

**Tuscola County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole
Monday, June 21, 2021 – 8:00 A.M.**

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 21st day of June 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Roll Call - Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

- District 1 - Thomas Young
- District 2 - Thomas Bardwell
- District 3 - Kim Vaughan
- District 4 - Douglas DuRussel
- District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:02 a.m.)

Others Present in-Person:

Eean Lee, Clayette Zechmeister, James Hook, Shelly Lutz, Register John Bishop, Jerry Johnson, Katie Cooper, Drain Commissioner Robert Mantey, Alecia Little, Gary Rolka

Commissioner Absent:

None

Also Present Virtual:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller, Tracy Violet, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Heidi Chicilli, Debbie Babich, Mark Haney, Matt Brown, Mary Drier, Sandra Nielsen, Bob Baxter, Mike Slade, Mark Ransford, Kim Brinkman, Shannon Gwizdala, Jon Ramirez, Eric Morris, Steve Root

At 8:08 a.m., there were 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

County Updates – None

New Business

1. Promotion Pay – Detective Sergeant James Hook presented to the Board regarding a pay inequality from when he was promoted to the Detective Sergeant position. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda.
2. Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Letter of Understanding – Undersheriff Bob Baxter presented to the Board regarding the letter of understanding that would allow the Sheriff's Office to sponsor a cadet to go through the police academy at Delta College. Matter to be added to Thursday's agenda.

3. MSU-Extension (MSUe) and 4-H Updates - Jerry Johnson and Katie Cooper provided an update regarding the MSUe programs and the success of the 4-H Clubs in Tuscola County during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Tuscola County Fair is planned to take place in 2021.
4. Murphy Lake Project Schedule - Robert Mantey, Drain Commissioner, provided an update on the project. Also, Drain Commissioner Mantey reviewed the proposed resolutions that will be presented at Thursday's meeting.

Recessed at 10:01 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:11 a.m.

Roll Call: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

At 10:13 a.m., there were 23 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Murphy Lake Project Schedule continued discussion – Commissioners discussed paying the Murphy Lake Project up front. Clayette Zechmeister stated that a discussion will need to be had with Treasurer Bennett as to the liquidity of general fund investments.

5. Tuscola County Behavioral Health Systems (TBHS) Board Request – Commissioner Grimshaw explained the reason to have Linda Ackerman removed from the Board. Matter to be added to the Consent Agenda.
6. S&P Global Ratings Report for Tuscola County – Clayette Zechmeister provided a report.
7. MAC Overview of Benefits – Clayette Zechmeister provided a report.
8. Updates on Local Government Issues - Gary Rolka addressed the Board in reference to building a new jail in Tuscola County and funding of the project.
9. Michigan Renewable Energy Collaborative (MREC) – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the ruling issued. There has been a virtual meeting scheduled for June 23, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.
 - a. Tuscola County Reserves for Tax Appeals
10. Senate Bill 441 – Clayette Zechmeister provided this in the agenda packet for the Commissioners reference.

Old Business

1. Putman Project Update (matter added) – Bill Putman addressed the Board regarding the W. Caro Road project. Commissioner Bardwell provided an update regarding an option of a third party being the Inspection Company for this project.
2. Caro Center Update (matter added) – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the Caro Center project. It is currently on schedule to be completed in Spring of 2023. There is a fully executed agreement with Caro City.

Finance/Technology

Committee Leader Commissioner Young
Commissioner DuRussel

Primary Finance/Technology

1. Tuscola County Land Bank Potential Loan – Mark Ransford explained options available to the Board to provide start-up funds for the Tuscola County Land Bank. The Tuscola County Land Bank is requesting \$150,000 as either an interest free loan for a 10-year term or an allocation from Fund 626. Matter to be placed on Thursday's agenda.
2. MGT Cost Allocation Plan – Voted Millage Cost – Matter to be placed on the July 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting.

On Going and Other Finance and Technology

Finance

1. Proposed L-4029 Tuscola County 2021 Special Voted Tax Rates – No action taken.
2. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Ad-Hoc Committee – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the recent meeting. Next meeting will be July 8, 2021.
3. Preparation of Multi-Year Financial Planning – No Update.
4. Pension Obligation Bond Refunding – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update and what the projected savings will be.

Technology

-Eean Lee explained use of technology that Clerk Fetting has implemented within the Clerk's Office to expand work availability.

-Eean Lee would like to continue discussions on increasing his office space. He would like to have a discussion on adding a staff member to his team.

1. GIS Update
2. Increasing On-Line Services/Updating Web Page

Building and Grounds

Committee Leader Commissioner Grimshaw
Commissioner DuRussel

Primary Building and Grounds - None

On Going and Other Building and Grounds

1. State Police Water and Annexation
2. IT Department Space Needs
3. Vanderbilt Park Survey

Personnel

Committee Leader Commissioner Grimshaw
Commissioner Vaughan

Primary Personnel - None

On-Going and Other Personnel

1. Paperless Payroll Update
2. Workman's Compensation
3. Michigan Employees Retirement System (MERS)
4. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) 7th District Meeting Updates
5. Safety Committees – Watch for Grant Opportunities

Other Business as Necessary - None

On-Going Other Business as Necessary

1. Animal Control Ordinance – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update that the matter is being worked on by herself, the Animal Control Director and Legal Counsel.

At 1:04 p.m., there were 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Public Comment Period – None

-Commissioner Grimshaw would like to have hazard pay considered for employees within Tuscola County with the ARP funds.

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk