

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 27, 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 27th day of August 2020, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Jensen

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid

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: Chief Deputy Clerk Caryl Langmaid, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Mary Drier, Sandy Nielsen, Matt Brown, Tracy Violet, Debbie Babich, Mark Haney, Heidi Chicilli, Steve Anderson, Doug DuRussel, Lisa Ozbat, Bob Baxter, Mike Miller, Missie Jaster, Angie Daniels, Steve Root, Matt Brown, Barry Lapp, Ann Hepfer

At 8:06 a.m., there were a total of 26 participants attending the electronic meeting.

Adoption of Agenda -

2020-M-179

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-180

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 13, 2020 Regular Board and Statutory Finance meetings and the August 24, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. 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 - None

New Business -

- Ann Hepfer updated the Board on COVID-19. As of August 26, 2020, Tuscola County had 383 cases with 29 deaths. Tuscola County has a 4% positive rate. Tuscola County is rated as moderate with the Region being rated as high. The high rating for the Region is due to being lumped in with Saginaw and Detroit. Tuscola County is testing approximately 75 people per week. Testing is being done on Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Testing hours will change September 3, 2020 to 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Ann does not expect numbers to decrease until about 20 days after Labor Day.

-Request to use Courthouse Lawn for Unity Rally -

2020-M-181

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Vaughan that per the correspondence request dated August 15, 2020 from Jamey Willett-Parker, that permission be granted to use the Courthouse lawn October 10, 2020 in the late afternoon for a Unity Rally with ministers from the area. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Closed Session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meeting Act to Discuss the Contents of a Written Legal Memorandum from the Attorney -

2020-M-182

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that the Board meet in Closed Session Under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the contents of a written legal memorandum from its attorney, which is exempted from disclosure under Section 13(1) (g) of the Freedom of Information Act, with Clay Johnson, Eric Morris, Clayette Zechmeister, Caryl Langmaid and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend the closed session at 9:00 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Entered into Closed Session at 9:00 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 9:54 a.m.

-Tax Rate Request - Angie Daniels, Equalization Director explained the tax rate request. She needs to submit the tax rate by September 30, 2020. The Board directed Clayette Zechmeister to provide the fund balances and the projected revenue for 2021. Matter to be placed on the September 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

At 10:30 a.m. there were a total of 30 participants attending the electronic meeting.

-Michigan Institute of Forensic and Science Medicine (MIFSM) Contract and Cremation Permit Fees -

Broad requested legal counsel to create an overview of the County's discussion to share with the public. The Board also requested that a spokesperson for the Funeral Homes be present at the next meeting and a letter be sent to MIFSM regarding the County's position on the Cremation Permit Fee amount.

2020-M-184

Motion by Bardwell, seconded by Grimshaw to direct legal counsel through the Tuscola County Controller to execute the contract, honor the \$10.00 fee and reimburse funeral home and all further fees be forwarded to the County and to be paid to MIFSM.

2020-M-185

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Jensen to amend motion 2020-M-184 to direct legal counsel through the Tuscola County Controller to execute the contract, honor the \$10.00 fee, reimburse Funeral Homes and all further fees be collected by the Tuscola County Treasurer and disbursed to MIFSM. Roll Call Vote: Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion to amend Carried.

2020-M-184 as amended

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

-Appointment to Board of Canvassers -

2020-M-186

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young that per the recommendation from the Democratic Party Chair, Bob Decoe that Dr. Charles Stockwell be appointed to fulfill the seat that was held by the late Beverly Read for the Tuscola County Board of Canvassers which expires on October 31, 2020. Roll Call Vote - Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Memorandum of Understanding Between Medical Care Community and Emergency Management -

2020-M-187

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to continue the Memorandum of Understanding between the Tuscola County Medical Care Community to house the Tuscola County Emergency Management Operation Center at their facility during a time of need. This Memorandum of Understanding will be in place from May 1, 2020 through May 1, 2025. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote - Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Resolution for Deficit Elimination Plan -

2020-M-188

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Young to adopt Resolution 2020-08 for a Deficit Elimination Plan on the Voted MSU Fund in the amount of \$53,112.00 as of December 31, 2020 and forward the appropriate filing requirements to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote - Vaughan - yes, Jensen - yes, Grimshaw - yes, Young - yes, Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Scrap Time Cleanup Grant Amendment -
2020-M-189

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Amendment to the Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant to August 2021 due to the COVID shut down. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote - Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Secondary Road Patrol Grant for 2021 -
2020-M-190

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Secondary Road Patrol Grant for 2021 in the amount of \$56,086.00. The additional appropriations needed is \$27,400.00 to run the Secondary Road Patrol will be funded from the Road Patrol fund. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized. Roll Call Vote - Grimshaw - yes; Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

-Resident Building Code Issue - Resident was not available for discussion. Commissioner Bardwell will get a firm date as to when the resident will be available. Clayette Zechmeister to schedule a representative from SCMCCI to attend.

Old Business -

-Adult Probation Building Fencing - Board directed Mike Miller to get quotes on fencing options.

Correspondence/Resolutions -None

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

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 - Cass City Village Council Meeting discussed presenting a resolution to Tom Herron.

VAUGHAN

Board of Health
County Planning Commission
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment - No Meeting Scheduled
MAC Environmental Regulatory
Mid-Michigan Mosquito Control Advisory Committee
NACO-Energy, Environment & Land Use
Parks and Recreation Commission - Next Meeting is in September
Tuscola County Fair Board Liaison
Local Units of Government Activity Report

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government - Vassar City Council adopted a resolution to exempt Marijuana growing facilities from Building Codes.

JENSEN

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison - Meeting was Tuesday, August 25, 2020.
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

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA - Zoom Meeting
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board - Next Meeting September 15, 2021
TRIAD
Local Units of Government Activity Report

Other Business as Necessary -

-Clayette Zechmeister informed the Board that the MIDC Plan has been accepted and the money has been received.

-Clayette Zechmeister informed the Board that the Department of Treasury revenue sharing money has been received. The guidelines will be coming soon.

-Commissioner Bardwell informed the Board that Sheriff Skrent has requested Commissioner Young and Commissioner Jensen serve on the Jail Planning Committee.

Extended Public Comment -None

2020-M-191

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting at 12:20 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Young - yes; Vaughan - yes; Jensen - yes; Grimshaw - yes; Bardwell - yes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Caryl Langmaid
Chief Deputy Clerk