

TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 30, 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 30th day of September 2021, to order at 8:00 o'clock a.m. local time.

Prayer – Commissioner Bardwell

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner DuRussel

Roll Call – Clerk Fetting

Commissioners Present In-Person:

District 1 – Thomas Young (excused at 11:55 a.m.)

District 2 – Thomas Bardwell

District 3 – Kim Vaughan (excused at 11:55 a.m.)

District 4 – Douglas DuRussel

District 5 – Daniel Grimshaw (arrived at 8:23 a.m.)

Commissioner Absent:

Others Present In-Person:

Clerk Jodi Fetting, Clayette Zechmeister, Eean Lee, Steve Erickson, Jim McLoskey, Steve Anderson, Mike Miller

Also Present Virtual:

Tracy Violet, Mike Miller, Steve Anderson, Eric Morris, Treasurer Ashley Bennett, Mark Haney, Mary Drier, Kim Brinkman, Brian Harris, Samantha Dennis, Barry Lapp, Cody Horton, Mark Ransford, Alecia Little, Bob Baxter, Matt Brown, Sheriff Glen Skrent, Tim Gardner, Debbie Babich, Stephen Root, Cindy McKinney-Volz

At 8:11 a.m., there were a total of 18 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Adoption of Agenda -
2021-M-214

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

Action on Previous Meeting Minutes -
2021-M-215

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Young to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 16, 2021 Regular meeting and September 23, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole meeting. Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment Period for Agenda Items Only – None

Consent Agenda Resolution - None

New Business -

-Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Update - Steve Erickson, Executive Director, provided an update on the Walbro expansion in Cass City. Also, provided an update on Thistle Dew Dairy. Steve has met with the new CEO of Michigan EDC and showed him various ongoing projects in Tuscola County. Jim McLosky stated a partnership program with the Tuscola Technology Center called AgAdvantage Leadership Program has been developed for the students that attend there. He also provided an update on providing Broadband to Tuscola County which is expected to take up to 6 years.

_Closed Session -

2021-M-216

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel that the Board meet in Closed Session, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, in order to discuss strategy connected with the negotiation of new collective bargaining agreements with Eric Morris with Braun Kendrick, Clayette Zechmeister, Jodi Fetting, Shelly Lutz and Eean Lee to be allowed to attend the closed session at 8:32 a.m. Roll Call Vote: Grimshaw – yes; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; DuRussel – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Jail Millage (matter added) –

2021-M-219

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to direct Clayette Zechmeister, Controller/Administrator, to work with Sheriff Glen Skrent and Eric Morris of Braun Kendrick, to construct draft ballot proposal language for a new county jail to be presented to the Board for adoption. Also, move to have a millage amount proposed for the draft ballot language to be presented to the Board for adoption. Also, move for a recommendation as to if the ballot proposal should be placed on the May 2022 ballot, the August 2022 ballot or the November 2022 ballot to be presented to the Board for adoption. After draft language with the requested millage amount has been constructed along with which 2022 election to place the proposal on, the final ballot proposal language is to be presented to the Board for final adoption. Roll Call Vote: DuRussel – yes; Grimshaw – no; Young – yes; Vaughan – yes; Bardwell – yes. Motion Carried.

-Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement – Steve Anderson presented the proposed grant agreement which is a lower amount than in the previous year.

2021-M-220

Motion by Young, seconded by DuRussel to approve the Emergency Management Performance Grant for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$29,582.00. Also, all signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-Correctional Healthcare Inmate Health Service Amendment to Agreement – Clayette Zechmeister and Brian Harris presented to proposed amendment and the increase requested based on the July CPI.

2021-M-221

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan that per the recommendation of the Jail Administrator, that the twelfth amendment to the Correctional Health Care Services agreement for January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 be approved with the annual amount of \$158,655.06. Also, all signatures are authorized. Motion Carried.

-City of Caro Sidewalk Replacement – Mike Miller showed the Board the sidewalks that will be replaced on Sherman Street, an area near the Annex and the Community Garden used by Juvenile Probation.

2021-M-222

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Young to authorize a budget amendment in the Capital Improvements Fund (483) for \$7,392.00 to cover the County cost for the sidewalk replacements around County owned properties within the City of Caro. Motion Carried.

-Budget Amendment for New Building Inspection Fund 249 – Clayette Zechmeister explained the need to establish a budget due to the transition to a new Building Inspection company.

2021-M-223

Motion by Young, seconded by Vaughan to establish a budget in the new Building Inspection Fund 249. Revenue 249-441-452-000 at \$157,500.00 and expense 249-441-801-000 at \$150,000.00. Motion Carried.

Recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

At 10:20 a.m., there were a total of 22 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Old Business -

-Building Codes Transition from South Central Michigan Construction Code Inspections (SCMCCI) to SAFEbuilt – Clayette Zechmeister provided an update. SAFEbuilt has secured a location in the City of Caro at 141 Almer Street. The County website has been updated with new contact information. Tim Gardner also provided an update as to the next steps SAFEbuilt has planned to get the Caro Office up and running. His team is very excited to serve Tuscola County.

-Premier Security Solutions – Clayette Zechmeister presented information received from Premier Security Solutions. Included in that were costs that would be associated if contracted with an armed guard or an unarmed guard.

-Jail Committee Responses Regarding Uses of Jail Capital Funds – Sheriff Skrent presented concerns that were received regarding use of funds in the Jail Capital Improvement Fund. The Sheriff also referenced an upcoming Jail Committee meeting that is being scheduled to be held at Caro City Hall. Commissioner Bardwell updated the Sheriff regarding the motion passed today regarding moving forward with a plan to place a millage on the ballot for a new jail. It was clarified that the Board would need to see the jail plan prior to adopting the millage amount.

-County Office Space (matter added) – Commissioner DuRussel reviewed with the Board the matters that were discussed at the Special Building and Grounds meeting. He reviewed the space needs presented by the I.T. Department, Emergency Management and GIS Department. Commissioner Bardwell stated that the meeting was to gather information to determine if an RFP should be presented for viable space options within the City of Caro. Board discussed the possible space needs that would need to be included in the RFP. Clayette will work on preparing a proposed RFP to present at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

-Letter received from Judge Amy Grace Gierhart (matter added) – A letter was received by the Board from Judge Amy Grace Gierhart that addressed the Court assuming the Security at the Courthouse, reinstating the Law Clerk position and increasing the Deputy Court Administrator pay as taking over Human Resources for court employees. Clayette Zechmeister reviewed a letter received from Judge Gierhart regarding a transfer of \$2,800.00 in funds regarding the JAVS system. Board also discussed the mask requirement when a person is inside the courthouse rather it be an employee or a member of the public. Board would like to have Clayette work with legal counsel to prepare a response to the mask requirement. Board would like Clayette to work with legal counsel to prepare a response to the letter that was received.

Commissioner Vaughan excused at 11:55 a.m.

Commissioner Young excused at 11:55 a.m.

Correspondence/Resolutions –

-Correspondence from Health Officer on new Environmental Health Director
Jerry White

-Medical Examiner Data on 2021 Medical Examiner Calls

-Tuscola County Road Commission Minutes from September 2, 2021

-Letter From Rescom Environmental Crop Invitation to Comment on Vassar Site

-Muskegon County Resolution to Promote General Welfare

- Delta County Resolution #21-20 Opposing Senator Shirkey's Gearing Toward Integration Proposal and Supporting Pathways Community Mental Health Services Program
- Kalkaska County Resolution #2021-46 Opposing Mandatory Vaccinations and Mandatory Masks

COMMISSIONER LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

DURUSSEL

Board of Health – Amanda Ertman has taken her position. Eileen Hiser has resigned.
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
Local Units of Government Activity Report

BARDWELL

Behavioral Health Systems Board
Caro DDA/TIFA – Meeting was cancelled.
Economic Development Corp/Brownfield Redevelopment
MAC 7th District
MAC Workers Comp Board – Dividends have been distributed and Tuscola County has received theirs.
MAC Finance Committee – Meets October 7, 2021
TRIAD
Local Units of Government Activity Report

YOUNG - absent

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

VAUGHAN - absent

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 – Lt. Harris was able to provide detail on costs in order to gain reimbursement.

Recycling Advisory

Local Units of Government

Jail Planning Committee

MI Renewable Energy Coalition (MREC)

MAC Conference Update – Commissioner Grimshaw thought the conference was very informative overall. There was a discussion of contracting with a company in order how to best use the ARPA funds and he would like the Board to look at contracting with them to review the availability of using the funds.

Expansion of Broadband within the County was discussed.

Other Business as Necessary – None

At 12:29 p.m., there were a total of 13 participants attending the meeting virtually.

Extended Public Comment -

-Eean Lee thanked the Department Heads and Elected Officials for giving him the opportunities to succeed in Tuscola County. He was awarded the IT Professional of the Year award at his annual conference.

2021-M-224

Motion by DuRussel, seconded by Grimshaw to adjourn the meeting at 12:33 p.m. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Jodi Fetting
Tuscola County Clerk