020 with a 25% match required by the county. Nancy Barrios provided additional information regarding the grant. Board discussed approving the opportunity to apply for the grant. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. Recycling Center 1123 Mertz Rd Lease - Mike Miller stated the original lease was written in 1995 for a 10-year period. Mike reviewed the second lease with language that was removed. Board discussed at length options available for county storage. Matter to be placed on the December 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.

On-Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. State Police Building - Water and Annexation
2. 2021 County Jail Construction - Potential Millage in Future
3. Space Needs for Courthouse - Discussed above.
4. County Physical and Electronic Record Storage Needs – Potential Use of Recycling Center Building - Discussed above.

Personnel

Committee Leader-Commissioner Vaughan and Bardwell

Primary Personnel

1. Appointment of Boards and Commissions Members - Clerk Fetting reviewed the list of candidates that have applied to be appointed to various positions. Matter to be placed on the December 7, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting.
2. COVID-19 Claims Dashboard Blue Cross Blue Shield – Tuscola County - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the handout included in the agenda packet as provided by Dan Skiver.
3. MIOSHA Letter - Steve Anderson reviewed the MIOSHA letter and that he is working on clarifying the guidelines laid out in the letter.
4. MIOSHA Employee Training - Steve Anderson discussed a plan for providing training to employees.
5. MIOSHA Requirements Daily Monitoring - Steve Anderson discussed.
6. Non-Court Employee COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan Version 8 Amendments - Steve Anderson is reviewing the current plan and potential changes that need to be made to the plan.

Commissioner

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Strengthen and Streamline Year-End Open Enrollment
2. Wage Study Comparisons
3. MAC 7th Meeting Updates

Primary Other Business as Necessary

1. 2021 County Holidays Schedule - Clayette Zechmeister presented the schedule. The schedule will be distributed to county employees and placed on the county website.
2. 2021 County Board of Commissioners Proposed Meeting Schedule - Clayette Zechmeister presented a proposed 2021 schedule for final adoption at the Board's Organizational Meeting.
3. 2021 Board of Commissioners Conferences - Clayette Zechmeister presented the 2021 conference schedule.
4. Board Organizational Meeting (matter added) - Clerk Fetting proposed holding the Board Organizational Meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Board was in agreement and Clerk Fetting will post.

On-Going Other Business as Necessary

1. MIFSM
2. Alcona County Resolution 2020-15 Additional Review January 25, 2021
3. Animal Control Ordinance – Review Lapeer County’s Ordinance
4. Board Rules of Order – Possible Revisions Within Six Months (January 13, 2021)
5. Policy Updates
6. Senate Bill 46 (MREC)
7. Health Insurance Paperwork (matter added) - Shelly Lutz asked for anyone that has not turned in their paperwork to please do so right away.

Public Comment Period -

-Wayne Koper stated he has had difficulty getting a response from Representative Paul Mitchell.

Commissioner Grimshaw excused at some point during public comment.

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 1:14 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk