

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 30, 2020 Minutes

Electronic Meeting held via Google Meet

Electronic remote access, in accordance with the Michigan Governor's Executive Order 2020-129, 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 Meet on the 30th day of July 2020, to order at 8:01 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Grimshaw

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Jensen

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, Brenda Brinkman, Karen Southgate, Mark Haney, Mary Drier, Matt Brown, Mike Miller, Judge Nancy Thane, Sandy Nielsen, Tom Herron, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Mark Ransford, Debbie Babich, Jana Brown, Barry Lapp, Steve Root, Dan Skiver, Lisa Ozbat, Jennie Roteman Bustle, Kelly Quiroga, Robert Baxter, Steve Anderson, Eric Morris

At 8:01 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the electronic meeting.

*Adoption of Agenda -*

2020-M-158

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw 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-159

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the July 16, 2020 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings. Roll Call Vote:

Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - absent; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

*Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only - None*

*Consent Agenda Resolution -  
2020-M-160*

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen that the Consent Agenda Minutes and Consent Agenda Resolution from the July 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Reference:** A

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/27/20

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the contract with List Psychological Services to provide services to children or families who have active Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Tuscola County Child Protective Services (CPS) Category I or II cases, MDHHS Tuscola County Foster Care Cases (CFC) with children under the age of 18 and Tuscola County Family Court Delinquency Cases effective October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized.

**Agenda Reference:** B

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/27/20

**Description of Matter:** Move to approve the hiring of Allison Dickerson as a full-time dispatcher position at step-one pending favorable physical and background check.

**Agenda Reference:** C

**Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/27/20

**Description of Matter:** Move to support the Region VII plan as presented and also receive and place on file.

*New Business -*

*-Resolution for Tom Herron -  
2020-M-161*

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that resolution 2020-8 honoring Tom Herron for his tremendous building contributions in Tuscola County and numerous projects throughout the Thumb including the renovation of the Helen Stevens Memorial Pool and the Splash Park in Cass City be approved and placed on file. Roll Call Vote - Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Request to use Courthouse Lawn for Petition Signing - Clayette explained the request received.

2020-M-162

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Jensen that per the correspondence request dated July 16, 2020 from Jeannie Roteman Bustle, permission be granted to use the Courthouse Lawn for a petition signing site for the following days: July 31<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and also on Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> with the understanding that the setup be at least 100 feet away from the building during elections. Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Request to use Courthouse Steps for Rosary Rally - Clayette explained the request received.

2020-M-163

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that per the correspondence request dated July 27, 2020 from Dave Kolacz, permission be granted to use the Courthouse steps October 10, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m. for the annual Rosary Rally. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Update from Tuscola County Health Officer Ann Hepfer on the COVID-19 Pandemic - Ann Hepfer reviewed the number of new COVID cases reported this week for Huron and Tuscola Counties. She also reviewed the changes issued yesterday by Governor Whitmer. The local testing numbers and results were discussed.

-Blue Cross/Blue Shield Renewal with Brown & Brown, Daniel Skiver, VP - Dan Skiver explained the renewal proposal.

2020-M-164

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young that the county health insurance coverage be continued with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Chris Hamilton - SCMCCI Update on Local Staffing at the SCMCCI Office in Caro - Chris Hamilton provided an update as Curtis Stowe has officially retired and Dan Syms has taken his place. Jerry Peruski has also retired and Jerry Dibble along with another inspector will assume those duties. The Board also discussed monthly reports and fees charged. Also, discussed zoning reviews in the Village of Cass City.

Recessed at 9:57 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

-Closed Session regarding the Michigan State Police (MSP) Building Lease (matter added) -

2020-M-165

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan 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 Jensen, Vaughan, Bardwell, Young, Grimshaw, Fetting, Zechmeister, Lee, Miller, Morris and Johnson allowed to attend. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Closed Session at 10:17 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 11:03 a.m.

At 11:05 a.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the electronic meeting.

-MSP Building Lease Renewal - Board discussed options available in renewing the lease for the MSP Building.

2020-M-166

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Vaughan to agree to waive the 90-day notice and authorize the extension of Lease #10724 with the State of Michigan, Department of Technology, Management & Budget, for the Michigan State Police Building located at 1485 Cleaver Rd, Caro MI. Lease is for an additional period of five years beginning August 1, 2020, and ending July 31, 2025, pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Lease, including any amendments. Also, all appropriate signatures be authorized. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - no; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-State Revenue Sharing Update (matter added) - Board discussed the decrease in state revenue sharing explained in the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) newsletter and how that is tied to COVID grant funding.

*Old Business* -

-2020/2021 Child Care Fund State Budget - Board discussed the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

2020-M-167

Motion by Jensen, seconded by Young that the 2020/2021 Child Care Fund Budget including both the Family Court and Department of Health and Human Services divisions be approved and submitted to the state. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Michigan Institute of Forensic Science & Medicine (MIFSM) (matter added) - Clayette explained to the Board that Clayton Johnson is waiting on a response so until that happens an official update cannot be provided. Matter to be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

-ORV Ordinance (matter added) - Board discussed current county ordinance and how it relates to snowmobiles. Board would like to gather more information and have the matter added to a future agenda for further discussion.

*Correspondence/Resolutions* - None

## **COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **BARDWELL**

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Caro DDA/TIFA - Ground breaking at new site for the Caro Farmer's Market today.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7<sup>th</sup> 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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### **VAUGHAN**

Board of Health

County Planning Commission

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - New grant opportunity for small businesses.

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**

Behavioral Health Systems Board

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government - Denmark Township is building their new hall.

**JENSEN**

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Report provided.

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 -*

-Boy Scout Road Update - Commissioner Bardwell provided an update regarding partial opening of Boy Scout Road.

-MIDC Administrator Replacement - Applications have been coming in. Barb Klimaszewski will review the applications and be a part of the interview process. Clayette will also work with Judge Gierhart during the selection process.

-MAC Conference - If any Commissioners are interested in attending, please contact Renee.

-Commissioner Grimshaw would like to have the matter of establishing City Water for MSP Building added to the Building and Grounds Committee on the Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

-Clayette Zechmeister stated the Tuscola County Pumpkin Festival has been cancelled this year.

At 12:23 p.m., there were a total of 16 participants attending the electronic meeting.

*Extended Public Comment - None*

2020-M-168

Motion by Young, seconded by Jensen to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:24 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

Jodi Fetting

Tuscola County Clerk