

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 26, 2021

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 26th day of August 2021, to order at 8:02 o'clock local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Young

Roll Call – Clerk 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 (arrived at 8:08 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent:

None

Others Present In-Person:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Tracy Violet, Curtis Elenbaum, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Judge Amy Grace Gierhart, Treasurer Ashley Bennett

Also Present Virtual:

Matt Brown, Heidi Chicilli, Mark Haney, Debbie Babich, Mary Drier, Kim Brinkman, Dara Hood, Sandy Nielsen, Steve Root, Barry Lapp, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Nick Sakon, Eric Morris, Mike Slade, Eean Lee

At 8:09 a.m., there were a total of 15 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda -
2021-M-182

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2021-M-183

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the August 12, 2021 Regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only –

-Commissioner Young stated the Commissioners' webpage has been updated.

*Consent Agenda Resolution -
2021-M-184*

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Consent Agenda Resolution and Minutes from the August 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Reference: A

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/23/21

Description of Matter: Move that Angie House, HR/Finance Assistant, be appointed as the officer delegate and Shelly Lutz, Human Resource Director, be appointed as the alternate officer delegate to the Municipal Employer Retirement System (MERS) and authorization is given to attend the annual conference. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference: B

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/23/21

Description of Matter: Move that James Hook, Detective, be appointed as the employee delegate and Deanna Higley, Sheriff's Records Clerk, be appointed as the alternate employee delegate to the Municipal Employer Retirement System (MERS) and authorization is given to attend the annual conference. Also, all appropriate signatures are authorized.

Agenda Reference: C

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/23/21

Description of Matter: Move that per correspondence request dated August 18, 2021, from Dave Kolacz, permission be granted to use the Courthouse steps Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. until approximately 1:30 p.m. for the annual gathering to pray the rosary for our country.

Agenda Reference: D

Entity Proposing: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 8/23/21

Description of Matter: Move to receive and place on file the 2020 Tuscola County Recycling Annual Report.

New Business (continued below) –

-Cooperative Reimbursement Program (CRP) Friend of the Court Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 – Judge Amy Grace Gierhart explained the program and the breakdown percentages of the reimbursement.

2021-M-185

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to approve the first amendment to Tuscola County Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program, Contract #CSFOC 17-79001-A22, County of Tuscola, to add funding to the original agreement for \$2,653,298.00, modify the budget and extend the agreement to September 30, 2023. Also, all authorized signatures be approved. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Gabridge & Co Proposal on American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Lost Revenue Sharing Calculation (matter added) – Clayette Zechmeister explained the proposed short engagement agreement to contract with Gabridge & Co. to determine loss revenue that may qualify for ARPA Reimbursement.

2021-M-186

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to approve the Engagement Letter with Gabridge & Co for consulting services to assist the County with identifying revenue losses in all funds in relation to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidelines. Total consulting fees will not exceed \$3,000.00 and these fees are to be paid from the ARPA funds. Also, all signatures be authorized. Motion Carried with Grimshaw dissenting.

-Committee Meeting Discussion Regarding Motion 19-M-201 (matter added) – Board discussed if Committee meetings need to be posted and minutes taken if there is not a quorum. Board discussed past legal opinion, motion 19-M-201 and resolution passed on October 31, 2019. Board will continue to follow Motion 19-M-201.

-Commissioners discussed a proposed resolution regarding small counties on the Open Meeting Acts which Clayette Zechmeister will work with legal counsel to prepare a draft resolution to be presented at the next meeting.

-Board discussed establishing a Rural Caucus at the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Conference.

Old Business -

-Health Officer Position Recommendation – Clayette Zechmeister discussed if the Board wanted to move forward with contracting with Hiring Solutions or if they want to proceed with individual that was interviewed.

-Board discussed and does not want to move forward with the contract with Hiring Solutions at this time.

2021-M-187

Motion by Vaughan, seconded by Grimshaw to appoint Amanda Ertman as the Health Officer of the Tuscola County Health Department. Appointment to be effective immediately contingent upon approval by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). Candidate's qualifications to be submitted to MDHHS by the Tuscola County Health Department. Appointment also contingent on Tuscola County Health Department physical and background check requirements. Roll Call Vote: Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Building Codes Transition from South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) to SAFEbuilt next steps:

- Contract
- Outstanding Permits
- Official Notifications to Contractors and Citizens
- Office Hours/Location
- Permit Payment Processing

-Clayette Zechmeister provided an update on the progress of the transition. Clayette is working on scheduling a joint meeting to coordinate the transition and make sure the necessary information has been provided. SCMCCI is planning to work through September 30, 2021 and is requesting two-weeks to vacate the office space. The Board agreed to that request.

Correspondence/Resolutions -

-Decommissioning 3-G Networks Press Release

-Mark Hamed, Medical Director, Regarding Protecting Health Department Staff and Board of Health Members

-Mackinac County Resolution Supporting Delta County's Resolution of Management of Wolves in Michigan

-Lake County Resolution #2021-08 Supporting Realignment of the Circuit and District Courts of Lake, Mason, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties

-Lake County Resolution #2021-09 Supporting American Rescue Plan State Match Programs

-Commissioner Bardwell read thank you received from SAFEbuilt.

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

VAUGHAN

Board of Health – Update provided.
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 – Update provided.

GRIMSHAW

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Recycling Advisory – Annual report just accepted by Board.
Local Units of Government – Updated provided regarding Vassar Township
Marijuana Ordinance.
Jail Planning Committee
MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

DURUSSEL

Board of Health
Community Corrections Advisory Board – Clayette will look to find out if they
have met recently or have a meeting planned.
Dept. of Human Services/Medical Care Facility Liaison
Genesee Shiawassee Thumb Works
Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)
MAC Judiciary Committee
MEMS All Hazard
Local Units of Government Activity Report – Two Townships in his District have
their own Building Codes but his other Townships would like information as to
where SAFEbuilt's offices will be located.

BARDWELL – No Update.

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA
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
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 – Participated in a tour of the Putman Project.

Recessed at 9:49 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Present: Young, Bardwell, Vaughan, DuRussel, Grimshaw

At 10:01 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually

New Business (continued from above) –

Closed Session -

2021-M-188

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that the Board meet in closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute specifically, records and information of measures desired to protect the security and safety of County employees, officials and visitors as well as County property which are exempt from public disclosure under Section 13(y) of the Freedom of Information Act. Also, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Curtis Elenbaum, Steve Anderson, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Undersheriff Robert Baxter, Mike Miller, Ashley Bennett and Tracy Violet are authorized to attend at 10:03 a.m. Roll Call Vote – DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

Recessed for Closed Session at 10:03 a.m.

Reconvened from Closed Session at 11:26 a.m.

At 11:26 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Other Business as Necessary –

-FOIA Request Regarding Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel (MIDC) – Commissioner Bardwell provided an update regarding the requested documents which it was decided to be unredacted at the previous meeting but that decision has been changed and there will be limited redaction in the requested documentation.

At 11:30 a.m., there were a total of 17 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment - None

2021-M-191

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 a.m.
Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk