

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
February 10, 2020 Minutes  
H. H. Purdy Building

Commissioner Bardwell called the special 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 10th day of February 2020, to order at 10:23 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present: District 1 - Thomas Young, District 2 - Thomas Bardwell, District 3 - Kim Vaughan (via Google Hangouts), District 4 - Mark Jensen

Commissioner Absent - District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw (excused after the Committee of the Whole meeting to attend a meeting he already had prior scheduled)

Also Present: Clerk Jodi Fetting, Eean Lee, Nancy Laskowski, Ann McLaughlin, Art Graff, Jonathan Lauderbach, Carmell Pattullo, Eric King, Eileen Doering, John Schneider, Jim Tussey, Jamie Nisidis, Barbara Ruckle, Carrie Nichols, Tim Kinney, Ken Hecht, Tom McGough

*Adoption of Agenda -*  
2020-M-039

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

*Action on Previous Meeting Minutes - None*

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only -*

-Nancy Laskowski asked the Board to support the members of the Boards that they appoint and presented a map of proposed leases within the airport zone.

*Consent Agenda Resolution - None*

*New Business -*

-Closed Session to Discuss a Written Legal Opinion Exempt from Discussion or Disclosure by State or Federal Statute Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and to Discuss Pending Litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) -

## 2020-M-040

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that the Board meet in Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the contents of a written legal opinion from its attorney which is exempt from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, and under Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with its attorney in connection with pending litigation, with Eean Lee, Jamie Nisidis, and Jodi Fetting to be allowed to attend the closed session at 10:35 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Reconvened from the Closed Session at 11:29 a.m.

## 2020-M-041

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to authorize Commissioner Bardwell to work with legal counsel in making strategy decisions regarding the pending claim of appeal filed by Pegasus Wind in the Tuscola County Circuit Court. Motion Carried.

*Old Business -*

-Purchase of Property -

## 2020-M-042

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to authorize Mike Miller to execute the purchase agreement for the parcel of land located at 234 E. Grant Street, Caro Michigan with a purchase price of \$6,500.00 with the County paying all other costs and expenses. Motion Carried.

*Correspondence/Resolutions -*

-Commissioner Bardwell received the letter of request for annual dues from the Region VII Area on Aging which he will forward to Clayette for payment.

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**BARDWELL** - No Report

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> District

MAC Workers Comp Board

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**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  
Saginaw Bay Coastal Initiative  
Senior Services Advisory Council  
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**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** - Absent

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  
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*Other Business as Necessary - None*

*Extended Public Comment -*

-Jim Tussey asked if there was an opinion from the Board as to the AZBA not being listed as a party to the new appeal case. Board stated they will be defending the appeal case filed in support of the AZBA decision.

-Nancy Laskowski questioned if Commissioner Bardwell has the opportunity to spend an unlimited amount of money in the appeal case and would the Board be supporting the AZBA decision. Commissioner Vaughan explained the Board is in favor of supporting the AZBA.

-Wayne Koper stated that he is not asking for anything more than what is being provided to Commissioner Vaughan regarding streaming the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk