

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 27, 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 27th day of December 2019, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Grimshaw

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Vaughan

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present: 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: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Sheila Long, Eric Morris, Register John Bishop, Mark Haney, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray

Adoption of Agenda -
19-M-282

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes - None

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Public Hearing Regarding 2020 County Budget -
19-M-283

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to recess the public hearing for the 2020 budget until after the closed session. Motion Carried.

-Closed Session - Discuss Written Legal Opinion (matter added) -
19-M-284

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider written material from the County's attorney that is exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act with Eric Morris, Clayette Zechmeister and Jodi

Fetting allowed to attend at 8:12 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Reconvened from the Closed Session at 9:14 a.m.

-Commissioner Grimshaw reviewed information he researched regarding the Budgeting Act. He stated all local units must hold a public hearing prior to adopting a budget. The public hearing notice posted by the Controller/Administrator's Office for Tuscola County Public Hearing does not have a required statement included in the notice. Commissioner Grimshaw does not feel the budget public hearing notice was properly completed and is in violation of Open Meeting Acts and Budgeting Act.

-Commissioner Vaughan asked what the solution should be to move the county forward to fix the error in the notice.

-Commissioner Grimshaw suggested that the Board adopt a 14-day budget and then properly notice the budget public hearing for the budget to adopt a budget for the entire 2020 year.

-Commissioner Bardwell suggested that if the baseline budget is adopted that anytime a budget amendment is to be completed that a public hearing is held with proper notice given.

-Board discussed adopting the proposed budget and holding a budget public hearing to adopt a final budget on January 13, 2020.

-Public Hearing Regarding 2020 County Budget -

Recessed Regular Meeting at 9:53 a.m. to call the Public Hearing to order.

Reconvened the Regular Meeting at 10:14 a.m.

-Adoption of the 2020 County All Funds Budget General Appropriations Act -
19-M-287

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the 2020 General Appropriations Act adopting the 2020 Proposed County Budget be approved and copies of the proposed budget incorporated with the financial reporting section on the county web page making this information available to County Officials and the public. Also, to have a public hearing scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the final budget. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Year End Compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act -
19-M-288

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the 2019 general fund activity budgets be amended as shown in the table to prevent actual year-end expenditures from exceeding budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act.

	2019	2019	Estimated	2019
Expenditure	Amended	Projected	Difference	Year End
Category/Department	Budget	Actual	Under Budget (Over Budget)	Amended Budget
Legal	125,000	210,000	(85,000)	210,000
Prosecutor Co-Op	191,046	199,564	(8,518)	199,564
Special Programs	69,600	84,000	(14,400)	84,000
Planning Commission	4,000	5,100	(1,100)	5,100
Airport Zoning	3,400	6,600	(3,200)	6,600
Airport Zoning Board Appeals	1,000	2,000	(1,000)	2,000

Motion Carried with Grimshaw absent.

Grimshaw re-joined the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

19-M-289

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that the 2019 special revenue fund budgets be amended as shown in the table to prevent actual year-end expenditures/revenues from exceeding budget and in order to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act.

	11/30/2019	2019	Estimated	2019	
	2019	Projected	Difference	Year End	
	Amended	Actual	Under Budget	Amended	
Special Revenue Funds	Budget	Exp/Rev	(Over Budget)	Budget	Comments
COUNTY PARKS REVENUE	29,500	40,300	(10,800)	40,300	Revenue to Actual
HEALTH DEPARTMENT REVENUE	3,225,536	4,215,210	(989,674)	4,215,210	Revenue to Actual
EXPENSE	3,195,381	3,463,156	(267,775)	3,463,156	Expense to Actual
HDP STOP GRANT REVENUE	31,634	38,801	(7,167)	38,801	Revenue to Actual
EXPENSE	31,634	38,801	(7,167)	38,801	Expense to Actual
VOTED BRIDGE REVENUE	869,637	874,907	(5,270)	869,637	Revenue to Actual
PENSION OB BOND DEBT REVENUE	490,200	493,727	(3,527)	493,727	Revenue to Actual
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REVENUE	258,000	260,473	(2,473)	260,473	Revenue to Actual
TAX FORECLOSURE REVENUE	402,500	659,824	(257,324)	658,824	Revenue to Actual
EXPENSE	307,862	515,493	(207,631)	515,493	Expense to Actual

Motion Carried.

19-M-290

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan that temporary supplemental appropriations from the general fund as shown in the table above be authorized to prevent the identified funds from finishing the 2019 fiscal year in a deficit situation and gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act.

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS		
Arbela Twp Police Svc Contract		\$4,000
Regional DWI Court Grant		\$17,717
Vassar Twp Police Svc Contract		\$19,287
Millington Twp Police Svc Contract		\$29,503
Mental Health Court		\$21,483
Victim Services Grant		\$22,929
State Survey Grant		\$38,770
Victim of Crime Act Grant		\$1,938
HDC Stop Grant		\$1,120
Homeland Security		\$15,393

Motion Carried.

19-M-291

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to transfer actual delinquent tax income to the General Fund as budgeted. Motion Carried.

19-M-292

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to authorize staff after consultation with the county auditors to conduct further year-end financial transactions and make other adjustments as necessary to gain compliance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act. Motion Carried.

Old Business - None

Correspondence/Resolutions - None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

- YOUNG** - No Report.
- 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

YOUNG - continued.

Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative
Senior Services Advisory Council
Tuscola 2020
Local Units of Government Activity Report

VAUGHAN - No Report.

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

GRIMSHAW - No Report.

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government

JENSEN - No Report.

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

BARDWELL - No Report.

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

Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Bardwell expressed his appreciation of the hard work the Commissioners have done this year and all of the work they completed on the tasks that came up in 2019.

-Treasurer Donovan-Gray reported that the trailer park in Reese has been sold.

-Commissioner Grimshaw expressed that he would like to see Tuscola County have a budget calendar established and followed for the 2020 budgeting process to allow for adoption of a budget earlier in the year.

-Commissioner Young would like to see a line chart comparing the revenues to the expenses for the county in the current year and the projected years.

-Commissioner Young would also like to see a projection of where the county would be without the wind turbine revenue.

Extended Public Comment -

-Clerk Fetting stated that an organizational meeting will need to be scheduled for January 13, 2020 at 8:45 a.m. She will handle the posting of the meeting.

-Commissioner Vaughan expressed concern over the process of appointing members to the Land Bank Board. Bylaws will need to be adopted once a board has been established as well as a budget set. Board discussed.

19-M-293

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk

TUSCOLA COUNTY
2020 Budget Public Hearing
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Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan, District 4 - Mark Jensen, District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioners Absent: None

Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Register John Bishop, Sheila Long, Mark Haney, Treasurer Patricia Donovan-Gray

19-M-285

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to cancel the Public Hearing scheduled for today and reschedule to January 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to review the final county budget for 2020. Motion Carried.

-Clerk Fetting expressed concern of making a Board motion during a public hearing setting rather than in a Board meeting.

19-M-286

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to withdraw motion 19-M-286. Motion Carried.

-Commissioner Grimshaw excused at 10:02 a.m.

-Board discussed if public hearing needs to be held even if for a proposed budget.

-Clayette expressed concern of not adopting the General Appropriations Act by the end of the year.

-Board would plan to hold another public hearing on January 13, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. regarding the adoption of the final 2020 year budget.

Public Comment:

-Clerk Fetting questioned if the baseline budget only includes a 2% increase in supervisory salaries as in quickly reviewing the proposed budget, it appeared that some were listed at a higher increase. Clayette clarified that salaries included in the proposed budget only should have a 2% increase included.

Public Hearing closed at 10:14 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk