

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 15, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner Bardwell called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Tuscola, Michigan, held at the H.H. Purdy Building, 125 W Lincoln Street in the City of Caro, Michigan, on the 15th day of July 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner DuRussel

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Grimshaw

Roll Call – Clerk Jodi Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

- District 1 - Thomas Young
- District 2 - Thomas Bardwell
- District 3 - Kim Vaughan
- District 4 - Douglas DuRussel
- District 5 - Daniel Grimshaw

Commissioner Absent: None

Others Present in-Person:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Debbie Babich, Misty Thompson, Treasurer Ashley Bennett

Also Present Virtual:

Tracy Violet, Steve Anderson, Randy Pfau, Mary Drier, Mike Miller, MIFSIM, Stacey Wilcox, Mark Haney, Kim Brinkman, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Barry Lapp, Matt Brown, Cindy McKinney-Volz, Tim Green, Janie Hemerline, Jana Brown, Bob Baxter, Brian Hart, Tara Hofmeister, Sandy Nielsen, Shelly Lutz, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Steve Root

At 8:06 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda -
2021-M-149

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2021-M-150

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by DuRussel to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 24, 2021 Regular meeting, Statutory Finance Meeting and Public Hearing. Motion Carried.

-Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only –

-Misty Thompson addressed the Board regarding the JAVS system for the courts.

Consent Agenda Resolution -
2021-M-151

Motion by Young, seconded by Grimshaw that the Consent Agenda Resolution and Minutes from the July 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21

Description of Matter: Move that the 2021/2022 Child Care Fund Budget including both the Family Court at \$747,638.00 and Department of Health and Human Services at \$310,000.00 be approved and submitted to the state. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21

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, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Also, all appropriate signatures and budget amendments be authorized.

- Agenda Reference:** C
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that the county health insurance coverage be continued with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the period of September 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 at a cost of \$17,250.00 per active contract. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** D
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the 12-month coverage of the Life and Disability Insurance plan with The Standard at the annual projected cost of \$58,578.00. This is a reduction from the previous year of \$12,510.00 or 17.60% Also, all necessary signatures are authorized.
- Agenda Reference:** E
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move that the per the request of the Region VII Area Agency on Aging, the Annual Implementation Plan for Fiscal Year 2022 be approved and notification of this approval be forwarded to the Region VII Agency on Aging.
- Agenda Reference:** F
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to approve the budget amendment for the Register of Deeds office in the amount of \$14,175.00 for a part-time Account Clerk II position at 56 hours per pay or approximately 1,508 hours annually. This will increase the hours from the original budgeted position by 338 hours per year. Budget offset through the contingency line item 101-890-965-000.
- Agenda Reference:** G
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to appoint Donna Dipzinski to the Region VII Council on Aging to fill a partial term that will expire December 31, 2021.

- Agenda Reference:** H
- Entity Proposing:** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7/12/21
- Description of Matter:** Move to appoint Megan Rule to the Parks and Recreation Committee to fill a partial term that will expire December 31, 2023.

New Business -

-Professional Building Plan Review and Inspection Services Proposal Opening of Bids – Commissioner Bardwell opened the bids that were received.

1. TSSF Architects, Saginaw, Michigan
2. McKenna Associates, Northville Michigan
3. SAFEBuilt, Athens, Michigan

The permit fee structure is currently being reviewed by Braun Kendrick.

The proposals will be referred to the Controller/Administrator and the Building and Grounds Committee for review. Once reviewed, the proposals will be brought back to the Board for final review and consideration.

-General Fund Finance Reports -

- General Fund Actual and Projected Revenue/Expenditures
- General Fund Revenue Not Keeping Pace With Inflation
- General Fund Expenditures Below Inflation
- General Fund Revenue Sharing Trends

Clayette Zechmeister and Debbie Babich presented the various reports and graphs to the Board regarding revenues, revenue sharing, wind revenue and expenditures. Matter discussed at length.

-Capital Expenditures 10-Year Plan -

Mike Miller reported to the Board regarding Capital Projects and possible expenditures over the upcoming 10 years.

Board discussed County Finances and Expenditures along with upcoming projects at length.

Recessed at 10:02 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

At 10:13 a.m., there were a total of 28 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Old Business

-Justice Audio and Video Solutions Proposal for Courts – Judge Gierhart explained the process of transcripts and how they would be prepared using the JAVS system. It is to be researched to see if the American Rescue Plan funds can be used to pay for the system. Matter to be placed on the July 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting agenda.

-Paperless Payroll Policy – Board reviewed the information that was provided at the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 12, 2021.

2021-M-152

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve the Paperless Payroll Policy. Any employee not currently using Direct Deposit will be given up to eight (8) weeks from the date of the adoption of this policy, to contact the Human Resources Department and provide their direct deposit information. If the information is not provided within that time-period, the employee will receive a reloadable Debit Payroll Card for all future pays.

2021-M-153

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to amend motion 2021-M-152 to include language that “This policy supersedes all prior payroll policies.” Roll Call Vote: Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

2021-M-152 as amended

Motion by Grimshaw, seconded by Young to approve the Paperless Payroll Policy. Any employee not currently using Direct Deposit will be given up to eight (8) weeks from the date of the adoption of this policy, to contact the Human Resources Department and provide their direct deposit information. If the information is not provided within that time-period, the employee will receive a reloadable Debit Payroll Card for all future pays. This policy supersedes all prior payroll policies. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-MGT Cost Allocation Plan – Voted Millage Cost – Clayette Zechmeister explained the current indirect cost percentages that is used to calculate the costs. Board discussed if a cap on the percentage should be implemented moving forward.

2021-M-154

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Grimshaw that from Fiscal Year 2022 and moving forward the Indirect Costs to Special Voted Millages be capped at 5% of the total tax revenue received from the millage in each given year. The annual qualified amounts of indirect costs are presented in the MGT Cost Allocation Plan. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Murphy Lake Project – County Cost – Clayette Zechmeister explained the possibility of paying the project up front rather than spreading the costs over a time-period. The Board discussed the potential savings if paid up front. The Board discussed where the funds would come from if it were decided to pay the project up front. Treasurer Bennett reviewed the Investment Market Value on the Capital Improvement Funds.

Board also discussed the possibility of paying off the capital improvement bond on the H.H. Purdy Building and what the savings could be to do that.

2021-M-155

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Grimshaw to approve an advance appropriation of \$253,500.00 from the General Fund balance to prepay for the Murphy Lake project. This would produce an approximate savings of \$89,936.45 in interest over the next 14 years.

2021-M-156

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Grimshaw to amend motion 2021-M-155 to read 15 years rather than 14 years. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

2021-M-155 as amended *2021-M-155 amended on July 29, 2021*

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Grimshaw to approve an advance appropriation of \$253,500.00 from the ~~General Fund~~ Capital Improvement Fund balance to prepay for the Murphy Lake project. This would produce an approximate savings of \$89,936.45 in interest over the next 15 years. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – No. Motion Carried.

-Health Officer Position Selection Committee Recommendation – Board discussed the recommendation for the Health Officer position. Matter to be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting under Personnel.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

- Human Development Report on Expected Funds from Region VII Area Agency and Fiscal Year 2022 Summary of Senior Services.
- Michigan Municipal Risk Management (MMRMA) Net Asset Distribution Notification Letter.
- Tuscola County Human Services Collaborative Letter in Support of a New Jail.
- State Tax Commission (STC) Approved Petition of Angie Daniels as the Tuscola County Designated Assessor.
- University of Michigan's Spring 2021 Michigan Public Policy Survey (MPPS).
- Commissioners Invitation to the Tuscola Mental Health Court Graduation Ceremony August 6th, 2021.
- Correspondence From Cordelia Tomasino – Clerk Fetting addressed the letter received and informed the Board that similar letters have been sent to other counties as well. Clerk Fetting reported that Preventative Maintenance on the

election equipment is routine and normal. The process will continue in Tuscola County as planned.

-Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes from June 10, 2021.

-Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes from June 24, 2021.

-Oceana County Resolution Opposing COVID-19 Vaccine Passports-
Roscommon County Resolution #2021-06-01 – Opposing Michigan Secretary of State “By Appointment Only”.

-Wexford County Resolution 21-22 – Opposing Michigan Secretary of State “By Appointment Only”.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

DURUSSEL

Board of Health

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison

Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

MAC Judiciary Committee

MEMS All Hazard – Met yesterday.

Local Units of Government Activity Report – Watertown Township Supervisor is going to be a part of the Jail Committee. Watertown Township is experiencing difficulties with ORVs trespassing on property and causing destruction.

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board – Meets next week.

Caro DDA/TIFA – Discussed Joy Street Building and Farmer’s Market.

Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment

MAC 7th District

MAC Workers Comp Board

MAC Finance Committee

TRIAD

Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG

Board of Public Works – Met July 6, 2021.

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

Region VI Economic Development Planning
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

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory
Local Units of Government
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)
(Added) Farmland and Open Space Preservation Fund Board – Commissioner Grimshaw has contacted Elizabeth Judas and she stated that nothing new was sent recently. Commissioner Grimshaw stated it needs to be looked at if the Committee needs to be appointed still or if the Ordinance needs to be potentially rescinded.

Other Business as Necessary - None

At 12:17 p.m., there were a total of 21 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment –

- Misty Thompson addressed the Board regarding a requested transcript.
- Misty Thompson spoke about 2020 Election Fraud.
- Sandy Nielsen asked for clarification on the cap on Indirect Costs Percentage Cost as to if Dispatch is also included. Matter to be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

2021-M-157

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk