

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
December 12, 2019 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting 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 12th day of December 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Nicholas Schmelter, Worship Director, First Presbyterian Church, Caro

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

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 8:06 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent: None

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting (arrived at 8:52 a.m.), Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid, Clayette Zechmeister, Nicholas Schmelter, Eean Lee, Mike Miller, Sheila Long, Steve Anderson, Drain Commissioner Bob Mantey, Nancy Laskowski, Lieutenant Brian Harris, Register John Bishop, Jim Tussey, Mary Brissette, Jean Doss (via Google Hangouts), Mark Haney, Angie Daniels,

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
19-M-259

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the agenda as amended.  
Motion Carried.

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -*  
19-M-260

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adopt the meeting minutes from the November 25, 2019 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -*

-Nancy Laskowski informed the Board, Juniata Township has sent out requests and would like clarification on the Airport Authority Ordinance section 3.6g. Juniata Township is looking for interpretation on glare. Clayette to follow-up. Commissioner Grimshaw read section 3.6g of the Airport Authority Ordinance and stated there is nothing in this section regarding glare and believes this is an issue for Juniata Township. Commissioner Grimshaw also believes the County should not get the attorney involved in this matter. Nancy stated she may have

the incorrect section of the ordinance, she will research and will let the Commissioners know the correct section.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -*  
19-M-261

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Resolution from the December 9, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move to receive and place on file the 2019 MSU Annual report as presented by District Director Jerry Johnson.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move that the 2020 Michigan State University Agreement to provide Extension Services to Tuscola County for \$153,647 be approved and all appropriate signatures are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move to receive and place on file the 2018 Tuscola County Recycling Annual Report as presented by Mike Miller Director.

**Agenda Reference:** D

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move to re-appoint Dr. Russell Bush the Medical Examiner representing Tuscola County within the new Michigan Institute of Forensic Science & Medicine through the end of the contract on June 30, 2022. Also, any appropriate signatures required are authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** E

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the two-month contract with Capitol Services through January 31, 2020 for \$4,200 each month. Also, all signatures and budget amendments be authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** F

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the budget amendments of \$4,900 for the Tuscola County Community Foundation/Janks grant that was awarded to the Sheriff's Department be authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** G

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move that authorization is provided to post and advertise to refill a vacant Full time Tech position in the IT Department.

**Agenda Reference:** H

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move that the December 4, 2019 letter of retirement from Kimberly Green, Mosquito Abatement Director be received and placed on file with regret. Said retirement will be effective March 20, 2020.

**Agenda Reference:** I

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 12/09/19

**Description of Matter:** Move that authorization is provided to post and advertise to refill the upcoming vacancy of the retirement of the Mosquito Abatement Director after the review of an updated job description is completed.

*New Business -*

-Commissioner Per Diem (matter added) - Board discussed if the Commissioners should receive a per diem payment for the two special Board meetings. Board discussed changing the policy to include special meetings to receive per diem payment.

## 19-M-262

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Commissioners receive one per diem for the last two special meetings.

## 19-M-263

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to amend motion 19-M-262 to lift the policy regarding per diem to allow one per diem for the last two special meetings. Motion to Amend Carried.

Vote on 19-M-262 as amended. Motion carried.

-Request to use Courthouse Lawn - Board received a request to use the courthouse lawn.

## 19-M-264

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that per the December 9, 2019 request from Jim McLoskey with the Right to Life Board, that authorization is given to use the front of the Courthouse on Sunday, January 19, 2020 at 3:30 in the afternoon. Motion Carried.

-Jean Doss, Capitol Services Update - Jean Doss reviewed the state budget agreement that happened last week. There are new designs being developed for the Caro Center to adjust it from a 200 bed facility to a 100 bed facility. Timeline of goals to complete were discussed. The solution of water supply to the Caro Center and options available were discussed. Jean reported that demolition is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2020. Commissioners requested a monthly meeting to provide an update on the Caro Center.

-NACo Membership (matter added) - Clayette explained to the Board the annual membership invoice has been received and she wanted the Commissioners to verify that they would like to continue their membership with NACo. The Commissioners agreed to continue the membership for the 2020 year.

-Airport Ordinance (matter added) - Commissioner Young would like the matter of who is responsible to enforce the airport ordinance to be researched. Matter to be deferred to the Controller's Office for review of the airport ordinance. The position requirements for the Airport Administration that Michael Yates holds is also to be reviewed. Matter to be placed on a future Committee of the Whole meeting agenda for discussion.

*Old Business*

-Equalization Promotion - Matter was presented to the Board at the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019. Board discussed the matter.

## 19-M-265

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that per the December 3, 2019 correspondence from the Equalization Director, Colleen Smith be promoted from Property Appraiser I to Property Appraiser II effective December 16, 2019 because she has successfully passed the Michigan Certified Assessing Officer training and certification course. Motion Carried with Grimshaw dissenting.

-Correctional Health Care Services 10th Amended Agreement - Lieutenant Harris explained the amendments that were made to the agreement.

## 19-M-266

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the recommendation of the Jail Administrator, that the tenth amendment to the Correctional Health Care Services agreement for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 through December 31, 2020 be approved with the annual amount of \$145,041.48 as reviewed by legal counsel. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-2020 Draft Baseline Budget Review - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed the baseline budget and line items that are critical. There are line items that will be affected if the Governor makes additions back to the State budget that were previously cut. The baseline budget does not include contracting with a lobbying firm for 2020. Commissioner Grimshaw would like to review the option of the Commissioners having health insurance.

Board has set a special Committee of the Whole meeting for Finance Committee discussion for December 19, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Clayette will reach out to department heads that need to talk to the Commissioners about requests to set a time slot for them. Clerk Fetting to prepare the notice.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

- Sheila Hebner, Millington Township letter to the Commissioners to retain the building code inspector program at the County level.
- Christmas card received from Capital Services.
- Commissioner Bardwell received letters from elected officials in reference to Deputy pay increases.

**COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS****JENSEN**

Board of Health  
Community Corrections Advisory Board  
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Jail Planning Committee  
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)  
MAC Judiciary Committee  
MEMS All Hazard  
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Update provided of local units.

**BARDWELL**

Behavioral Health Systems Board  
Caro DDA/TIFA  
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment  
MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District  
MAC Workers Comp Board  
TRIAD - Report provided.  
Local Units of Government Activity Report

**YOUNG**

Board of Public Works  
County Road Commission Liaison  
Dispatch Authority Board  
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works  
Great Start Collaborative  
Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC)  
Jail Planning Committee  
MAC Agricultural/Tourism Committee  
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)  
Region VI Economic Development Planning  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
Tuscola 2020  
Local Units of Government Activity Report - Village of Cass City wants the county to provide building codes.

**VAUGHAN**

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC Environmental Regulatory

Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee

NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use

Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison

Local Units of Government Activity Report - Update provided on Boy Scout Road being closed and efforts to try to open at least one lane.

**GRIMSHAW**

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government - The Village of Reese is interested in handling their own building codes enforcement. He has also received another complaint from a City of Vassar resident regarding building codes. The

*Other Business as Necessary -*

An updated sheet showing updated revenue for county, township, schools and libraries \$37,456,954.00 in revenue was presented.

Resolution for Steve Roland (matter added)-

19-M-267

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to adopt the proposed resolution and to have it presented at the earliest convenient time to Steve Roland for his dedicated years of service. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes, Jensen - yes, Vaughan - yes, Grimshaw - yes, Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-RFP for County Lobbying Services - Proposed RFP is being drafted.

-Animal Control Ordinance - Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the proposed revised ordinance. There are some questions regarding the enforcement of the ordinance.

-Commissioner Bardwell reported on a complaint regarding building codes for an unscheduled electrical inspection that caused an issue.

-Boards Policy on Per Diem payments - Commissioner Bardwell thought that the number of per diems allowed to be paid per day was recently changed. Board policy to be reviewed.

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Eean Lee - Thanked the Board for their dedication in their meeting last night. Court system is looking to partner with Oakland County in the CLEMIS system in order to pay for a ticket online.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk