

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 11, 2020 Minutes

Electronic Meeting held via Google Hangouts

Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-75, implemented in response to COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Commissioner Bardwell called the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held via Google Hangouts on the 11th day of June 2020, to order at 8:02 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Jensen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bardwell

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi 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, Mark Haney, Wayne Koper, Rahm Mormando, Debbie Babich, Cathy Petterson, Tracy Violet, Mike Miller, Sandy Nielsen, Mary Drier, Barb Klimaszewski, Steve Root, Jana Brown, Matt Brown, Barry Lapp, Mark Ransford, Tim Green, Steve Anderson, Ann Hepfer, Sheila Long, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Heather Thomas, Deb Cook, Register John Bishop

At 8:07 a.m., there were a total of 41 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -

2020-M-125

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

Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -

2020-M-126

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the May 28, 2020 Special Board meeting. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None

*Consent Agenda Resolution -
2020-M-127*

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Resolution from the June 8, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Agenda Reference:** A
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/08/20
- Description of Matter:** Move that the FY 2021 grant application to Community Corrections be submitted by Thumb Area Regional Community Corrections Services on behalf of Tuscola County for Gatekeeper Services in the amount of \$4,050.00. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** B
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/08/20
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of 9-1-1 to submit application for 9-1-1 Equipment End of Life Grant to the State of Michigan for a grant match up to \$2,180.70 from the Dispatch Fund. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 6/08/20
- Description of Matter:** Move that per the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Director to hire Thumb Lawn and Care to mow "The Hill", DHS, Health Department and Dispatch buildings lawns as well as Mosquito Abatement and the Animal Shelter lawns for 4 weeks at \$360.00 per week for a total of \$1,440.00.

New Business -

-Update from Tuscola County Health Officer Ann Hepfer on the COVID-19 Pandemic - Health Officer Hepfer provided an update regarding the number of COVID-19 cases in Tuscola County. She also explained a new category of Probable Cases. Testing will continue on Thursdays only from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

-Court Request Office Space - Sheila Long explained the request to use the MIDC space located in the lower level of the courthouse in order to follow social distancing guidelines that the court must follow. Matter discussed. The parties involved will meet to bring a recommendation back to the Board.

-Tuscola County Health Department Audit Presentation - Heather Thomas presented regarding the Health Department Audit that has been completed.

2020-M-128

Motion by Bardwell, seconded by Young to receive and place on file the 2018 - 2019 Tuscola County Health Department audit. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Filling of the Vacant Dispatcher Position -

2020-M-129

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to authorize the hiring of Mitchell Davies as a full-time dispatcher position at step one pending physical and drug screening. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Filling of the Vacant Part Time Account Clerk II in the Register of Deeds Office -

2020-M-130

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to authorize the hiring of Grace Mosher as a part time Account Clerk II in the Register of Deeds office to replace the previously vacated part time position. Physical and background check has been completed. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Budget Adjustment for the COVID-19 budget line item (matter added) - Clayette Zechmeister explained the items that have been purchased as well as those still pending with an amount of the adjustment requested.

2020-M-131

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw to authorize a budget amendment of \$10,000.00 from 244-265-984-000 Pool Vehicle to 244-265-985-020 COVID Supplies/Equipment. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Old Business -

-MIDC 2020/2021 Cost Analysis Budget Review - Rahm Mormando explained the budget request for the 2020-2021 year. Barb Klimaszewski clarified that Cost Analysis means budget. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Michigan Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine (MIFSM) - Mark Ransford presented regarding a legal opinion he has received on behalf of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association from Dickinson Wright. Clerk Fetting was able to locate the previous action taken in 1989 setting the cremation fee at \$10.00 (89-M-475). Matter discussed. Board directed Clayette with specific questions to ask the county council.

2020-M-133

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan to instruct the County Administrator to have communication with county council reaffirming setting the fees for cremation permit per motion 89-M-475 that they are in effect. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

For reference:

89-M-475

Motion by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Bates, that as recommended in the September 15, 1989 letter from the Tuscola County Medical Examiner, that fees be charged for services rendered by the Medical Examiner Office according to the following schedule:

1. Complete record copies to non-governmental person or agencies - \$25.00.
2. Copies of autopsy reports - \$15.00.
3. As of January 1, 1990 - Issuance of cremation permit - \$10.00.

Furthermore, that these fees take effect January 1, 1990 and a new revenue account (number 101-000-624-648) Medical Examiner Fees be established in the General Fund. All Medical Examiner Fees shall be receipted into this account. Motion Carried.

-Overtime Paid During Pandemic - Clayette Zechmeister reviewed there was one employee that received overtime paid for a weekend call-in during the COVID time period.

-Electronic Board meeting options (matter added) - Eean Lee provided an update regarding affordable options to be able to offer improved electronic communication options once in-person meetings are resumed in order to continue to offer the option for people to attend electronically.

2020-M-134

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to authorize the IT Department to procure electronic equipment for the Board of Commissioners meeting room in an amount of up to \$2,500.00 and all necessary budget amendments are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/Resolutions

-Kalkaska Resolution

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**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

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works - update provided

Jail Planning Committee

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard

Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board - meeting upcoming

Caro DDA/TIFA

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - Caro Center update provided by Clayette. Demolition of building #1 and #106 to begin by the end of the month. Upcoming meeting is for a discussion regarding water to the Center.

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

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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Other Business as Necessary -

-Commissioner Grimshaw asked for clarification on the check included in the Statutory Finance report to the Huron County Economic Development Commission.

At 11:32 a.m., there were a total of 25 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Extended Public Comment - None

2020-M-135

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m.
Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes;
Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk